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## SABR'S TWENTY "MOST WANTED" LIST

While in Cleveland for the Board meeting, Rich Topp, Rich Puff and Bill Carle visited the Biographical Research Hall of Fame, otherwise known as Joe Simenic's house. After discussing various missing ballplayers, they came up with a Top 20 "Most Wanted" List. These are former ballplayers for whom data is missing — birth, death, vital statistics, etc. Admittedly, it is rather subjective, but here they are, in no particular order:

1. **Joseph L. Quest**—The quest continues for the man who coined the phrase "Charley Horse."
2. **Earle Harry Decker**—Even after 100 years, his name still appears on a wanted poster. The true inventor of the catcher's mitt.
3. **Benjamin F. Hunt**—Still hunting for him. There are death dates for at least 10 different Ben Hunts, none of whom are the ball- player.
4. **John Emmett Seery**—He was last seen running a pineapple grove near Jensen, FL, in 1912.
5. **Thomas L. Gettinger**—Originally from Maryland, he later lived in Alabama and Mississippi.
6. **Matthew S. Porter**—The subject of a 1979 BRJ article by Harold Dellinger. Ten years later still no real information available.
7. **Andrew Nelson**—Nicknamed "Peaches," he hailed from the Minneapolis-St. Paul area.
8. **Robert Allen**—Little is known about the mysterious Mr. Allen of the 1919 Athletics.
9. **Spencer Armstrong Pumpelly**—His death date is known, but he is the most recent player for whom height, weight, bats, and throws are missing.
10. **Frank L. Barrows**—For years the wrong man was listed as the player. Undoubtedly died in the Boston area, no one seems to know when.
11. **Archibald Joseph McCarthy**—From Ypsilanti, MI, even his own family doesn't know what happened to him. (No truth to the rumor that he later worked with Edgar Bergen).
12. **Henry S. Moore**—He married a woman named Maggie Agnes April 9, 1889 in San Francisco. Little else is known about him.
13. **Walter Kinlock**—Probably from the Denver area, he made his major league debut at age 16.
14. **David Rowe**—Brother of Jack Rowe, his memorable 44-126 W-L record as a manager should make him easy to track down.
15. **James Edward Morgan**—"Red" Morgan was a star football player at Georgetown and later at Notre Dame. Certainly both schools would be interested in his whereabouts.
16. **Charles Baker**—Nicknamed "Bock," he may have died in squalor in New York City.
17. **C.B. White**—The pride of Wakeman, Ohio. Only problem is that no one there has ever heard of him.
18. **James E. Powell**—Born in Richmond, Va., he later owned a ranch near Stevensville, MT. He didn't die there, however, and he disappeared after 1910.
19. **Russ**—Lifetime .333 hitter (1-for-3) from Louisville. What is this man's first name?
20. **Louis R. Castro**—Rumored to be the nephew of a foreign dictator. No, not that one. He was supposedly the nephew of Cipriano Castro of Venezuela. His parents lived in Medellin, Colombia. If any SABR member is planning a vacation there in the near future, please attempt to track him down.

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### BULLETIN TO BE ISSUED MONTHLY

As you know, the 1989 San Francisco-Oakland World Series was delayed for some time due to an earthquake. Then Baseball's Winter Meetings got real interesting after a flurry of free agent signings created a new stratosphere of millionaires. Well, these aren't the best excuses, but we apologize for the delay in sending you this issue of the SABR Bulletin. To make up for our tardiness, we will publish the Bulletin on a monthly basis beginning with this issue. So each month watch your mailbox for a new

issue of the SABR Bulletin containing the latest news of Society happenings and other baseball items.

All SABR members — especially committee chairmen — are encouraged to submit items for the Bulletin, including committee news, research needs, baseball trivialities, etc. Please send them to SABR Bulletin, P.O. Box 470, Garrett Park, MD 20896.

*Richard Topp  
President*

# SABR BOARD REPORT

*CLEVELAND, OHIO SEPT. 8—10*

The Board met in Cleveland, September 8, 9, 10, 1989. Following are highlights of the meeting. For complete minutes of the meeting, send a SASE (65 cents) to the SABR office.

- The 1990 SABR budget was approved: projected income of \$251,750 with projected expenses of \$251,855. • The 1991 convention was awarded to New York City.
- The Board voted to update its computer equipment at an approximate cost of \$7,000, but to seek donations of new or used equipment from major manufacturers to defray all or part of this cost.
- The Board voted to place the question of regional restructuring and other questions in a nonbinding opinion poll of the SABR membership.
- The Board set a timetable for voting by mail for

SABR officers and directors, as mandated in an amendment passed at the Albany convention.

- There were no executive sessions held during the meeting.
- The Board's policy on subsidization of regional meetings was modified to allow the possibility of more financial help to regions on request, and approved by, the Board.
- The Board formally established a Council of Committee Chairmen, to consist of chairmen and chairwomen of SABR research committees, for the purpose of making recommendations to the Board.
- The Board agreed to finalize all by-laws revisions by the end of the next Board meeting, so they could be acted upon by the membership before the next SABR convention.

## TRIVIA CONTEST

Here's your chance to test your baseball knowledge and win some prizes. Beginning with this issue, and in future issues between now and the SABR Annual Meeting, we will present a trivia contest for members. The member with the most correct answers at the end of the contest will win;

- a ticket to the SABR Annual Convention Banquet
- one year's free membership in SABR
- \$25 SABR Book Certificate (to order those back publications you always wanted)

Our first set of questions is appropriate for the season — "Baseball With Other Sports" — so sharpen your pencil, put on your thinking cap and begin with these:

1. What Pro football hall of famer got the RBI to end the Toney- Vaughn double no-hitter in 1917?
2. What baseball umpire coached the Chicago Blackhawks to a Stanley Cup?
3. What two major leaguers became Presidents of leagues in a different sport?
4. Who was an umpire at the 1958 World Series and the 1958 NFL championship game?
5. What Pro football hall of famer hit a homer in his first major league at bat?
6. Name two Pro football Players who gave up homers to Ruth in 1927?
7. Name the man who hit two homers for the New York Giants and later scored two touchdowns for the New York Giants, the same year?
8. What major leaguer had a brother who was heavy-weight boxing champion?
9. In 1929, George Trafton of the Chicago Bears was a boxing Pro in the off-season, name the major league he defeated in a match?

10. Name the Pro football Player who Pinch-hit for Roger Maris, Ted Williams & Carl Yastrzemski?
11. Besides Bo Jackson, what other Heisman winner played in the majors?
12. What major leaguer later won a World Pocket Billiard title, after playing in a World Series?
13. Who was the batting champion of the 1949 Border League who would go on to the Hockey Hall of Fame?
14. In the 1950s, three NFL teams played in stadiums named after ballplayers, name the teams & stadiums?
15. Name the major leaguer whose father was on a Stanley Cup champion team?
16. Who is the only man to homer off of Sandy Koufax and catch a touchdown Pass from Y.A. Tittle?
17. Who is the only man to manage a major league team and coach a Pro basketball club?
18. Who is the only man to coach a Rose Bowl team and manage in the majors?
19. Who is the only man to coach a Rose Bowl team, a NFL champion team and Play in a World Series?
20. What batting champion was the son of a jockey who once rode a 20-1 longshot to a second place finish in the Kentucky Derby?

### SUPER TIE-BREAKER QUESTION:

In 1920 the NFL began. There were nine major leaguers on the rosters, four of them were head coaches. One would later manage in the majors. Name the nine?

To be eligible to win you **must** send your **written** answers to SABR, P.O. Box 470, Garrett Park, MD 20896. In case of tie, earliest postmark wins. Good luck!

# First to "Steal" First?

When Germany Schaefer's name is mentioned, everyone immediately recalls his escapades of September 4, 1908 when he "stole" first base in a game against Cleveland. But Schaefer has wrongly been credited with being the first to pull this prank.

With Detroit teammate Davey Jones on third, Schaefer attempted to draw a throw to second as he stole the base in

## "B's in Baseball"

Reggie's 400th homer hit off Britt Burns.

Reggie's 500th homer hit off Bud Black.

Reggie's 535th homer hit off Bert Blyleven.

Aaron's 714th hit off Billingham.

The only World Series no hitter stopped in the ninth inning, was pitched by Bill Bevens.

Both Aaron and Ruth hit their 714th with the Braves (Milwaukee [Atlanta] and Boston respectively). Dusty Baker was on deck when Aaron hit his 715th.

The father and son combinations who have hit over 200 HRs combined, are: Bell (Buddy and Gus), Boone (Bob and Ray), Berra (Yogi and Dale), and Bonds (Barry and Bobby).

Don Baylor is the first and only player to play on three successive World Series for three different teams.

Wade Boggs is the first to have six successive 200-hit seasons.

Jim Bunning — 100 wins in both leagues, no hitter in each league — K leader in both leagues.

Jim Bagby Sr. & Jr. — one of few fathers/sons to play in the World Series.

The first pinch hit homer in a World Series was hit by Berra off of Branca.

President George Bush played in the first college World Series in 1947.

*Submitted by Joseph Wouk, Williamsville, N.Y.*

the hope that Jones could advance home. When no throw was made by Cleveland catcher Nig Clarke, Schaefer decided to return to first on the next play and, in essence, "stole" the base. Schaefer later took off again for second and a throw there permitted Jones to score safely with Schaefer safe at second. Schaefer was credited with just one steal, but it did help build a run.

The play was soon declared illegal as it made a mockery of the game. But, it was not the first attempt at backward stealing.

On July 31, 1908, Fred Tenney did just what Schaefer would do five weeks later — he stole second with pitcher Luther "Dummy" Taylor on third. Pitcher Bugs Raymond of the Cardinals unsuccessfully threw the ball to third hoping to catch Taylor. On the next play Tenney took off for first as the dumbfounded Raymond stood and watched. When the next pitch was made, Tenney took off for second and stole the base again.

Newspaper reports from the time reported that had the Cardinals been quick and tagged him standing on second during his second visit there, he would have been declared out.

So, while Tenney was not successful in scoring his teammate, he nonetheless was the first to pull this prank.

*Submitted by Richard Puff, Slingerlands, N.Y.*

## COINCIDENCE OR TWILIGHT ZONE?

On Saturday, May 14, 1977, Jim Spencer of the White Sox drove in 8 runs with 2 homers, one a grand slam, and a single in a 13-2 win over Cleveland in Chicago.

On July 2, 1977, also a Saturday, Jim Spencer drove in 8 runs with 2 homers, one a grand slam, and a single in a 13-8 win over Minnesota in Chicago.—Lewis Scheider

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## OBITUARIES

Baseball Commissioner **A. Bartlett Giamatti**, who died of a heart attack September 1, was a member of SABR from April 1, 1980 to March 31, 1982, at which time he was president of Yale University. His stated interests were the Boston Red Sox and History of Ball Parks. Although he had contact with some members, he was not very active in the Society. However, he did participate in the unsuccessful effort in 1986 to have a commemorative stamp issued for Walter Johnson. His well worded letter to the Postmaster General concluded with "I commend the efforts of the Society for American Baseball Research, of which I am a former member, and urge your consideration of the commemoration of the birth of a worthy American."

**K.O. "Buddy" Burbage**, Negro Leagues outfielder from 1929 to 1942, died in a Philadelphia hospital August 30. He was 84. Buddy was a member of SABR 1981-84, and participated in several regional and national meetings during that period and later.

**John Vrabel** of West Hartford, CT, died August 8. From his home, John operated a sports memorabilia collection business that dealt mainly in pro and college-team publications, especially media guides.

**Theodore T. Schuld**, SABR member from Chicago, a life-long Cleveland Indians fan, was killed in a small plane accident.

## WANTED LIST

(From page 1)

If anyone has any information on these ballplayers, please send the information to Bill Carle, Chairman, Biographical Research Committee, 8220 East 135th Street, Grandview, MO 64030.

If you have any missing players that you feel should be on the Top 20 list, send Bill details and he will consider adding them to the list.

### SABR BULLETIN

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# 1989 Macmillan-SABR Research Awards

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# Macmillan-SABR Award

## *Nominating Petition*

The Macmillan-SABR Research Awards honor individuals whose research has expanded our knowledge of the National Pastime and contributed in a significant way to the development of baseball bibliography.

Three cash awards of \$200 each, sponsored by the Macmillan Publishing Company, are awarded annually. Award recipients are recognized at a subsequent annual meeting of the Society.

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Nominations on behalf of other individuals or self-nominations are equally acceptable. Only one nomination form per individual need be submitted. In the event that two or more individuals have collaborated on a project, only one nominating petition should be submitted together with a listing of the several participants.

Please note that cash awards to projects involving more than one individual must be shared among members of the group. Nominees need not be members of SABR to be eligible for an award.

Research projects must have been completed in 1988 or 1989 but may have commenced at any time. Research results need not have been published or presented as papers in order to be eligible.

The nominating petition is intended for the confidential use and information of the Awards Committee only. The committee will conduct a preliminary screening of nominees based solely on information contained on the nomination form. (See reverse side.)

Do not submit letters, supporting documents or research manuscripts at this time. Following the preliminary screening of nominees the committee may ask finalists to furnish additional information and documentation of their research.

The Awards Committee consists of Thomas R. Heitz, Librarian, National Baseball Library, National Baseball Hall of Fame; L. Robert Davids, past president and founding member of SABR; and Steve Gietschier, Archivist, The Sporting News.

Nominations for the 1989 awards must be received at the address shown below no later than midnight, May 1, 1990. Please complete the reverse side of this nominating petition and return it to:

Thomas R. Heitz, Chairman  
Macmillan-SABR Baseball Research Awards  
P.O. Box 1010  
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# THE RECORD SETTERS



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Chicago Bears, sets All-Time Career Rushing Yardage record (16,726).
- SEPTEMBER, 1988 • **JACKIE JOYNER-KERSEE**  
USA, sets New World Record in Women's Heptathlon with 7,215 points.
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LA Kings, breaks Gordie Howe's All-time NHL Scoring Record (1,850 points).
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# NEWS OF NOTE

A specially inscribed gravesite memorial will honor the late Joe Medwick, former St. Louis Cardinal outfielder and member of baseball's Hall of Fame, the Bob Broeg St. Louis Chapter notes. The Chapter is funding the memorial and handling details of a dedication ceremony scheduled for next spring in the St. Lucas cemetery outside St. Louis.

**Ed Marcou**, 7729 A-1 Ravensridge Road, St. Louis, MO 63119, is heading up collections for the donation drive.

The permanent Brooklyn Dodger Baseball Hall of Fame collection and exhibit has opened at the Brooklyn Historical Society, 128 Pierrepont St., Brooklyn, NY, reports **Ron Gabriel**.

Baseball Ink announces that **Richard Puff** has joined the staff as managing editor. In his new position, Puff will coordinate the production of books and other projects produced by Baseball Ink. Puff was among many highly qualified SABR candidates who expressed an interest in the position.



*Bill Carle sends this picture of the new monument erected in the Forest Hill Cemetery in Kansas City, MO, at the grave of Hall-of-Famer Leroy Robert "Satchel" Paige. The front side details his career and the other side has a picture of Paige and his wife as well as Paige's rules for a long life.*

## CORRECTIONS AND CLARIFICATIONS

**Marc Okkonen** received the SABR-Macmillan Research Award for his research work on "Major League Baseball Uniforms in the 20th Century" *not* for the Federal League as stated in the September Bulletin.

**Bob McConnell** would like to clarify the recent Bulletin note in the Minor League Committee Report (September 1989) regarding the proposed publication of complete records of certain recognizable Major League players. Bob writes:

The Minor League Committee would like to put out a publication about five years after the publication of **Minor League Baseball Stars Volume III**. This book will contain the complete records (major and minor leagues) of certain recognizable major league players. These will be

players in one of the following three categories: (1) Players whose record has never been published in the Baseball Register or Daguerreotypes. (2) Players whose records have been published in one or both of the above publications, but where a significant number of additions and/or corrections can be made to the published records. (3) Players whose records have been published in the Baseball Register, but where the players had an extensive minor league record after the last year that their record was published.

The *correct* address for the book "Baseball on the Moon" is 823 $\frac{1}{2}$  W. 6th St., Bloomington, IN 47404, \$2.00 plus \$.65 postage.

Mark Van Overloop's latest issue of **On The Mark** analyzes future Hall of Famers (both active players and players retiring since 1984 are included). Mark also offers two back issues for \$1 apiece. For the new issue send \$1.95 to Mark at Box #133, Washingtonville, NY 10992.

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January 15, 1990. Address to Alvin L. Hall, Dean of Continuing Education, SUNY Oneonta, Oneonta, NY 13820. Telephone inquiries to (607) 431-2522.

SABR Publications Director **Paul Adomites** would like any research/ information on how often or how common are sweeps in doubleheaders. Send to Paul at 649 Sherwood Ave. #2, Pittsburgh, PA 15204.

SABR members **Stew Thornley** and **George Rekela** of Minneapolis are looking for documentation of the Minnesota Twins officially retiring no. 47 in memory of the team's former farm director Sherry Robertson who was killed in an auto accident in 1970. The number is currently being worn by Twin Gary Wayne. They would also like any other information on other numbers that have been unretired. Write Stew at 982, 15th Avenue, SE, Minneapolis, MN 55414.

**Andy McCue**, 4025 Beechwood Place, Riverside, CA 92506, requests information from anyone who has done or is doing research on Frank Chance or Chicago sportswriter Hugh Fullerton who uncovered the Black Sox scandal. He is working on a bibliography of baseball fiction.

## “KILL THE UMPIRE?”

The timeless baseball idiom “kill the umpire” was given new meaning on September 26, 1926, when an overzealous fan rushed out of the stands to flatten an umpire with a crashing blow from his right fist. The umpire, who had just called a runner out at the plate on a close play, struck his head on the ground and died a short time later.

The incident occurred in the eighth inning of a game played at Degnan Oval, Long Island City, NY, between two semi-pro teams, the Cubs and the Centuries. With the Cubs ahead 4-1, the Centuries were threatening to tie the score after they had put men on first and third base. As the pitcher stared in to his catcher for the sign, the runner on third suddenly broke for the plate. The pitcher hurried his throw, but the catcher slapped down the tag a split second before the runner slid across the plate. Umpire Patrick McTavey held up his right arm and signalled the runner out.

A partisan crowd of 500 spectators roared their disapproval. McTavey, oblivious to their verbal insults ordered the game to resume when suddenly 26-year-old Thomas Carroll, brother of the Centuries' catcher, ran onto the field. He floored the umpire and fled the scene. McTavey died from a cerebral hemorrhage. Carroll was arrested and charged with second degree murder. He was tried before a jury composed of baseball fans, and ex-players at the

Queens County Court on February 15, 1927. After eight hours of deliberation, the jurors returned a verdict of not guilty. Carroll and his relatives wept openly, but the widow of the dead man cried for justice. “I wish I was with you Paddie!” she screamed. Judge Gilbert Baker discharged the prisoner.

*Submitted by Richard Lindberg*

## HTUR, GIRHEG?

SABR member Joe Slap wonders if any members can expand on this peculiar bit of baseball trivia:

In reading the box scores the other day, it suddenly struck me that the last name of Gary Redus, when spelled backwards, yielded the last name of a former major leaguer, Pete Suder. In thinking further about this phenomenon, I came up with Deer/Reed as another such combination. I then reflected unsuccessfully on Foxx/Xxof and Kluszewski/Ikswezsulk, and struck-out on Parsons/Snosrap and Pascual/Laucsap. I have been unable to think of any but the first two examples in which reverse spelling of a present or former major leaguer's last name gives the last name of another one.

If anyone comes up with additional names, contact Joseph K. Slap, 42 Cresta Verdes Drive, Rolling Hills Estates, CA 90274.

## VISUALLY IMPAIRED FANS SEEK HELP

Some visually impaired fans in the Washington D.C. area need help in obtaining data for a computerized baseball game to be used by the blind. "World Series Baseball" integrates statistics from the **Baseball Encyclopedia** with a special computer program. The current edition features 36 pennant winners, ranging from the 1902 Pirates to the 1986 Mets, and two specially chosen All-Star teams.

The game was designed by Harry Hollingsworth, a retired businessman from Akron, OH, who is visually impaired. Alan Clive of Silver Spring, MD, has been assisting Hollingsworth with ideas and information on teams. Through Richard Clark, chairman of SABR's Negro League committee, he obtained data on the 1945 Washington-Homestead Grays, who are not included in the game.

Clive, who is blind, would appreciate volunteer help to read and record on tape specific data from the Encyclopedia. The teams will either be pennant winners or ones on which Hall of Famers played. The data required for all teams is the same: name of manager; full name of the 20 or so players listed in the Encyclopedia's annual roster section; batting average and home runs for hitters; and ERA for pitchers.

You may contact **Alan Clive** at 301/646-3957 (day) or 301/589-7145 (evening).

### Upcoming SABR publications:

1988 The National Pastime .....January 1990  
The 1989 Research Journal .....January 1990  
1989 The National Pastime .....March 1990  
SABR Directory .....January 1990

## Final Chance! Baseball Classics Close-out!

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Red Barber notes that White's book "is an entertaining ... account of the Negro players who wanted to play baseball badly enough to struggle against discrimination, poor pay, no schedules, no leagues, changing rules..." John Thorn writes of *Sphere and Ash* "the author tosses in tidbits which for his contemporaries may have been mere trifles, but for modern readers are pure gold."

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# BOOKSHELF

Herm Krabbenhoft of *Baseball Quarterly Review* reports that the Fall 1989 issue of BQR is available, President George Bush graces the cover, BQ has also completed a survey of "ultimate grand slam home run hitters", and an analysis of Walter Johnson shutouts by SABR member Steve Heath. Herm also wants SABR members to know he is looking for researcher-writers to contribute to BQR, he pays up to \$100 for each article or installment, contact Herm at P.O. Box 9343, Schenectady, NY 12309.

Paul Dickson has just begun work on a massive collection of baseball quotations which he will turn into a book *Baseball's Greatest Quotations* by opening day of 1991. Dickson would very much like to hear from other SABR members who would like to share and suggest favorite quotations from or about baseball. All those who lend a hand will be fully acknowledged and thanked in the book. Paul Dickson, Box 80, Garrett Park, MD. (301) 942-5798.

Renwick Speer has published a booklet on a unique event in baseball history, *The Giants Are Coming And So Is Schuey*, when the New York Giants, on an off-day during the heat of a pennant race, played a college team following the graduation of their pitcher Hal Schumacher. Write Ren at 4701 Cypress Dr., Palm Acres, Lake Wales, FL 33853. (\$3 to SABR members, no charge for postage)

"Radio Ed" Oiseth has published *Where Were You in '62?* about the Giants run for the pennant, \$8 postpaid in U.S., 6459 Marin Court, Magalia, CA 95954.

Jack Lang, executive secretary of the Baseball Writers' Association of America notes that BBWAA will sell SABR members the official BBWAA scorebook at \$10,

same price as for BBWAA members, BBWAA, 36 Brookfield Road, Fort Salonga, NY 11768.

SABR member Bruce Dudley has produced *Distant Drums: The 1949 Cleveland Indians Revisited*. A detailed narrative highlighting the Tribe's 1949 season. Features interviews and profile sketches of the 1949 Indians and their baseball careers along with vintage player photographs. \$8.95 postpaid. Write Bruce Dudley, 14804 London Lane, Bowie, MD 20715.

Bill Borst, "The Baseball Professor" has a new book *The October Classic: A World Series Compendium*. An in-depth look at the World Series, in all of its glory, in all of its humor. 128 pages (\$7.95) postpaid to SABR members, Krank Press, P.O. Box 16271, St. Louis, MO 63105.

*City Baseball Magic, Plain Talk and Uncommon Sense About Cities and Baseball Parks* by Phil Bess, is now available for \$7 (postage included) from the SABR Ballparks Committee. Forty-eight pages with illustrations makes the case for future ballparks with charm of the lost classics. Contact Bob Bluthardt, 244 N. Oxford Drive, San Angelo, TX 76901 (915) 942-0635.

Copies of *The Empire State of Base Ball* are still available. The 60-page soft cover book contains twenty articles on baseball history in Upstate New York in addition to many 19th century photographs, many of which have never been published before. The book, which was given to each person who attended this year's SABR convention in Albany, NY, costs \$7.50 and can be obtained by writing to the SABR office.

# CALENDAR

The New York Regional will be held on January 20, 1990 at 11 a.m. at the Penta Hotel, 7th Avenue and 33rd Street in the city. Admission is \$7, contact Steve Nadel, 212-409-4527.

The St. Louis, Bob Broeg chapter will meet on January 21 at Joe Hannah's Restaurant, 1-5 p.m. Call Harry Brunt, 314-351-3427 for information.

The Winter Jack Graney Chapter regional meeting takes place Sunday, January 21, at 12:30 p.m. in Room 151 of the Science-Research Building at Cleveland State University. Admission will be \$5 which includes lunch. For details, call Morris Eckhouse, 216-371-5976.

The NWSABR Winter Meeting will be held in Portland,

Sunday, February 18, at the East Bank Saloon. Contact: John Gottko 503-757-8722.

The next SABR Board of Directors meeting will be held February 23-24-25 at the Old Colony Inn, Alexandria, VA. For information about the agenda, contact the SABR office, 301-949-SABR.

The Historical Society of Pennsylvania is sponsoring a day-long symposium entitled "Philadelphia's Baseball History" on Saturday, February 24. Speakers will include academics, journalists and players all discussing baseball in Philadelphia. Contact Kate F. Stover 215-732-6201.

*Wishing You A Happy Holiday Season  
And A Prosperous New Year!*

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## TRIVIA CONTEST II

Here is the second edition of our SABR Trivia Contest. Last month's version generated some lively, as well as correct and incorrect responses. Let's see how you do with these. Remember, the person with the most correct answers at the end of the contest is the overall winner. There will be a third and final edition of the Trivia Contest in the March Bulletin.

### The questions please:

1. Next to Eddie Gaedel (3'7" and 65 lbs.) name the next smallest player in height, and the next lightest in weight?
2. In one World Series there were three future doctors, name the series and the three players?
3. Name the only major leaguers to reach the age of 100?
4. Who was the last active player from the Union Association (1884)?
5. Who was the first son of a major leaguer to play in the majors?
6. Name two clubs to win back-to-back pennants in different leagues?
7. Who was the youngest major leaguer to die, and how old was he?
8. Who was the only major leaguer born in Finland?
9. Who was the only major leaguer born in China?
10. Name the only major leaguer to be a member of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police?
11. Who was Jackie Robinson's first manager in the majors?
12. Who was Satchel Paige's last manager in the majors?
13. Name the first major leaguer to die outside the U.S.?
14. Name the first pitcher to win 100 games in two leagues?
15. Name the only Hall of Famer buried in Hawaii?
16. Name the only club to have three deaf-mutes on its pitching staff the same year? Name the players?
17. Name a player who was named after a major leaguer and then was managed by his namesake.
18. In the 17 years George Steinbrenner owned the Yankees he made 19 manager changes, with Billy Martin involved in five of them. Name the owner, also with 17 years, that made 32 changes, and who was his "Billy Martin"?
19. Name three pitchers who threw no-hitters in their first major league starts?
20. Name the only blind manager in the majors?

### Tie Breaker Question

Who was the first pinch-hitter in the majors, and who did he pinch hit for? (hint: it was his only game)

To be eligible to win you must send your written answers to SABR, P.O. Box 470, Garrett Park, MD 20896. In case of tie, earliest postmark wins. Good Luck!

## SABR MEMBERSHIP REMINDER

Don't forget your SABR membership renewal! SABR memberships are renewed on a **calendar year basis**. Renewal notices for 1990 were sent to all up-do-date 1989 members in the fall. Please return your renewal form with your dues check as **soon as possible** so we can update your file and assure that you continue to receive all SABR mate-

rials. Get the full enjoyment out of SABR — renew early!

Send all renewals (even if you don't have a renewal form) with the \$30 membership fee (\$38 for members outside of U.S.) to: SABR, Box 470, Garrett Park, MD 20896.

## CLEVELAND PREPARES FOR SABR XX JULY 27-29, 1990

CLEVELAND, OHIO, home of the Cleveland Indians, charter members of the American League, the Charles Mears baseball collection at the Cleveland Public Library, the Louis Van Oeyen baseball photo collection at Western Reserve Historical Society, the burial site of Ray Chapman, site of historic League Park and Cleveland Stadium, AND host city of SABR XX, the 1990 SABR National Convention.

SABR XX, hosted by the Jack Graney (Northeast Ohio) Chapter of SABR, takes place in downtown Cleveland from July 27 to 29 and promises to be another baseball-filled weekend. For more information, contact JGC President Morris Eckhouse at P.O. Box 210063, Cleveland, Ohio 44121 or 216/381-5976

Your registration form for SABR XX will be mailed in March. Early registrants will be rewarded with a copy of **City Baseball Magic** by Phil Bess, the new publication of the Ballparks Committee. Mark July 27-29 on your calendar now and plan to attend the biggest SABR event of the year.

Scheduled highlights of the convention include:

**Research Presentations:** As many as 19 hours of research presentations and/or panel discussions will be scheduled, including a block of presentations on various aspects of the history of baseball in Cleveland.

**Player Panel:** Several former players will be on hand to answer your questions and reminisce about the national pastime during an evening session on Friday, July 28th.

**Baseball Knowledge Contest:** There is nothing trivial about baseball, or the efforts of those SABR members that tackle tough questions about the sport in one of the most eagerly anticipated events of the convention. A written preliminary test will be followed by semi-finals Friday night (July 28) and finals Saturday night (July 29). All registered guests are eligible.

**Banquet:** The big event of any SABR convention is the annual banquet, to be held Saturday night (July 29). The banquet includes the presentation of the Bob Davids Award and the SABR-Macmillan Research Awards.

**Indians vs. Yankees:** SABR XX coincides with a big baseball weekend as the Indians host the Yankees. In addition to attending a game, tours of historic Cleveland Stadium will also be offered.

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Morris Eckhouse  
Convention Chairman

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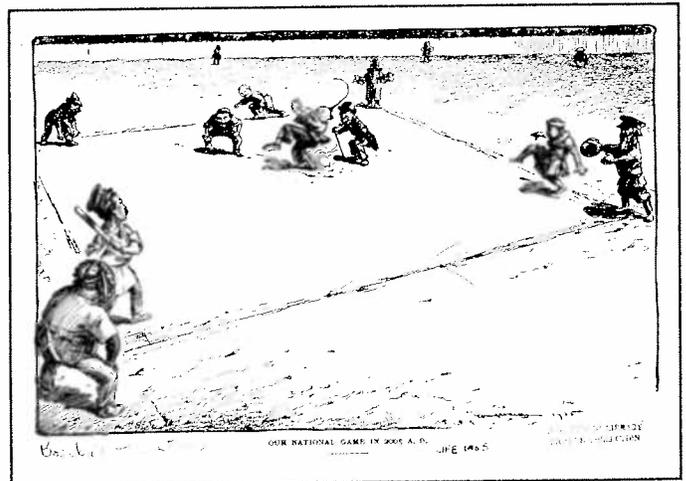


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Norbert Kraich — Editor

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# What's Your Opinion?

As SABR President, I promised the membership more input in the running of the Society. I'm now asking all of you, how OUR organization should plan for the next decade.

As I said in Albany, I will do my best in streamlining and promoting OUR Society. But I need your comments and suggestions.

Please take time to circle your answer to the questions below, and mail this sheet back to me.

1. Should SABR, at a future date, establish a permanent home in Cooperstown, N.Y.?

YES                      NO

2. If a permanent SABR office is established, should SABR invest into a computer data center, where we would collect data and answer requests for members?

YES                      NO

3. If the SABR membership goes beyond 10,000 members, are you in favor of dividing the Society into geographic areas, with their own directors, and one representative on the national board?

YES                      NO

4. Would you be in favor of a united effort of the SABR members to rescore every major league game, since 1871, and the publishing of each year's correct data?

YES                      NO

5. Would you be in favor of a joint national convention with a baseball card/memorabilia convention?

YES                      NO

6. Are you in favor of a "closed" membership? This means new members must be recommended by a current member, limit two per year?

YES                      NO

7. In future publications, what types of research would you like to see more or less of?

- |                            |      |      |      |      |
|----------------------------|------|------|------|------|
| a. Pictorials              | more | same | less | none |
| b. 19th Century            | more | same | less | none |
| c. Minor Leagues           | more | same | less | none |
| d. Negro Leagues           | more | same | less | none |
| e. Biographies             | more | same | less | none |
| f. Ballparks               | more | same | less | none |
| g. Latin Baseball          | more | same | less | none |
| h. Woman's Baseball        | more | same | less | none |
| i. Book Reviews            | more | same | less | none |
| j. College Baseball        | more | same | less | none |
| k. "Sabermetrics"          | more | same | less | none |
| l. Umpires/Rules           | more | same | less | none |
| m. "Rotisserie"            | more | same | less | none |
| n. Others (please specify) |      |      |      |      |

- |       |      |      |      |      |
|-------|------|------|------|------|
| _____ | more | same | less | none |
| _____ | more | same | less | none |
| _____ | more | same | less | none |

8. Do you have any additional comments or suggestions? Please attach a second sheet or use the back of this questionnaire.

I would appreciate your input and suggestions, and all comments will be private. I will publish the results in a later SABR Bulletin.  
Thanks for your time and effort.

Please mail to: Rich Topp, P.O. Box 48471, Niles, IL 60648



## Society for American Baseball Research

The 1990 budget, as approved by the SABR Executive Board on Sept. 10, 1989, is presented below. Also provided for comparison purposes are the revised budget for 1989 and the financial statement for 1988 as reviewed (not audited) by the SABR auditor. The 1989 financial statement will be reviewed by the SABR auditor in March 1990.

### Summary of INCOME

|                               | Actual <sup>a</sup><br><u>1988</u> | Budget <sup>b</sup><br><u>1989</u> | Revised <sup>c</sup><br>Budget<br><u>1989</u> | Budget <sup>e</sup><br><u>1990</u> |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|---|------------------------------------|
| Membership dues               | 181,620 <sup>d</sup>               | 184,000 <sup>e</sup>               | 175,000 <sup>f</sup>                          | 184,000 <sup>e</sup>               |
| Publication sales             | 23,816                             | 23,000                             | 20,000  | 25,000                             |
| Special book sales            | 6,224                              | 0                                  | 0   | 0                                  |
| Advertising                   | 4,605                              | 6,000                              | 9,000   | 8,000                              |
| Mail list sales               | 6,025                              | 8,000                              | 6,000   | 8,500                              |
| Royalties/donations           | 1,910                              | 1,000                              | 500   | 500                                |
| Interest                      | 7,100                              | 6,000                              | 6,000   | 5,000                              |
| Convention (gross)            | 19,542                             | 37,975 <sup>g</sup>                | 38,594  | 19,250 <sup>h</sup>                |
| Research service              | 611                                | 500                                | 700   | 700                                |
| SABR pins                     | 305                                | 200                                | 200   | 200                                |
| Lending Library borrower fees | 323                                | ---                                | 100   | 500                                |
| Miscellaneous                 | <u>781</u>                         | <u>1,000</u>                       | <u>100</u>                                    | <u>1,000</u>                       |
| TOTAL                         | 252,862                            | 267,675                            | 256,194                                       | 251,750                            |

## Summary of EXPENSES

|   | Actual <sup>a</sup><br><u>1988</u> | Budget <sup>b</sup><br><u>1989</u> | Revised <sup>c</sup><br>Budget<br><u>1989</u> | Budget <sup>c</sup><br><u>1990</u> |
|---|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|---|------------------------------------|
| Administrative                              | 83,624                             | 97,445                             | 109,950                                       | 91,135                             |
| Executive Director salary                   | 32,824                             | 28,325                             | 27,637  | 27,825                             |
| Executive Director benefits                 | 520                                | 5,400                              | 4,280   | 3,794                              |
| Payroll taxes                               | 2,482                              | 2,000                              | 5,119   | 6,811                              |
| Travel & "other"                            | 1,494                              | 1,700                              | 1,500   | 1,500                              |
| Rent  | 4,400                              | 4,500                              | 3,100   | 2,600                              |
| Telephone                                   | 3,588                              | 4,000                              | 5,000   | 4,500                              |
| Postage                                     | 12,512                             | 10,000                             | 15,000  | 12,000                             |
| Supplies                                    | 3,960                              | 3,500                              | 4,000   | 4,500                              |
| Equipment & furnishings                     | 827                                | 3,000                              | 7,000   | 3,000                              |
| Insurance                                   | 563                                | 1,000                              | 554   | 600                                |
| Professional services/fees                  | 4,020                              | 7,500                              | 9,987   | 4,000                              |
| Executive Board                             | 9,513                              | 10,000                             | 10,000  | 10,000                             |
| Committees                                  | 2,321                              | 4,020                              | 3,784   | 2,505                              |
| Regional Groups <sup>aa</sup>               | 1,318                              | 1,500                              | 1,500   | 1,500                              |
| Promotion/adv/mail lists                    | 2,207                              | 3,000                              | 2,000   | 4,000                              |
| Depreciation                                | 800                                | 0                                  | 0   | 0                                  |
| Transition of Executive Directors           | ---                                | 7,000                              | 8,489   | ---                                |
| Miscellaneous                               | 273                                | 1,000                              | 1,000   | 1,000                              |
| Publications                                | 109,472                            | 90,500                             | 91,925  | 96,000                             |
| <i>The SABR Bulletin</i>                    | 15,288                             | 15,500                             | 13,184  | 16,000                             |
| <i>The National Pastime</i>                 | 21,763                             | 21,000                             | 21,000  | 20,000                             |
| <i>Baseball Research Journal</i>            | 18,043                             | 18,000                             | 17,000  | 20,000                             |
| <i>SABR Review of Books</i>                 | 11,255                             | 11,500                             | 10,600  | 12,500                             |
| Membership Directory                        | 9,474                              | 9,500                              | 9,500   | 9,500                              |
| Special Publications:                       |                                    |                                    |   |                                    |
| <i>Texas League</i>                         | 236                                | ---                                | ---   | ---                                |
| <i>19th Century Stars</i>                   | 16,586                             | ---                                | 4,801   | ---                                |
| <i>Award Voting</i>                         | 8,414                              | ---                                | ---   | ---                                |
| <i>BB Hist. Rev. repr. (2000)</i>           | 2,070                              | ---                                | ---   | ---                                |
| <i>TNP (19th Century; pic) repr. (3000)</i> | 6,343                              | ---                                | ---   | ---                                |
| <i>Federal League of 1914-15</i>            | ---                                | 15,000                             | 14,840  | ---                                |
| <i>Cooperstown Corner</i>                   | ---                                | ---                                | ---   | 18,000                             |
| Royalties                                   | 0                                  | 0                                  | 1,000   | 0                                  |
| Beginning Inventory                         | 52,426                             | ---                                | ---   | ---                                |
| Less Ending Inventory                       | (64,590)                           | ---                                | ---   | ---                                |
| Cost of Publications Sold/Provided          | 97,308                             | ---                                | ---   | ---                                |
| Editorial                                   | 27,615                             | 36,700                             | 28,200  | 44,200                             |
| Publications Director                       | 12,000                             | 18,000                             | 18,000  | 18,000                             |
| Publications Consultant                     | 1,200                              | 3,000                              | 0   | 3,000                              |
| Publications development                    | 0                                  | 500                                | 0   | 10,000                             |
| Editorial Office                            | 415                                | 1,200                              | 1,200   | 1,200                              |
| Editors for specific pubs                   | 14,000                             | 14,000                             | 9,000   | 12,000                             |
| Convention (gross)                          | 16,431                             | 37,975                             | 36,260  | 19,170                             |
| Lending Library                             | ---                                | 700                                | 700   | 350                                |
| Miscellaneous                               | 710                                | 1,000                              | 1,000   | 1,000                              |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                                | <b>225,687</b>                     | <b>264,320</b>                     | <b>268,035</b>                                | <b>251,855</b>                     |
| Excess (Deficit)                            | 27,175                             | 3,355                              | (11,841)                                      | (105)                              |

# BASEBALL BRIEFS

SOME INTERESTING AND UNUSUAL HAPPENINGS IN THE MAJOR LEAGUES IN 1989

WHEN A NEW BASEBALL SEASON comes around, there is a feeling that nothing new can happen after 100+ years. It never turns out that way, and 1989 certainly was not routine. Here are a few happenings that made it decidedly different.

- A father and son, Griffey Sr & Jr, play in the majors in the same year.
- Tommy John, with a rebuilt throwing arm, pitches in his 26th season.
- Vince Coleman launches the season with 44 consecutive steals.
- Nolan Ryan strikes out 301 batters in 239 innings at age 42.
- Bob Boone catches 129 games at age 41; Jim McGuire's record was 71 games.
- Pedro Guerrero plays in 162 games! (Watch Mike Marshall next season).
- Rick Dempsey of Dodgers hits homer in 22nd inning to beat Expos 1-0.
- Deion Sanders hits Yankee homer Sep. 5; scores Atlanta touchdown Sep. 10.
- A National League manager is banned for life -- for at least one year.
- An earthquake disrupts the World Series for 11 days. The aftershock comes in the 2nd inning of Game 4 when AL hurler Mike Moore hits 2-run double.

DARRELL EVANS, 42, and KEN GRIFFEY, Jr., 19, wrote themselves into the record book with home run seasons at opposite ends of the age spectrum. Evans hit 11 homers, giving him 60 after his 40th birthday. The younger Griffey, idled by injury for five weeks, hit 16 homers in his rookie season. This was good for third place among teenage homer hitters, after Tony Conigliaro, who hit 24, and Mel Ott, 19. A 4th-place finish goes to Mike Schmidt for connecting 314 times in his thirties. The full list, five deep, shows the players leading in the four age categories. Note that Henry Aaron is the only three-decade star.

| <u>Teens</u>   |    | <u>Twenties</u> |     | <u>Thirties</u> |     | <u>Forties</u> |    |
|----------------|----|-----------------|-----|-----------------|-----|----------------|----|
| T. Conigliaro  | 24 | Jimmie Foxx     | 376 | Babe Ruth       | 434 | Darrell Evans  | 60 |
| Melvin Ott     | 19 | Eddie Mathews   | 370 | Henry Aaron     | 371 | C.Yastrzemski  | 49 |
| Ken Griffey Jr | 16 | Mickey Mantle   | 361 | Willie Mays     | 348 | Stan Musial    | 46 |
| P. Cavarretta  | 14 | Henry Aaron     | 342 | Mike Schmidt    | 314 | Ted Williams   | 44 |
| Mickey Mantle  | 13 | Melvin Ott      | 323 | Will Stargell   | 296 | Henry Aaron    | 42 |

BERT BLYLEVEN has solidified his place among the great shutout pitchers. He led the AL with five, giving him 60 for his career. This places him 8th on the all-time list while he still has upward mobility. On July 18, the California curveballer beat Jimmy Key of Toronto 1-0. This was his 15th career 1-0 victory, third best after Walter Johnson (38), Grover Alexander (17), and ahead of Christy Mathewson (14). Two of his 1-0 wins went 11 innings, and two others, including a one-hitter, went ten.

HOUSTON OUTFIELDER TERRY PUHL, senior Canadian in the majors since Ferguson Jenkins retired in 1983, has set a career record for northern natives with most games played (1479), as well as stolen bases (216). Nineteenth century star Tip O'Neill scored the most runs (888) and had the highest batting average (.326). Jeff Heath still holds the Canadian career marks for most hits (1447), doubles (279), triples (102), homers (194) and RBI (887).

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NO ONE PLAYER DOMINATED the 1980s in batting or pitching according to a decade survey compiled by Bill Deane. Pitcher Jack Morris was the only one to lead in three categories and one of them was losses. Rickey Henderson set a new decade record with 838 stolen bases. Kent Tekulve pitched in a record 687 games. Nolan Ryan's 2167 strikeouts fell short of the 1970s record of 2678 - by Nolan Ryan! Here are the batting and pitching department leaders of the 1980-89 decade.

| <u>Batting</u> |                  |      | <u>Pitching</u> |                   |      |
|----------------|------------------|------|-----------------|-------------------|------|
| Games          | Dale Murphy .... | 1537 | Games           | Kent Tekulve .... | 687  |
| Runs           | Rickey Henderson | 1122 | IP              | Jack Morris ..... | 2445 |
| Hits           | Robin Yount .... | 1731 | Wins            | Jack Morris ..... | 162  |
| Doubles        | Robin Yount .... | 337  | Losses          | Jack Morris ..... | 119  |
| Triples        | Willie Wilson .. | 115  | Pct.            | D.Gooden (100-39) | .719 |
| Homers         | Mike Schmidt ... | 313  | SO              | Nolan Ryan .....  | 2167 |
| RBI            | Eddie Murray ... | 996  | BB              | Nolan Ryan .....  | 894  |
| SB             | Rickey Henderson | 838  | Shutouts        | Fer. Valenzuela . | 27   |
| BA             | Wade Boggs ..... | .352 | Saves           | Jeff Reardon .... | 263  |
| SA             | Mike Schmidt ... | .540 | ERA             | Dwight Gooden ... | 2.64 |

THERE WERE SEVEN PLAYERS active in 1989 who also played in the majors in 1969 or before. They were pitchers Tommy John, Jerry Reuss, Nolan Ryan; catchers Carlton Fisk and Rick Dempsey; and infielders Darrell Evans and Bill Buckner. Who among them will play in 1990 -- and thereby become four-decade players? Barring a nationwide earthquake or a strike, which would be the same thing, Ryan and Fisk look like automatics. Dempsey stated five years ago he intended to play in four decades, and he just might make it. Evans and Reuss also are possibilities at this point. Buckner would seem to be very unlikely, and John even more so, but who really knows? Maybe Minnie Minoso will get permission to play an inning or two. He is only 67.

BUDDY BELL closed out his active career in 1989 and final figures are in on the most balanced, long-running, and productive father-son combination thus far. Although Gus & Buddy Bell lost out in the home run derby, they have the top totals in seven categories. The other department leaders also are shown.

| <u>Father/Son</u> | <u>Yrs</u> | <u>Games</u> | <u>AB</u> | <u>Runs</u> | <u>Hits</u> | <u>2B</u>     | <u>3B</u> | <u>HR</u> | <u>RBI</u> | <u>SB</u> | <u>BA</u> |
|-------------------|------------|--------------|-----------|-------------|-------------|---------------|-----------|-----------|------------|-----------|-----------|
| Gus Bell          | 15         | 1741         | 6478      | 865         | 1823        | 311           | 66        | 206       | 942        | 30        | .281      |
| Buddy Bell        | 18         | 2405         | 8995      | 1151        | 2514        | 425           | 56        | 201       | 1106       | 55        | .279      |
|                   | 33*        | 4146*        | 15473*    | 2016*       | 4337*       | 736*          | 122       | 407       | 2048*      | 85        | .280      |
|                   |            | <u>3B</u>    |           | <u>HR</u>   |             | <u>SB</u>     |           | <u>BA</u> |            |           |           |
| Geo. Sisler       | 165        | Bobby Bonds  | 332       | Maury Wills | 586         | Ed Collins Sr |           | .333      |            |           |           |
| Dick Sisler       | 28         | Barry Bonds  | 84        | Bump Wills  | 196         | Ed Collins Jr |           | .241      |            |           |           |
|                   | 193*       |              | 416*      |             | 782*        |               |           | .330*     |            |           |           |

SO FEW DOUBLEHEADERS are played these days that it came as a surprise that Toronto relief hurler David Wells should win both games over the Angels July 17. He was the first pitcher to win a twinbill in relief since Frank Williams of the Giants was credited with both victories over the Mets Aug. 28, 1984. This feat has been accomplished at least 41 times since Sep. 10, 1902, when Connie Mack sent in Rube Waddell to subdue the Orioles in both games. Rube worked a total of 10 innings for the two wins. In contrast, Frank Williams worked only 1.2 frames in his two wins. Gerry Staley was the only reliever to return victorious in three twinbills. Phil Regan won two twinbills in 1968.

RICKEY HENDERSON, tied with Bobby Bonds with 35 career leadoff homers at the start of the season, wound up with 40 -- and then hit another in the World Series. Nearly 30% of his 138 roundtrippers have quick-started his teams. He has a good margin over other active players such as Paul Molitor, who hit 25, Lou Whitaker 23, Barry Bonds 19, and Brian Downing 18. Bonds, with only four seasons in the majors, apparently is following in the game-opening tradition of his father. Bobby Bonds still holds the season record with 11 in 1973. Henderson hit 9 in 1986; Kal Daniels 8 in 1987; and Barry Bonds 8 in 1988. Here are the all-time career leaders in leadoff home runs (with total homers). Note the anachronistic inclusion of 19th century player Jimmy Ryan.

| <u>Leadoff Hitter</u> | <u>LO HR</u> | <u>Tot.HR</u> | <u>Leadoff Hitter</u> | <u>LO HR</u> | <u>Tot.HR</u> |
|-----------------------|--------------|---------------|-----------------------|--------------|---------------|
| Rickey Henderson      | 40           | 138           | Lou Brock             | 23           | 149           |
| Bobby Bonds           | 35           | 332           | Lou Whitaker          | 23           | 149           |
| Eddie Yost            | 28           | 139           | Jimmy Ryan            | 22           | 118           |
| Davey Lopes           | 26           | 155           | Tommy Harper          | 22           | 146           |
| Paul Molitor          | 25           | 119           | Felipe Alou           | 20           | 206           |

ABOUT 150 PLAYERS have played in 2000+ games in the majors since Cap Anson reached that level in 1895. Only three, however, have played in 1000 games in each league. Bob Boone joined Frank Robinson and Dave Winfield in that exclusive group this season. Even more remarkable, Boone, the only player to catch 2000 games, has been behind the plate in 1095 NL and 1090 AL contests. Here are the game breakouts for the long-service two-league performers.

|                |         |               |         |           |         |
|----------------|---------|---------------|---------|-----------|---------|
| Frank Robinson | NL 1605 | Dave Winfield | NL 1117 | Bob Boone | NL 1125 |
|                | AL 1203 |               | AL 1152 |           | AL 1099 |

JACK CLARK had another of those rare seasons when a batter collects more walks than hits. The slugging Padre first baseman had a league-leading 132 walks and only 110 hits. Two years ago, his numbers were 136 walks and 120 hits. Both seasons saw him ranked among the league leaders in on-base percentage even though his batting average was not all that great. Here are those commendable "wait-watchers" with greatest season margin of bases on balls over base hits.

| <u>Year</u> | <u>Player and Team</u> | <u>Hits</u> | <u>BB</u> | <u>Margin</u> | <u>BA</u> | <u>OBA</u> |
|-------------|------------------------|-------------|-----------|---------------|-----------|------------|
| 1976        | Jimmy Wynn, Braves     | 93          | 127       | 34            | .207      | .382       |
| 1947        | Roy Cullenbine, Tigers | 104         | 137       | 33            | .224      | .401       |
| 1959        | Eddie Yost, Senators   | 119         | 151*      | 32            | .231      | .412       |
| 1951        | Wes Westrum, Giants    | 79          | 104       | 25            | .219      | .400       |
| 1977        | Gene Tenace, Padres    | 102         | 125*      | 23            | .233      | .417       |
| 1989        | Jack Clark, Padres     | 110         | 132*      | 22            | .242      | .410       |
| 1929        | Max Bishop, Athletics  | 110         | 128*      | 18            | .232      | .398       |
| 1930        | Max Bishop, Athletics  | 111         | 128       | 17            | .252      | .426       |
| 1987        | Jack Clark, Cardinals  | 120         | 136*      | 16            | .286      | .461*      |
| 1969        | Jimmy Wynn, Astros     | 133         | 148*      | 15            | .269      | .440       |

WAS KEN GRIFFEY, Jr, at 19½ the youngest player to hit an inside-the-park home run when he connected for Seattle on May 21? No, but he was the youngest in decades. The only other teenager in modern times to leg-out an IPH was Ted Kazanski of the Phillies Sep. 2, 1953, and he was a couple months older. The youngest probably was Mel Ott when he hit his first home run and only IPH on July 18, 1927. He was only 18.4. Ty Cobb was 18.9 when he hit his first home run (an IPH) Sep. 23, 1905. Unlike Mel Ott, Cobb hit an additional 46 IPH.

ROB DIBBLE was for firemen what Nolan Ryan was for starters in 1989. The hard-throwing righthanded reliever of the Reds fanned 141 batters in 99 innings. This averages out to 12.7 per nine-inning game, the top season figure ever recorded. In 1987 Tom Henke of the Blue Jays struck out 128 in 94 innings, good for 12.3 per game. Dick Radatz also had some great years in relief, fanning 181 batters in 1964, a record total in relief. Here are the relief hurlers in 90+ innings with the best season K totals per game.

| <u>Year</u> | <u>Relief Hurler and Team</u> | <u>IP</u> | <u>SO</u> | <u>SO/G</u> |
|-------------|-------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-------------|
| 1989        | Rob Dibble, Reds              | 99        | 141       | 12.7        |
| 1987        | Tom Henke, Blue Jays          | 94        | 128       | 12.3        |
| 1986        | Tom Henke, Blue Jays          | 91        | 118       | 11.7        |
| 1963        | Dick Radatz, Red Sox          | 132       | 162       | 11.0        |
| 1987        | Scott Garrelts, Giants        | 106       | 127       | 10.9        |
| 1982        | Bill Caudill, Mariners        | 96        | 111       | 10.8        |
| 1962        | Dick Radatz, Red Sox          | 125       | 144       | 10.4        |
| 1964        | Dick Radatz, Red Sox          | 157       | 181       | 10.4        |
| 1985        | Lee Smith, Cubs               | 98        | 112       | 10.4        |
| 1970        | Dick Selma, Phillies          | 134       | 153       | 10.3        |
| 1976        | Skip Lockwood, Mets           | 94        | 108       | 10.3        |
| 1977        | Goose Gossage, Pirates        | 133       | 151       | 10.2        |

VINCE COLEMAN knocked in only 28 runs while going to bat 563 times. This was a matter of concern for Cardinals' manager Whitey Herzog. However, a quick look at the record books indicates a number of former players, some playing in heavy-hitting eras with good batting averages, had poorer RBI averages. In fact, one of the players was a batting champ and two others are in the Hall of Fame. Here is a chronological sampling, along with Coleman's record.

| <u>Year</u> | <u>Player and Team</u> | <u>G</u> | <u>AB</u> | <u>R</u> | <u>H</u> | <u>2B</u> | <u>3B</u> | <u>HR</u> | <u>RBI</u> | <u>BA</u> |
|-------------|------------------------|----------|-----------|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|-----------|
| 1910        | Clyde Milan, Wash.     | 142      | 531       | 86       | 148      | 17        | 6         | 0         | 16         | .279      |
| 1915        | Max Carey, Pitt        | 140      | 564       | 76       | 143      | 26        | 5         | 3         | 27         | .254      |
| 1917        | Donie Bush, Det        | 147      | 581       | 112*     | 163      | 18        | 3         | 0         | 24         | .281      |
| 1927        | Lloyd Waner, Pitt      | 150      | 629       | 133*     | 223      | 17        | 6         | 2         | 27         | .355      |
| 1956        | Don Blasingame, StL    | 150      | 587       | 94       | 153      | 22        | 7         | 0         | 26         | .292      |
| 1959        | Richie Ashburn, Phil   | 153      | 564       | 86       | 150      | 16        | 2         | 1         | 20         | .266      |
| 1966        | Matty Alou, Pitt       | 141      | 535       | 86       | 183      | 18        | 9         | 2         | 27         | .342*     |
| 1971        | Larry Bowa, Phil       | 159      | 650       | 74       | 162      | 18        | 5         | 0         | 25         | .249      |
| 1989        | Vince Coleman, StL     | 145      | 563       | 94       | 143      | 21        | 9         | 2         | 28         | .254      |

EDDIE MURRAY batted only .247 but he did play in every Dodger game. This is his fifth season (1977-78, 84, 88-89) where he has played the full schedule. Except for former teammate Cal Ripken, who has played seven straight, this is the top mark among actives. Alfredo Griffin and Dale Murphy have played four full seasons. Murray, who played all games for the Orioles in 1988, is the first player to have back-to-back full seasons in two different leagues since Topsy Hartsel played all games for the Cubs in 1901 and A's in 1902.

If Ripken passes Everett Scott's 1307 consecutive game streak (all at short) next season, he not only will shift into second place on the all-time list, but has a chance to set a record for most consecutive games played at one position. Ripken started his streak playing third on May 30, 1982, but moved to short permanently 27 games later on July 1. He now has 1223 straight at that spot. Lou Gehrig's longest streak at the initial sack was 885 games.

## Footnotes

- a) Reviewed (unaudited) by SABR accountant.
- b) Accepted by Executive Board, 4/1/89.
- c) Approved by Executive Board, 9/10/89.
- d) Based on 6033 members.
- e) Based on 6100 members at \$30 per member, plus \$1000 for foreign postage.
- f) Based on 5800 members at \$30 per member, plus \$1000 for foreign postage.
- g) Based on 500 attendees and \$30 registration fee.
- h) See Addendum 1.
- i) Based on 3% increase in salary, thru Apr. 30, 1989.
- j) Includes \$9451 for Johnson (4 months) and \$18,186 for Kraich (\$2273.30/month x 8 months).
- k) Based on annual salary of \$27,280 for 4 months (\$9093) plus 3% pay raise for annual salary of \$28,098 for 8 months (\$18,732).
- l) Includes \$1800 for Johnson (4 months) and \$2480 for Kraich (\$310/month x 8 months).
- m) Benefits are 12% of gross salary. Includes \$310/month x 4 months (\$1240) plus \$319.30/month x 8 months (\$2554)
- n) Includes \$667 for Johnson (4 months) and \$4452 for Kraich (\$556.48/month x 8 months).
- o) Includes \$556.48/month x 4 months (\$2226) plus \$573.17/month x 8 months (\$4585).
- p) Includes \$375/month x 4 months in Kansas City (\$1500) plus \$200/month x 8 months in Garrett Park, Md. (\$1600).
- q) Includes \$200/month x 2 months (\$400) plus 10% increase for \$220/month x 10 months (\$2200).
- r) Includes considerable phone calling during transition period, plus costs for fax machine.
- s) Includes 2nd dues renewal mailing for 1989 and first & 2nd dues renewal mailings for 1990.
- t) Cost to decrease because there will be two fewer dues renewal mailings than in 1989.
- u) Includes maintenance for computer, printer, and photocopier, and upgrading of computer equipment.
- v) Includes footnote u plus \$1995 for fax machine and \$5000 for upgrading computer equipment.
- w) Includes \$2500 for accountant, \$4849 for attorneys, and \$2638 for parliamentarian.
- x) Includes accountant only.
- y) Includes:
 

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| \$600 Bibliography                                      |  | \$350 19th Century      |
| \$500 Biographical Research                             |  | \$150 Oral History      |
| \$550 Latin America (but will spend only \$314 in 1989) |  | \$300 Computerization   |
| \$485 Minor Leagues                                     |  | \$225 Umpires and Rules |
| \$580 Negro Leagues                                     |  | \$280 Ballparks         |
- z) Includes:
 

|   |                             |
|---|-----------------------------|
| \$350 Latin America                         | \$400 Biographical Research |
| \$655 Negro Leagues                         | \$400 Collegiate            |
| \$300 Umpires and Rules                     | \$400 19th Century          |
| \$0 Ballparks (but may request funds later) |                             |
- aa) Each Regional Group can request up to \$100.
- bb) Based on eight issues, mailed bulk rate.
- cc) Based on six issues, mailed bulk rate (except for June issue).
- dd) Includes \$1813 already spent plus est. \$19,000 invoice. Expected publication date is unknown
- ee) Expect publication in late 1989.
- ff) Includes postage and mailing costs.
- gg) To be expanded from 88 pages to 96 pages. Expect publication in Oct. 1989.
- hh) Published June 1989.
- ii) Expect publication in Fall 1989.
- jj) Published Apr. 1989.
- kk) Actual cost was \$21,387. Excess paid in 1989. Cost overrun due to increased cost of paper, eight additional pages, and 1000 extra copies (\$1700) ordered by former Executive Director.
- ll) Equals: beginning inventory *plus* cost of publications produced for a given year *minus* ending inventory.
- mm) Includes:
 

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| \$3000 for <i>Baseball Research Journal</i>  | \$2000 for <i>Nineteenth Century Stars</i> (\$2000) |
| \$4000 for <i>The National Pastime</i> (pic) | \$1000 for <i>Award Voting</i>                      |
| \$2000 for <i>SABR Review of Books</i>       | \$2000 for Membership Directory                     |
- nn) Includes:
 

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|---|--|
| \$3000 for <i>Baseball Research Journal</i> | \$2000 for <i>SABR Review of Books</i> |
| \$4000 for <i>The National Pastime</i>      | \$0 for <i>Federal League</i>          |
- oo) Includes:
 

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|---|--|
| \$4000 for <i>Baseball Research Journal</i> | \$2000 for <i>SABR Review of Books</i> |
| \$4000 for <i>The National Pastime</i>      | \$2000 for <i>Cooperstown Corner</i>   |
- pp) Includes \$298 for Stagno collection development, \$300 for donations, \$68 for awards, and \$44 bank charges.
- qq) Includes \$112 for shipment to Kansas City of material donated to SABR by Russell Euper and \$500 for microfilming Howe player cards.
- rr) Expect publication in first quarter 1990.
- ss) Expect publication in second quarter 1990.
- tt) Includes \$4000 for Home Run Encyclopedia OR *Green Cathedrals* (rev. ed.).
- uu) Includes \$300 for promoting SABR via the major leagues.
- vv) Includes \$2000 for upgrading computer equipment.

**Society for American Baseball Research**

**Addendum 1 (to 1990 Budget)**

**1990 NATIONAL CONVENTION  
Cleveland, Ohio**

**Income: \$19,250**

|          |  |
|----------|--|
| \$ 8,750 | Registration fees (350 registrants x \$25)   |
| 3,500    | Ball game at Municipal Stadium (\$10/ticket) |
| 7,000    | Banquet (\$20/ticket)                        |

**Expenses: \$19,170**

|            |  |
|------------|--|
| \$ 1,320   | Printed program                              |
| 1,500      | Registration mailing                         |
| 1,000      | Special publications                         |
| 1,000      | Refreshments                                 |
| 750        | Goodie bags                                  |
| 750        | Registration folders and badges              |
| 500        | Guest speaker                                |
| 300        | Photocopying                                 |
| 250        | Audiovisual equipment                        |
| 100        | Exhibits                                     |
| 250        | Videotaping                                  |
| 200        | Administrative expenses (telephone, etc.)    |
| <u>750</u> | Miscellaneous                                |
| \$ 8,670   | (to be covered by registration fee)          |
| <br>       |  |
| \$ 3,500   | Ball game at Municipal Stadium (\$10/ticket) |
| <br>       |  |
| \$ 7,000   | Banquet (\$20/ticket)                        |

# NEWS OF NOTE

Former SABR President **Gene Sunnen** is an editor with Collins Publishers in San Francisco. His current project is a photobook, "Baseball in America" designed to cover a broad spectrum of baseball related activities. He is encouraging SABR members with baseball related photo opportunities to contact him at 415-788-4111.

SABR Publications Director **Paul Adomites** wants to find the author of an article, in SABR's files, about Frank Navin and the Detroit Tigers' farming practices from around 1907 thru 1914. Details regarding the author and background of the piece are necessary to publish it. Please contact Paul if you have any information.

## OBITUARY

Paul C. Frisz, 82, one of the Cooperstown Sixteen who took part in the organizational meeting of SABR August 10, 1971, died January 2, 1990, in a Terre Haute, Indiana hospital. He experienced serious health problems since 1984, suffering from diabetes, hardening of the arteries, and congestive heart failure. He was a life-long resident of Terre Haute, except when he was a student at the University of Dayton. He was a recognized authority on Indiana players and particularly those who had some connection with his home city. He had a card file on every Terre Haute player since 1867. Foremost among them was Mordecai Brown, a personal friend, who also lived there. His article on the three-fingered hurler appeared in the 1976 *Baseball Research Journal*, and was also carried in *Insider's Baseball* in 1983.

Paul, who owned and operated a hotel, was president and general manager of the Terre Haute club in the mid-1950s until it withdrew from the Three Eye League in July 1956. SABR members may recall that much of his correspondence was on club stationery. His research interests also included the Central League and the 19th Century World Series. He strongly believed that the young Dwight Eisenhower played under another name in the Central Kansas League in 1911, but was unable to document satisfactorily that contention. Paul was SABR vice-president 1972-73, and participated in five of the first six national conventions. He had an outstanding collection of baseball books and memorabilia, much of which was sold prior to his death. Survivors include two daughters and his wife of 45 years.

Paul is also looking for unusual baseball information/material for years ending in 0, i.e., 1980, 1970, 1960, etc., to enable him to produce an article for the 1990 *Baseball Research Journal*. He is looking for "off the wall" material. Send material to Paul Adomites, 749 Sherwood Avenue, #2, Pittsburgh, PA 15204.

**SPITBALL Magazine** announced that the following books have been named as finalists for the 1989 CASEY Award (the majority are SABR members):

*The Babe: A Life in Pictures* — **Lawrence Ritter & Mark Rucker**. Ticknor & Fields.

*Baseball Lives* — Mike Bryan. Pantheon.

*Diamonds in the Rough* — **Joel Zoss & John Bowman**. Macmillan.

*The Dickson Baseball Dictionary* — **Paul Dickson**. Facts on File.

*El Beisbol* — John Krich.

*Hank Greenberg: The Story of My Life* — Hank Greenberg. Times Books.

*The Heart of the Order* — Tom Boswell. Doubleday.

*The Pitch That Killed* — **Mike Sowell**. Macmillan.

*Total Baseball* — **John Thorn & Pete Palmer**, eds. Warner Books.

*You Gotta Have Wa* — Robert Whiting. Macmillan.

The CASEY Award will be presented in early 1990 to the author and publisher of last year's best baseball book. This year's judges are SABR members **Charles Alexander**, **Peter Bjarkman**, and **Alex Holzman**.

**Richard Schlesinger** is seeking information about Robert F. Murphy, the Boston labor attorney who formed the American Baseball Guild in 1946 and unsuccessfully tried to unionize major league baseball. Contact Richard at 633 West Fifth Street, #400, Los Angeles, California 90071.



A 1916 photo of American and National league All Star teams taken in San Francisco. Some notable names: **Johnny Evers**, **Jack Coombs**, and **Jake Daubert**, second row, second, fifth and sixth from left, respectively. Can you spot any other recognizable faces?

## CORRECTIONS AND CLARIFICATIONS

The SABR Board Report (Sept. 8-10, 1989, Cleveland), which was published in the January 1990 issue of The SABR Bulletin (p.2), includes the following "highlight" of the meeting: "The Board agreed to finalize all Bylaws revisions by the end of the next Board meeting, so they could be acted upon by the membership before the next SABR convention."

This statement is incorrect. The topic of Bylaws revision was NOT discussed at the Board meeting and no action was taken regarding the SABR Bylaws. Instead, the Board deferred any action on the revision of the Bylaws

until after the Cleveland convention. During the convention, a workshop open to all SABR members will be held to obtain feedback from the membership regarding specific proposed changes.

During 1990, the Bylaws Revision Committee plans to discuss proposed changes via The SABR Bulletin so that the membership will have sufficient opportunity to react to and/or prepare revisions. Voting on the revised Bylaws will be conducted in 1991.

This correction was submitted by Skip McAfee and Marge Daniels, co-chairpersons of the SABR Bylaws Revision Committee, Jan. 8, 1990.

## BOOKSHELF

Herm Krabbenhoft of Baseball Quarterly Review reports that he has put together a challenging BQR Trivia Quiz that is available for any SABR member. Send SASE to Herm at P.O. Box 9343, Schenectady, NY 12309.

The third in the series of SABR member Harold Seymour's classic baseball books, Baseball: The People's Game, is available at 20% discount to SABR members. Contact Scott Tobis at Oxford University Press, 200 Madison Avenue, New York, NY 10016.

Taylor Publications will issue two new items this Spring by SABR member Michael Gershman. The Baseball Stadium Albums (one for National League parks, one for the American League) contains 31 reproduced vintage post-cards of stadiums, some long gone, used by major league teams during this century. Contact Mike at 23 Whitney Street, Westport, CT 06880.

Greenwood Press, 88 Post Road West, Westport, CT 06881, has published SABR member Cordelia Candelaria's, Seeking the Perfect Game, Baseball in American Literature. This comprehensive study of baseball in American literature looks primarily at novels to explore how writers have used this quintessential American symbol and to examine what the metaphors and images of the fictional universe of baseball have to tell us about ourselves.

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### CHANGE IN FEBRUARY BOARD MEETING LOCATION

The location for the February SABR Board of Directors meeting has changed. The meeting will be held in the Board Room, American Society for Horticultural Science, 113 Southwest Street, Alexandria, VA (the location is 3 blocks from the King Street Metro stop).

## THE YOUNGEST MAJOR LEAGUE PLAYERS TO DIE

|     | Name             | Age at Death (Years-Months-Days) |     | Name               | Age at Death (Years-Months-Days) |
|-----|------------------|----------------------------------|-----|--------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1.  | Jay Dahl         | 19-6-14                          | 11. | Art Rico           | 22-5-11                          |
| 2.  | William Smalley  | 20-3-14                          | 12. | Al Thake           | 22-11-21                         |
| 3.  | John Weyhing     | 20-11-27                         | 13. | Patrick Hynes      | 23-0-0                           |
| 4.  | Elmer White      | 21-3-10                          | 14. | Ralph Sharman      | 23-1-13                          |
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| 6.  | Newt Halliday    | 21-9-19                          | 16. | Joe Cassidy        | 23-1-17                          |
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| 8.  | Ken Hubbs        | 22-1-23                          | 18. | Pembroke Finlayson | 23-7-6                           |
| 9.  | Steve Dignan     | 22-1-25                          | 19. | Mickey Fuentes     | 23-8-19                          |
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(Submitted by Bill Carle)

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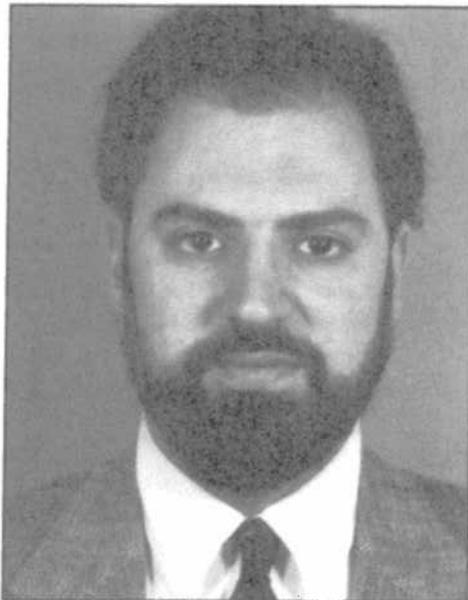
## Norbert Kraich Resigns as Executive Director; SABR Board Appoints Interim Replacement

Norbert Kraich, who was hired as SABR's executive director nine months ago, has resigned from the position effective March 20. Kraich issued his resignation to the SABR Board of Directors three days before the Board's meeting in Alexandria, VA, on Feb. 23-25.

The potential vacancy in the Society's administrative office immediately became a priority issue during the three-day board meeting. In an effort to ensure that there will be no interruption of services provided by the Society, the Board voted unanimously to appoint Morris Eckhouse of Cleveland as interim executive director. He will assume the administrative leadership of the Society on March 21 and will fill the position at least through the end of the year.

Until further notice, all SABR mail should be sent to the Society's offices in Garrett Park, MD. Eckhouse can be reached by calling 216-381-5976 during normal business hours.

Eckhouse, a SABR member since 1985, has recently served as executive director of the Cleveland Sports Legends Foundation, which honors great sports stars of the Cleveland area. He also has been president of the Jack Graney regional and has been the coordinator of the upcoming SABR Convention XX in Cleveland. Eckhouse is the author of "Day by Day in Cleveland Indians History" and the co-author of "This Date in Pittsburgh Pirates History." He also has been a contributor to several forthcoming baseball publications including the 1990 Cleveland Indians Yearbook and Game Face magazine and is a member of the Board of Selectors of the Ohio Baseball Hall of Fame.



*Morris Eckhouse*

The Board will be working during the next several months to determine what structure the Society's executive director position should take. Board President Richard Topp has appointed Vice President Ron Gabriel and SABR members Norman Macht and Frank Phelps to head a task force to look into possible changes in the structure of the Society's executive office. Any members with suggestions are urged to contact Topp by calling him at 312-774-6023 or by writing to him at P.O. Box 48471, Niles, IL 60648 or any of the task force members.

"The Board was very surprised by Mr. Kraich's resignation. We wish him well in all future endeavors," Topp said. "We believe that the hiring of Morris Eckhouse on an interim basis will ensure the continued uninterrupted activities of the Society. Right now, the Society will be in very capable hands. In the meantime, the Board will be looking long and hard at a variety of alternatives for the final structure that the executive director's office takes. We want to make certain that once a final decision is made, it will remain that way for quite some time."

Kraich told the board he reached his decision to resign "with some reluctance." In his letter of resignation, Kraich indicated that he could not devote the necessary time to fulfilling the responsibilities of the executive director's position.

**Editor's Note:** A complete listing of Board Activity from the Feb. 23-25 Board meeting will appear in the April 1990 Bulletin.

### A Message From President Richard Topp

In this issue for the SABR Bulletin you will note a call for nominations for the three board seats up for election — treasurer, secretary and director. For the first time EVERYONE in the Society will be eligible to vote for the persons he or she thinks will bring SABR back to its original goals of a research society.

I urge the membership to come forward with nominees who are bright and energetic, but above all who have a desire to sacrifice some time for the benefit of all.

New faces and fresh ideas are needed to run this Society and bring it back to a high standard.

# Trivia Quiz III

Here is the third and final edition of our hotly contested SABR Trivia Contest. This is your last chance to be a winner. Remember, the SABR member who submits the most correct answers for all three Trivia contests (appearing in the January, February and March 1990 **Bulletins**) is the overall winner. All answers must be submitted by April 30.

1. Who was the last pitcher to strikeout Joe Sewell twice in a season?
2. Who was the last owner to manage his own ballclub?
3. Who was the last active player to play in the American Association (1882-1891)?
4. Who was the last back-to-back 40-game winner?
5. Name the only year one club had four future Hall of Famers make their debuts. Who were those players?
6. Who was the last active player to appear in a game against the St. Louis Browns?
7. What was the oldest pitcher-batter match-up in history?
8. What current ballpark location has seen the longest continuous organized baseball league action?
9. Who was the mascot who helped the Giants win three pennants?
10. Who is the oldest current Hall of Famer?
11. Who was the youngest major leaguer?
12. Who was the last living player of the first major

- league pennant winner?
13. Who was the youngest player to play for Miller Huggins?
  14. Who were the only three players who outlived their World Series appearances by 70 or more years?
  15. Who is the current living player who played under Fred Clarke?
  16. Who was the last living player who played for a National League team in the 1920s World Series?
  17. Who were the last active players who played in the 1870s, 1880s, 1890s, 1900s, 1910s, 1920s, 1930s, 1940s, and 1950s?
  18. Who was the last active player from the Seattle Pilots?
  19. Name the only major league club never to play a home game.
  20. Name the only major league club to lose 100 games on the road in one season.

Tie-Breaker:

What do Cap Anson, Bobby Wallace, Jimmy Dykes, Early Wynn and Tommy John have in common?

To be eligible to win you must send your written answers to SABR, P.O. Box 470, Garrett Park, MD 20896. In the case of a tie, the earliest postmark wins.

*Good luck!*

## Make Your Plans Now to Come to Cleveland for SABR XX

Nothing's better than baseball in the summertime — except when it includes one of the oldest, hottest rivalries in the game: the Yankees versus the Indians. And that's just one of the many highlights in store for SABR XX in Cleveland July 27-29.

Make plans now to come to Cleveland in July for a weekend of presentations, research and fellowship. Also on tap are a Saturday evening banquet, a Sunday ballgame at historic Cleveland Stadium between the Bronx Bombers and the Tribe, as well as tours of Cleveland that include a driveby of Old League Park and Ray Chapman's grave in historic Lakeview Cemetery.

You'll also be hitting Cleveland in one of its most exciting weekends of the year — Riverfest Weekend, a three-day outdoor celebration on the Flats on the Cuyahoga River that offers food, entertainment and fun! See you in Cleveland in July!

(Please Note: In last month's **Bulletin** the dates for the convention activities were incorrectly listed. Correct dates are: Player Panel, Friday, July 27; Baseball Knowledge Contest, semi-finals, Friday, July 27; finals, Saturday, July 28; Banquet, Saturday, July 28.)

### \$250 Reward for Terrific Presentations

A powerful line-up of presentations is promised at the not-so-far-off SABR XX national convention, July 27-29 in Cleveland. And now there's new incentive to add your presentation. There will be a \$250 award for the convention's best presentation—the most original, informative and interesting 15-minute talk.

Please tell us about yours now. Give us your subject, plus a brief summary (less than 100 words) by March 26. Let us know if you'll need AV equipment.

Contact presentation committee chairman Jack Carlson, 2904 Green Vista Drive, Fairborn, OH 45324.

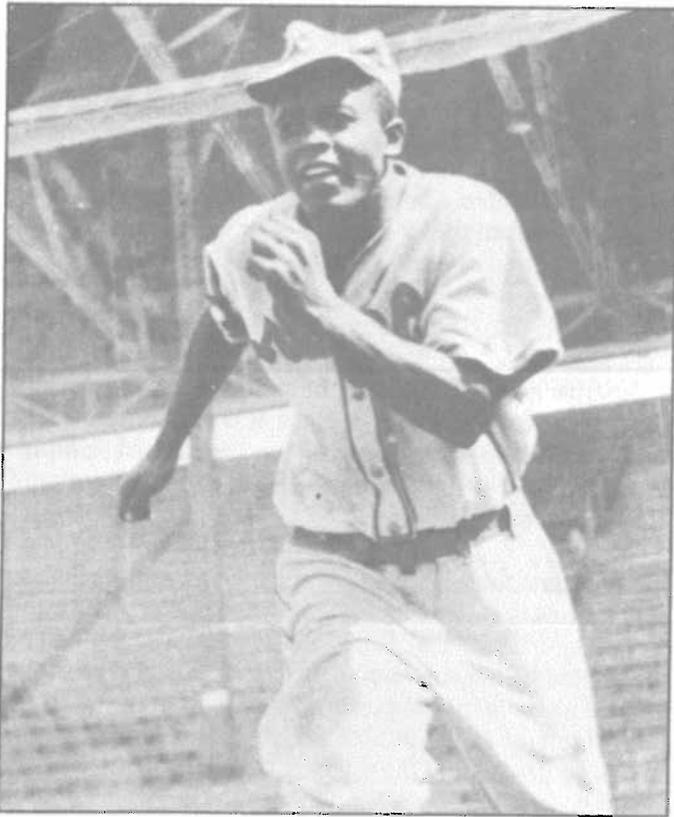
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*This photograph of Jackie Robinson was taken on Oct. 7, 1945 in Lane Stadium, San Diego, by Look magazine photographer Maurice Terrell more than two weeks before the official announcement of Robinson's signing by the Dodgers on Oct. 23, 1945. This and other photographs apparently were to accompany an article by Arthur Mann announcing the signing of Robinson, but which was never published. The article indicates that Rickey also wanted to sign Don Newcombe, Sam Jethroe and others at that time, but before he could sign any other players politicking in the upcoming New York City elections forced Rickey to speed his announcement. (Photo credit— John Thorn)*

## Foxx vs. Ruth

When Babe Ruth hit his then record 60 home runs in 1927, four of them went into the right field pavilion at old Sportsman Park, home field of both the Cardinals and Browns.

A screen was erected in front of those pavilion seats in 1930 and a new ground rule was instituted whereby balls hit against the screen would remain in play.

In 1932 Jimmy Foxx had a banner year for the Philadelphia Athletics by hitting 58 home runs. However, the A's slugger also hit 12 balls against the screen during the course of the 11 games the A's played against the Browns that season at Sportsman Park. Those 12 extra base hits three years earlier would have been home runs and, added to Foxx's 58, would have given him a total of 70 for the season, an awesome feat. The 70 home runs would constitute a season record that would still be standing today.

*submitted by Lawrence Yaffa  
Alpine, NJ*

## Call for Nominations

Three positions on the executive board are up for election this year. Those positions are treasurer and secretary, which are both two-year terms, and director, which is a four-year term.

Any person who has been a member of the Society for at least two years and who is interested in running for any of these positions is urged to submit his or her name for nomination to Tom Jozwik, chairman of this year's Nominating Committee, at 4317 N. 89th St., Milwaukee, WI 53222. Those interested should submit a letter indicating which position is desired and also stating the nominee's qualifications for the position. All nominations must be postmarked by April 30 for consideration.

The Nominating Committee will then submit to the membership a final slate of candidates for election.

For the first time in the Society's history, all members will be permitted to vote for these three positions. The June 1990 **Bulletin** will contain statements by all candidates and also will have a postcard ballot. The June issue will be sent to members by first-class mail to ensure prompt delivery and to provide members with adequate time to consider all candidates.

The ballot must be returned to the Teller's Committee, which is chaired by Joe Siminec, with a postmark date no later than July 7, 1990. No announcement of election results will be made until the Society's annual business meeting at the national convention in Cleveland on July 29. The president, however, will notify all candidates of the results prior to the convention.

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# Baseball Odds and Ends

By L. Robert Davids

A fair ball which bounced into the stands was ruled a home run in the American League through 1929 and in the National League through 1930. Who hit the last official "bounce" home run? A review of the Tattersall-McConnell Home Run Log and late season game write-ups indicates that it probably was Al Lopez of the Dodgers. On Sept. 10, 1930 Lopez hit a ball over Bob Meusel's head which bounced into the Ebbets Field stands. Bounce homers probably were hit some 10 to 20 times a season, with park architecture the deciding factor. It can be assumed that few were bounced into the left field stands at Fenway Park! Weak-hitting pitcher Eddie Summers of the Tigers had two bounce homers in a game Sept. 17, 1910. On Sept. 4, 1927, brothers Paul and Lloyd Waner of the Pirates each hit a bounce homer in the same inning at Cincinnati's Redland Field. Babe Ruth apparently never bounced any of his 714 home runs. Lou Gehrig did it twice: on July 23, 1925 and July 30, 1927.

In a game against the St. Louis Browns June 30, 1926, Harry Heilmann of the Tigers was the baserunner at third base when Marty McManus put him out with the hidden ball trick. The Tiger coach at third was none other than player-manager Ty Cobb. The double embarrassment was alleviated somewhat when the Tigers won, 4-1.

## SABR SURVEY: Baseball's Greatest Moments

This past summer, MasterCard International conducted a survey at major league ballparks to determine "Baseball's Greatest Moment." That honor went to Hank Aaron's 715th home run. The results were not greeted warmly by many baseball followers since Aaron's achievement, historic as it was, was not dramatic; at that point in his career it was inevitable. Many of the voters were not the historical-minded fans who make up SABR. Irv Moullem is conducting a poll of SABR members to get their opinions as to what they consider to be "Baseball's Greatest Moment."

The survey will be broken down into two categories. For each category list your top three choices with a brief statement on why you opted for your Number One selection. The first category is Baseball's Greatest Moment — the game or event that is unequalled in drama and impact. The second category is Baseball's Greatest Achievement — the mark that you consider is the best individual performance based over a season or career.

Please send all responses to Moullem at 82-24 135th St., #2D, Kew Gardens, NY 11435. Deadline for entries is May 31, 1990. Results will be published in a future Bulletin.

On July 22, 1928, pitcher Red Faber of the White Sox came up to bat in the eighth inning with two runners on base and the game with the Yankees tied 4-4. He swung twice righthanded against Wilcy Moore and missed. He then swung from the left side and scored the winning runs with a single to center.

On July 24, 1901, batter Jesse Tannehill of Pittsburgh hit a long drive to center field. Sam Leever was coaching at first base and seeing that the ball was going for extra bases and that there was no coach at third, dashed across the diamond to flag Tannehill down at third. Umpire Hank O'Day did not penalize Tannehill, but ordered Leever to the bench.

Walter Johnson gave up three hits but still pitched to only 27 batters in a complete game victory over the Browns on Sept. 14, 1921. He gave up scratch hits to Tobin and Ellerbe in the fourth. George Sisler then drove a liner to Bush at short, who threw to Harris at second who threw to Judge at first for a triple play. Tobin got another scratch hit in the seventh, but Johnson picked him off first. He did not walk a batter in the 1-0 victory.

Pro football teams are sometimes charged with having too many players on the field. There was at least one time when the Chicago Cubs did not have *enough* players on the field. On Aug. 13, 1919, Max Flack of the Cubs was hit by a pitch thrown by Jeff Pfeffer of the Dodgers. He held his bruised hand but went to first and shortly scored a run. When the Cubs took the field in the bottom of the third, no one noticed that Flack was not in right field. Only after Chuck Ward of the Dodgers flied out to center was it apparent that the Cubs had only eight men on the field. Flack had gone to the clubhouse to have his hand treated. Lee Magee was rushed in to play right field and Ward was instructed to return to the plate. He again flied out.

## Women in Baseball Committee Established

A new committee has been established to research the role of women in baseball. The committee will be chaired by Sharon Roepke. The committee will research such topics as the All American Girls Professional Baseball League (1943-1954), the history of the 19th and early 20th century girl's barnstorming teams, and the roles women played as organized baseball officials and team owners. Anyone wishing to join the committee should contact Roepke at P.O. Box 3332, Kalamazoo, MI 49003.

# Baseball Bookshelf

**Bill Curran** will have a new book scheduled for release in April. "Big Sticks: The Batting Revolution of the Twenties" will be published by William Morrow.

**Murray Browne** is offering the 1989 game scores for major league starting pitchers. His pamphlet includes run support figures, innings pitched per start data, and offbeat commentary. Send \$2 to Murray Browne, 236 Schilling St., West Lafayette, IN 47906. The price includes postage.

**Bill Mead** has a fascinating new book on the shelves: "Two Spectacular Seasons: 1930 — The Year the Hitters Ran Wild; 1968 — The Year the Pitchers Took Revenge." Published by Macmillan, the book offers a unique comparative history that recreates the excitement of these two memorable years.

**Bob Wood**, co-author of "The 1989 Baseball Abstract" has produced a new publication for 1990, "1990 Baseball Woodview." The book includes eight Sabermetric essays, a player section with rankings and commentaries, as well as every 1989 regular's offensive and defensive wins and

his 1990 season prospects. Available for \$5.95 plus \$2 postage, write to Bob at 2101 California St., Suite 224, Mountain View, CA 94040.

**John Thorn** and Baseball Ink will release eight titles this spring. These include the paperback version of "The Babe: A Life in Pictures" (\$17.95, Ticknor and Fields) by **Larry Ritter** and **Mark Rucker**; "The Whole Baseball Catalogue" (\$17.95, Simon & Schuster) edited by Thorn and **Bob Carroll**; "The 1990 Baseball Annual" (\$12.95, Warner Books) by **Eliot Cohen**, Thorn and **Pete Palmer**; and "Total Baseball 1990 Update" (\$14.95, Warner Books) edited by Thorn and Palmer. Also being issued are four juvenile books: "The Official Baseball Hall of Fame Story of Mickey Mantle" (Little Simon, \$2.95) by **Lonnie Wheeler**; "The Official Baseball Hall of Fame Story of Jackie Robinson" (Little Simon, \$2.95) by **Mark Alvarez**; "The Second Official Baseball Hall of Fame Book of Superstars" (Little Simon, \$4.95) by **Jim Kaplan** and **Dick Perez**; and the "Official Baseball Hall of Fame Sticker Book of Records" (Little Simon, \$7.95) by Carroll and **Jim Trusilo**.

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# News of Note

**John Thom** has produced an excellent paper on the ins and outs of self publishing a baseball book. To obtain a copy, contact the SABR executive office.

The Jan. 20 New York City regional meeting attracted 159 baseball fans at the Penta Hotel, site of the 1991 SABR national convention. Highlights of the meeting included special guest speaker **Roger Angell**, author of four classic baseball books. Four members of the 1962 New York Mets also attended: Clem Labine, Craig Anderson and Bob G. and Bob L. Miller. The three research presentations were: "Career Shutout Against the Mets" by **Robert Ruiz**, "Another View of Ty Cobb" by **Stan Kaplan**, and "Joe Morgan — Greater Than People Think" by **Stan Slater**. The winner of the annual New York City trivia quiz was **Al Blumkin**, who won for the third time in seven years.

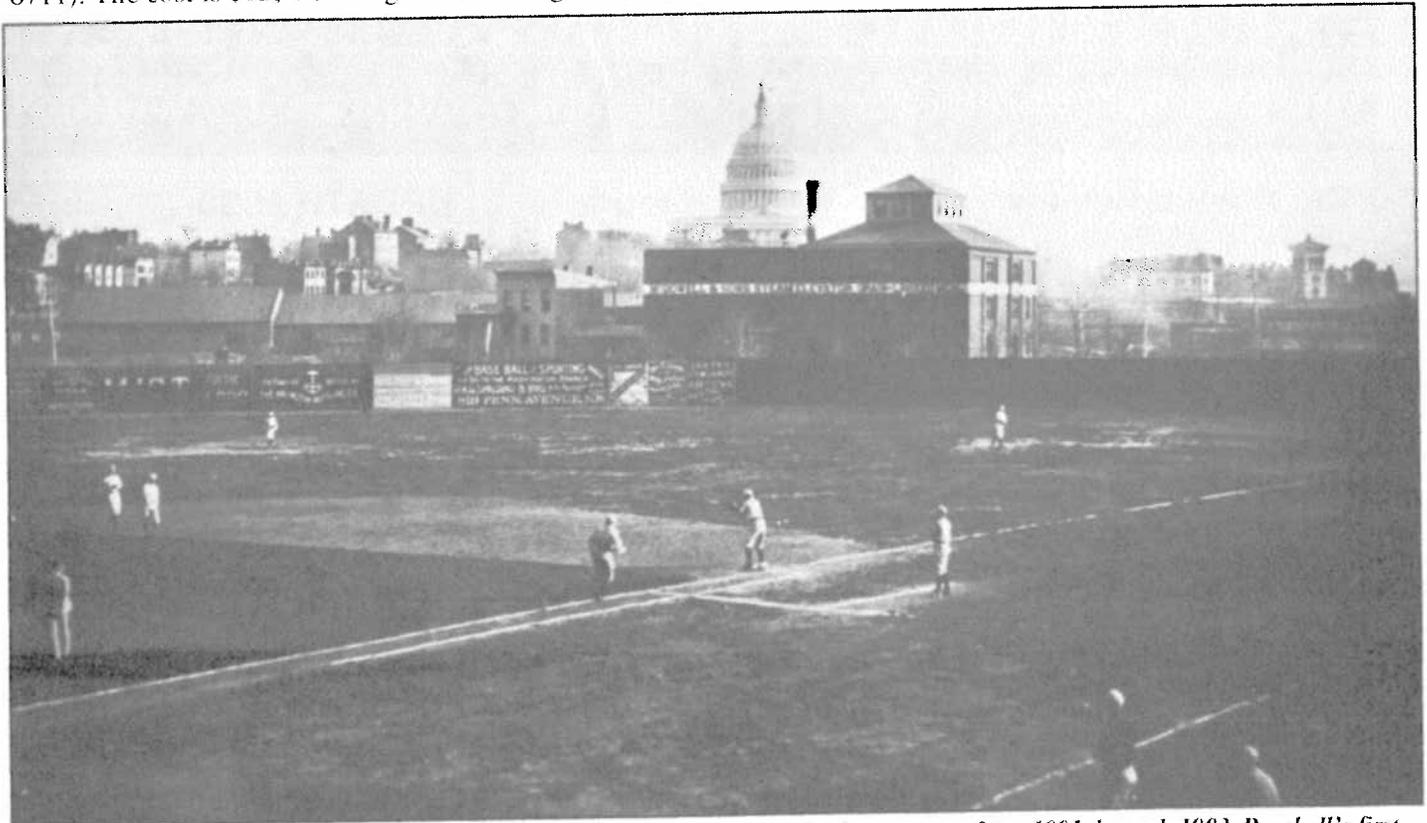
Publications Director **Paul Adomites** asks that anyone who has left messages on his answering machine and who have not heard back from him to please call again. His answering machine has occasionally been taking messages and refusing to give them back. He apologizes to anyone who hasn't received a return call.

There will be a Philadelphia Regional Meeting on Saturday May 12 from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. at Riveredge Inn & Hotel, Route 183, Greenfields, Reading, PA (215-376-6711). The cost is \$12, including lunch. To register or to

arrange to make a research presentation, contact Joe McGillen, 2838 Woodbridge Road, Philadelphia, PA 19114 (215-698-0476). Please call the hotel to make room reservations (special rates are available for \$42.35/single and \$52.95/double). Tickets also are available for the Reading vs. New Britain EL game that evening.

**Jim Kaplan** is seeking articles for the 1990 Baseball Research Journal, of which he is again serving as editor. Anyone with article ideas is urged to send a query outlining the article, to Jim at 125 Warner St., Northampton, MA 01062.

The Jack Graney Chapter held a winter regional meeting in Cleveland on Jan. 21 with 63 members and guests in attendance. The meeting was highlighted with a player panel featuring Bob Cain and Jack DiLauro. Presentations included "Baseball With a Latin Beat" by **Peter Bjarkman**; **Paul Bauer** on buying and grading baseball books; **Bill McMahon** on the all-time greatest Cleveland Indian outfielders; **Bruce Dudley** on the 1949 Cleveland Indians; **Gary Spiedel** on new baseball statistics; **Jack Little's** old-timer's view of 19th century baseball; and **Jack Carlson's** comparison of "Green Cathedrals" and "Ballparks of North America." Chapter president **Morris Eckhouse** showed a video presentation on Bob Feller and the Feller statute project and discussed plans for the SABR XX convention. McMahon won the trivia contest.



*A game in progress at the old American League Park in Washington, DC, which was in use from 1901 through 1903. Baseball's first public address announcer, E. Lawrence Phillips, gave the lineups by megaphone here in 1902. The wooden stadium was located on Florida Avenue NE and what is today 13th Street. (Photo credit — Columbia Historical Society; Courtesy Mark Rucker)*

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## Board Report *February 23-25, 1990*

The SABR Executive Board met in Alexandria, VA, on February 23-25. The highlights of the meeting are as follows:

1. Established the Cox Award. (see page 4 for details)
2. Provided for first class mailing of the June 1990 **Bulletin** ensuring timely delivery of election ballots. (Carle opposed)
3. Denied severance pay to former executive director Lloyd Johnson due to previous attempt to negotiate smooth transition and no severance provision in his employment contract.
4. Asked the Publications Committee to monitor the production of the membership directory. Due to previous production problems, the next directory is to be produced in the first half of 1990.
5. Appointed Secretary Levin to reactivate the Research exchange and Research Papers collection.
6. Adopted the extensive report and recommendations of the Publications Committee, including a detailed job description and contract for the Publications Director, letter of agreement for editors, guidelines for the Publications Committee and publications policies to solve the current publications production problems and ensure timely delivery of SABR publications.
7. Accepted Publications Director Paul Adomites' recommendation not to publish the 1990 issue of *The National Pastime* due to production difficulties in order to bring publications back on schedule, to increase the budgets of other publications and to avoid a possible deficit in the Society budget.
8. Directed that any project, program, publication or other activity that involves the expenditure of SABR funds or requires a change in the budget must be approved by the Board or the Treasurer acting for the Board.
9. Created Board-approved honorary memberships. Denied any other waiving of dues.
10. Accepted offer of Project Scoresheet for future updates of the Home Run Log.
11. Established a new Research Committee: Women in Baseball, chaired by Sharon Roepke, P.O. Box 3675, Flint, MI 48502, 313-239-9608.
12. Reviewed current insurance status and approved up to \$2,500 for officers and directors liability insurance. (McAfee and Carle opposed)
13. Provided for Bylaws Revision Questionnaire to be sent to members. (see enclosure)
14. Directed the secretary to obtain information and interpretation of Illinois state law to which SABR is subject.
15. Had preliminary discussions with Mathews Printing, Pittsburgh, PA, regarding maintenance of SABR's membership files. Appointed Puff to review final proposal.
16. Accepted the resignation of Norbert Kraich as executive director effective March 21, 1990; appointed Morris Eckhouse interim executive director; began active investigation of a permanent solution to SABR's executive and administrative problems. (see March **Bulletin** for further details.)
17. Adjusted the 1990 budget to reflect Board actions. The revised budget projects \$255,600 in income and \$252,905 in expenses leaving a surplus of \$2,695.
18. President Topp appointed Vice President Gabriel to chair a committee to direct the recruitment and selection of the next permanent executive director and also determine the most appropriate structure and description for the office of Executive Director. (Subsequently, President Topp added Frank Phelps, King of Prussia, PA, and Norman Macht, Greenville, DE, to that committee.)

All motions passed unanimously except where noted. Gagnon was absent from meeting.

There were no executive sessions held.

The next scheduled meeting of the Board is at 1 p.m. Thursday, July 26 in Cleveland prior to the convention. Those interested in being placed on the agenda to address the Board should contact President Topp with a written proposal. Those interested in obtaining a copy of the

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# News of Note

On Monday, March 5, the New York City Chapter and SABR lost one of its most devoted members, **Stan Kaplan**. Stan lived in Dover, NJ, with his son, Jeffrey. He graduated from New York University and then worked for International Paper for 25 years. Stan was a softball umpire for five years. He loved baseball and had attended every New York City regional meeting since 1985. He loved the national conventions and always looked forward to them. At the last NYC regional meeting, Stan gave us an in depth look into the private life of Ty Cobb. The day before his death he and 20 other SABR members had attended a baseball play, "Mr. Rickey Calls a Meeting," about Jackie Robinson and the breaking of the color barrier. Stan was to be an important part in the planning of the 1991 National Convention in New York. He will be missed by all his baseball friends.

Although there are only about 4,000 active baseball players in Germany, the country will have its first baseball magazine during 1990. *DAS DEUTSCHE BASEBALL MAGAZIN* will publish three issues during the year. Anyone wishing subscription information or further details about the publication, please contact Jan Kirchner, Kieler Strasse 100, 2000 Hamburg 50, West Germany.

**Mike Sowell** has received the 1989 CASEY Award for his book *The Pitch That Killed*. The CASEY Award is presented annually by Spitball Magazine to honor the year's best baseball book. *The Pitch That Killed*, published by Macmillan, is a fascinating history of Carl Mays, Ray Chapman and the 1920 American League pennant race.

## Research Needs

**Martin Kohout** is working on a book-length biography of Hal Chase and would appreciate hearing from anyone with any information about the first baseman. Kohout is especially interested in Chase's life before and after his major league career (1905-1919). Please contact Martin at 6308 30th St. NW, Washington, DC 20015.

**Norman Macht** is seeking any stories regarding Connie Mack and his attempts to sign black players in 1929 only to be stopped by Commissioner Kenesaw Mountain Landis. Any information can be forwarded to Norman at 8 Squirrel Run, Greenville, DE 19807.

**Stew Thornley** is currently working on a biography of Halsey Hall, the longtime sportswriter and announcer in Minneapolis. He would appreciate hearing from SABR members with any colorful stories or anecdotes about Hall. Any information can be sent to Stew at 982 15th Ave. SE, Minneapolis, MN 55414.

There will be a Southern New England regional meeting on Saturday, May 5 from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. at St. Rita's Church, Warwick, RI. The guest speaker will be Leo Labossiere, chief New England scout for the Baltimore Orioles. The Pawtucket Red Sox will play the Columbus Clippers that night. For further details, please contact **Len Levin** at 401-351-3278 (days) or 401-277-7313 (evenings).

Because game reports by the national wire services and coverage by **The Sporting News** are increasingly brief, general and restricted mainly to player performances, the Umpire and Rules Committee would like to establish a network of correspondents in each Major League city willing to clip for the committee local accounts of incidents involving umpires — rhubarbs, ejections, rules interpretations, unusual calls, etc. Anyone interested in performing this invaluable service should contact **Larry Gerlach**, chairman, Umpire and Rules Committee, 950 N. Bonneville Drive, Salt Lake City, UT 84103.

"Current Baseball Publications" vol. 4, no. 5 by **Rich Arpi** covering more than 350 books published during 1989 is available from **Frank Phelps**, 253 Bernard Drive, King of Prussia, PA 19406-1756, for a SASE with 45 cents postage.

Fifty-four members and guests attended the sixth annual Hot Stove League meeting in St. Louis on Jan. 21. **Gene Karst**, baseball's and the Cardinal's first public relations director treated the audience to reminiscences about the great and near-greats he met in his more than 30 years in the game. Lee Landers, general manager of the Springfield Redbirds, told everyone to believe what they saw in the movie "Bull Durham" and detailed life in the low minors in addition to exploring the Cardinals' 1990 prospects. Newly elected officers of the Bob Broeg Chapter include: **Harry Brunt**, president; **Irv Fischer**, vice president; **John Schoon**, secretary; and **Fred Heger**, treasurer. Board members include **Bill Borst**, **Chuck Enzwiller**, **Rick Salamon**, **Mark Stangl** and **Mary Wurtz**.

**Len Levin** has taken charge of the Society's Research Exchange and Research Papers collections. Anyone wishing more information about the specific papers in this collection should write Len at 282 Doyle Ave., Providence, RI 02906.

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# Baseball Bookshelf

**Peter Bjarkman** is the editor of *Baseball & The Game of Life*, published by Birch Brook Press. The fine print hardcover contains 15 hard-hitting stories by Coover, Kinsella, Neugeboren, Nemecek, Roth, Stafford and more. Bjarkman also wrote an introduction for the book. The book can be obtained by sending \$40 plus \$2 shipping to Birch Brook Press, Box 293, Otisville, NY 10963.

*Redbirds Revisited* by **David Craft** has recently been released by Bonus Books, Chicago. The book profiles two dozen former St. Louis Cardinals, including Marty Marion, Curt Flood, Leo Durocher, Lou Brock, Mark Littell and Red Schoendienst, in addition to Hall of Fame announcer Jack Buck. There also is an introduction by Warner Fusselle.

**John Holway** has added yet another book about the Negro Leagues to his lineup. **Black Diamonds: Life in the Negro Leagues From the Men Who Lived It** has been published by Meckler Books, Westport, CT. Included in the book are stories about Jake Stephens, Willie Powell, George Giles, Buck O'Neil, Willard Brown, Max Manning, Dave Barnhill, Verdell Mathis, Johnny Davis and Wilmer Fields.

On The Mark publications offers two new books for sale. The first *Baseball's Greatest Total Hitters* is by OTM's own **Mark Van Overloop** and sells for \$9.95. The second, *The Ol' Ballgame*, sells for \$14.95. A special offer to SABR members is for free postage and handling. Anyone ordering both books is entitled to free postage and handling plus \$1 off the total price. Send orders to On The Mark, c/o Mark Van Overloop, Box 133, Washingtonville, NY 10992.

SABR member **John Benson** has published *Rotisserie*®

*Baseball Analyst 1990*. The book provides complete player evaluations, 1990 forecast stats, scouting reports on more than 1,000 players, and strategies and tactics. The book is available from Devyn Press, 151 Thierman Lane, Louisville, KY 40207 for \$17.95 plus \$3 postage and handling.

**Mike Gimbel** has written *Mike Gimbel's Baseball Player and Team Ratings 1990*. The book rates every major league player active in 1989 who had 10 or more at bats and 25 or more innings pitched. To order, send \$10.95 to Boerum Street Press, 131 Boerum St., Brooklyn, NY 11206.

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A new award will be handed out at SABR XX. The Cox Award will be given in honor of **John Cox** of Carrollton, TX. Cox died in April 1989 and a fund was established by "The Friends of John Cox" in his honor.



*John Cox*

The award includes a cash honorarium of \$250 and will be presented to the person who makes the most outstanding research presentation during SABR XX. An award committee

headed by **Bob Ruland** of Southfield, MI, will serve as judges for the selection of the award recipient. The award committee is currently drafting selection guidelines, which will be available to all research presenters before the convention.

This award will be given for the next three years.

"John's intimate knowledge of the game encompassed more than half a century," his friends stated in establishing the award. "He delighted in its minutia. He revelled in the feats and foibles of its legends. He delighted in telling and retelling stories about its amusing, odd, or exemplary moments to the younger generation."

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All SABR members should have received their registration forms for the SABR annual convention, scheduled for July 27-29 in Cleveland. If anyone has not received it, please contact **Fred Schuld** at 216-467-5238.

The May **Bulletin** will contain further details about Convention XX.

## SABR Microfilm Library Ready to Fill Your Request

The SABR Microfilm Lending Library is operating smoothly these days since **Mark Alvarez** took over as acting librarian Aug. 1. Since that time he's sent out more than 100 reels of **Sporting Life**, **The Sporting News** and the Spalding Collection to 57 different members. **Sporting Life** from 1890 to 1920 has been receiving the most calls.

"I thought the best part of this job would be having personal access to all this film," Mark said. "In fact, I haven't had a chance to use it even once. Instead, the great pleasure of acting as librarian lies in being in the perfect position to learn what weird and wonderful projects so many SABR members are working on."

The library, however, is missing two reels of film: **The Sporting News #20** (Jan. 6, 1921-Oct. 5, 1922) and **Spalding #2** (The Henry Chadwick Scrapbooks, Vols. 7-8 and 10-16). It's likely that these two reels are sitting on some SABR member's shelf. Mark asks that all past and present borrowers glance at their shelves to make sure that

they aren't innocently harboring a fugitive from the library. And if you spot a renegade reel, but you're too embarrassed to fess up after all this time, just stuff it in a padded envelope and pop it anonymously in the mail to SABR Microfilm Library, P.O. Box 736, Woodbury, CT 06798. No fine will be assessed.

For further information about the Microfilm Lending Library, please contact Mark.

## A Note from the SABR Executive Director

While attending the Feb. 23-25 SABR Board meeting to give a report on preparations for SABR XX, I was disappointed to learn of Norbert Kraich's resignation as Executive Director. My objective in offering to bring SABR's day-to-day operations to Cleveland is to stabilize these operations to give the Board sufficient time to make the critical decisions necessary to provide members with the best services possible in the long term. SABR has been an important element of local sports in Cleveland. Also, having SABR XX in Cleveland means I am already doing a great deal of SABR-related work. I believe these factors and others make Cleveland a suitable interim home for the SABR offices. I welcome any questions, comments or suggestions that members might have regarding my appointment.

**NOTE:** The new mailing address for the Society's offices is P.O. Box 93183, Cleveland, OH 44101 and the new SABR telephone number is 216-575-0500. The Society's new offices will be located in the Colonial Arcade, Suite 210, 530 Euclid Ave., Cleveland, OH 44115. All mail must be sent to the Society's post office box.

*Morris Eckhouse*

## Board Meeting

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agenda should send a SASE to the SABR office. For complete minutes of the above meeting and copies of the reports, send an SASE to secretary Len Levin, 282 Doyle Ave., Providence, RI 02906.

**NOTE:** The September 1989 **Bulletin** carried the Board report from the July Board meeting. The Monday meeting, item 4 stated that "the Board express it's extreme displeasure that a donor's check to SABR was not deposited or acknowledged for two months and that the Board was not appraised of the situation." It was subsequently learned that the check was acknowledged upon receipt.

# The Bulletin

NEWSLETTER OF THE SOCIETY FOR AMERICAN BASEBALL RESEARCH  
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## HARDER, SHUBA, EISENSTAT, HERSHBERGER TO GRACE PLAYER PANEL AT SABR XX

A quartet of former big league players spanning the years 1928 to 1971 will be on hand to remember old times and answer questions on Friday night, July 27, during SABR XX, the 1990 SABR National Convention in Cleveland. MEL HARDER pitched in more games than any hurler in Cleveland and Indians history, winning 223 times during 582 appearances from 1928 to 1947. Harder also coached such legends as Bob Feller, Early Wynn, Bob Lemon, Hal Newhouser, Herb Score and many others while serving as a pitching coach with the Indians, Mets, Cubs and Reds from 1948 to 1968. His 0.00 ERA in All-Star Game competition is a record for players with more than 10 innings pitched in the mid-summer classic. As an active player, Harder never reached the World Series, but GEORGE "SHOTGUN" SHUBA was there three times as a member of the Dodgers from 1948 to 1955. In the seventh game of the 1955 Series, George was a pinch-hitter for second baseman Don Zimmer in the sixth inning. In the bottom of the sixth, left fielder Jim Gilliam moved to second with Sandy Amoros taking left. Amoros proceeded to make his famous, game saving catch of

Yogi Berra's drive to left as Brooklyn finally captured a World title. While Bob Feller took the headlines on October 2, 1938 with a then record 18 strikeouts against the Tigers, HARRY EISENSTAT won the game. Harry then came to Cleveland in the 1939 Earl Averill trade and was a teammate of Harder's on the infamous Cleveland "Crybabies" team of 1940. The Brooklyn born lefthander won 25 games with the Dodgers, Tigers and Indians from 1935 to 1942. MIKE HERSHBERGER is currently the youngster of the panel. Mike broke in with the 1961 White Sox and spent another ten productive seasons with Chicago, the Kansas City/Oakland A's and the Milwaukee Brewers. A stellar defensive player, Mike led AL outfielders with 17 assists in 1967.

Further developments concerning SABR XX will be announced in the June Bulletin. A reminder, preregistration (a \$5 savings) for SABR XX ends on June 26. If you need further information about the convention, write to, or call, the SABR office. If you have not already, make plans now to attend the SABR event of the year.

### SABR XX Presentations: you'll wish you were twins!

Our national convention – July 27 - 29 in Cleveland – promises you 22 – count'em 22 – hours of baseball inspiration and ideas, research and rumination.

More than 50 SABR members will make presentations at three sessions: Friday afternoon, Saturday morning and afternoon.

Presentation chairman Jack Carlson received so many un-bashful requests that he and his committee have scheduled two "tracks." Two separate rooms. The dual line-up (given to you at check-in) will force agonizing decisions and agile footwork. Fortunately, the two rooms are side by side.

Lack of space and a sense of fairness forbid specific details. Be assured you'll discover that others share your enthusiasm for a particular baseball interest.

It's fun, too, to recognize favorite presenters – SABRites who, like an accomplished actor, deliver the goods in any role.

Topics range from Indians' lore to statistical analysis to ball

parks to "How to be a professor of baseball" (led by a panel who have achieved this heroic rank).

Added incentives for speakers and listeners: a \$250 award for the best presentation, given in honor of SABRite John Cox.

**Attention, presenters and panelists:** Please meet Friday, July 27, at 10:45 a.m. in Sheraton City Center's East Ballroom to discuss ground rules. It's important! Thanks!

### MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

As the new editor of the SABR Bulletin, my goal is to make the publication as informative and entertaining as possible. The Bulletin is an essential link between the society and the membership. As such, you should find news about the society's activities as well as other items in keeping with the objectives of SABR. As always, your help is encouraged. Let us know about SABR members in the news, upcoming events, and other information you would like to see in the Bulletin. Two new features, a letters to the editor section and a flashback section, debut this month. Send your comments to Editor, The SABR Bulletin, P.O. Box 93183, Cleveland, Ohio 44101

## BOOKSHELF

The 1990 Left Field Baseball Extravaganza is a publication which involves the efforts of many SABR members including publisher Elliot Regenstein. It is available for \$12.00, including shipping, from Left Field, 301 Muriel Street, Ithica, New York. The book features reviews of all 26 teams as well as a tribute to Left Field at Exhibition Stadium and the third annual Hubie awards.

The University of Illinois Press has published SABR member Steven A. Riess' City Games: The Evolution of American Urban Society and the Rise of Sports. This book examines how the development of cities and urban life have shaped the course of baseball and other American sports. A 20% discount off the regular price (\$29.95) is available to SABR members for one month. Contact University of Illinois Press, c/o CUP Services, P.O. Box 6525, Ithica, New York 14851 or call 1-800-666-2211.

Cleveland Indians fans will be especially interested in Indians Ink, the new, official club newspaper published by SABR member Frank Derry. A subscription (16 issues) is \$14.95 for one year or \$27.95 for two years. Order from Jet Media, P.O. Box 1847, Stow, Ohio 44224.

The 1990 Baseball Sabermetric carries on in the tradition of The Baseball Abstract with team by team and position by position analysis and special features. It can be ordered for \$15.95 from Mad Aztec Press, 1215 Willow View Drive, Kirkwood, Missouri 63122.

Magic By The Bay by John Shea and John Hickey is a comprehensive look at the seasons of the Giants and Athletics in 1989. The 285 page, illustrated paperback features forewords by Roger Craig and Tony LaRussa, a day-by-day log for both teams, plus complete lists of Kevin Mitchell's 1989 home runs, Ricky Henderson's stolen bases and Brett Butler's bunt hits. SABR members are offered a 10% discount off the regular \$12.95 purchase price. please add \$2.00 for postage. Order from Magic By The Bay, P.O. Box 6333, San Rafael, California 94903. Make checks payable to Magic By The Bay.

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### ON DECK

*Returns from the SABR Survey (January Bulletin), Candidate statements for 1990 SABR elections ... coming in The SABR Bulletin for June.*

The 1991 National Baseball Hall of Fame Calendar will include monthly features on Ted Williams, Lou Gehrig, Cy Young, Hank Aaron, Abner Doubleday and more. The calendar, officially authorized by the Hall of Fame, normally sells for \$14.95 (plus shipping and handling), but SABR members receive a \$2.00 discount and \$1.00 from each SABR order will be rebated to the Society. Order from Light Language Press, 352 Sixth Street, San Francisco, California 94103; 415-863-7838.

Herm Krabbenhoft of Baseball Quarterly Review reports that the Spring-1990 issue of BQR is available. Articles include Collecting Home Runs - The Birthday Bashers; What Else Have Stolen Base Leaders Done; and Approaching Thirty Wins In A Season. Contact Herm at P.O. Box 9343, Schenectady, New York 12309 for more information. The subscription price for the four issues of BQR, Volume 5 is \$20.00.

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Red Barber notes that White's book "is an entertaining ... account of the Negro players who wanted to play baseball badly enough to struggle against discrimination, poor pay, no schedules, no leagues, changing rules..." John Thorn writes of *Sphere and Ash* "the author tosses in tidbits which for his contemporaries may have been mere trifles, but for modern readers are pure gold."

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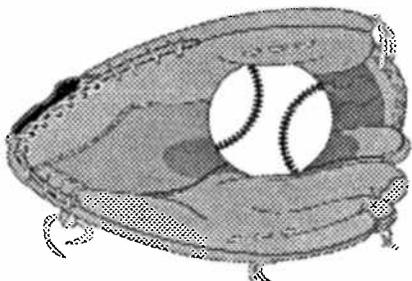
## TSB FLASHBACK

From the SABR Bulletin,  
Volume 10, Number 2, April 1980:

THE ELECTION OF CHUCK KLEIN AND TOM YAWKEY to the Hall of Fame last month must have been satisfying to many SABR members. They were the ranking vote getters among people not yet in the Hall, based on SABR surveys in 1971 and 1974. A total of 51 former players, managers, umpires and executives, including nine from the old Negro Leagues, received votes in the recent Veterans Committee balloting. Finishing next to Klein and Yawkey in the voting (in alphabetical order) were Walter Alston, Jimmy Dykes, Charlie Grimm, Johnny Mize, Vic Willis and Glenn Wright. Others who received votes were Babe Adams, John T. Brush, Happy Chandler, Bill Dahlen, Ray Dandridge, Jake Daubert, Barney Dreyfuss, Wes Ferrell, Fred Fitzsimmons, Lew Fonseca, Rube Foster, Heinie Groh, Babe Herman, William Hulbert, Travis Jackson, Joe Judge, Tony Lazzeri, Sam Leever, Duffy Lewis, Biz Mackey, Marty Marion, Carl Mays, Bill McGowan, Stuffy McInnis, Hank O'Day, Lefty O'Doul, Walter O'Malley, Beans Reardon, Dick Redding, Allie Reynolds, Louis Santop, Bob Shawkey, Urban Shocker, Hilton Smith, Harry Stovey, Turkey Stearnes, Fred Tenney, Smokey Joe Williams, and Jimmy Wilson. That's quite a list. Hmmm, don't see Leo Durocher's name there. Must be too controversial.

From the SABR Bulletin  
Volume 10, Number 3, June 1980:

IN HIS 4TH ANNUAL BASEBALL ABSTRACT, author Bill James gives the name "Sabrmetrics" to his mathematical and statistical analysis of baseball records - the first part to honor the Society and the second part to indicate measurement.



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## Bookshelf (continued from page 2)

SABR member Bruce Dudley has produced Distant Drums: The 1949 Cleveland Indians Revisited, a detailed narrative highlighting the Tribe's 1949 season. Features interviews and profile sketches of the 1949 Indians and their baseball careers along with vintage player photographs. \$8.95 postpaid. Write Bruce Dudley, 14804 London Lane, Bowie, Maryland 20715

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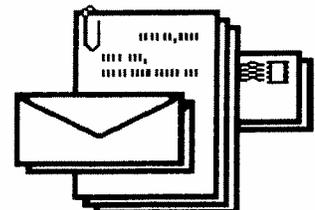
This book puts the myriad of stats in their proper context. It shows how to compare stats from Fenway with stats from Shea Stadium and how to compare stats from year to year even while run scoring is varying in the Majors from year to year. No better proof of the value of this method is the remarkable discovery about Howard Johnson's 1988 season. In 1987 HoJo joined the 30-30 club with his 36 homers, 32 stolen bases while hitting a solid .265. In 1988 he dropped to a .230 batting average with only 24 homers and 23 stolen bases. The Mets tried to deal him after the season. Everyone thought he had an awful year -- probably including HoJo himself. This book reveals that *HoJo's 1988 performance was actually better than his 1987 performance* -- setting the stage for even more improvement in 1989! You'll have to read the essay in the book to find out why. It is an essay utilized to show how illusions are created by superficial statistics and how these illusions can be eliminated.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

According to the title of one of Denny McLain's autobiographies, Nobody's Perfect. As such, and because one of the goals of SABR is to "establish an accurate historical account of baseball" we appreciate members that take the time to point out the few and far, far between errors in SABR publications. We are glad to acknowledge/correct such errors in this space. We are also happy to publish any letters of praise for SABR members and/or publications, as well as general comments and information that we feel are of great interest to the members (keep in mind space limitations will force us to limit the numbers of letters published). Please address information for this space to: Letters to the Editor, SABR, P.O. Box 93183, Cleveland, Ohio 44101.

From John Thom, "Let me use this opportunity to recommend something I believe is sorely needed in SABR. Because nearly all the membership has its communications with the organization only through receiving the publications, a decidedly one-way communication, I believe some forum should be created to allow members to write opinions, complaints, corrections, suggestions, wishes, etc. I have seen wonderful articles in the publications that deserve a 'nice going' to the author. But unless I write directly to the person who wrote it, I have no way of saying 'great job' and sharing that kudo with the rest of SABR who may have felt the same way. Also, I have seen articles in which a mistake was made (we're all subject to making them), and a correction is called for . . . especially since we are a research body. Such a correction should be shared with the whole of SABR. Letters from the membership should be encouraged. They can be printed (in edit form if necessary) in the bulletin or they can be printed in a special section of the next BRJ or TNP or? I hope this makes sense to you and that you can formalize the idea for consideration by the ruling body of the group. In any event, I wish you and SABR well. Its a marvelous society."

From Bill Whitting, "I was wondering if any plans are made to update "This Date in Baseball History," last printed in 1982? If so, a correction must be made. Under May 9, 1916 is a listing for A's pitcher Bruno Haas' 16 walks vs. the Detroit Tigers. This is wrong. On that day the Tigers and A's played a game in which 30 walks were made in a 16-2 Detroit win. But Haas' 16 walk game was played on June 23, 1915." (Editor's note: There are no current plans to update This Date in Baseball History.)

Stephen Coe writes, "On page 57 (of The National Pastime-The Big Bang Era) you state that Ernie Lombardi 'is the only catcher to ever win a batting crown.' George "King" Kelly won two batting titles in the 1880's (1884 and 1886). He was a catcher. Eugene "Bubbles" Hargreave won a batting title

in 1926. He was a catcher. If researchers can err on such obvious facts, how can we readers trust them on less than obvious ones?"

Mark Okkonen writes, "I felt compelled to take exception to the identification of the Washington, DC ballpark in the (March) Bulletin – definitely not the 1901-03 park (no photo exists of this park to my knowledge). The photo is actually an earlier site at North Capitol and Massachusetts Avenue (Probably early 1890s or 1880s – Phil Lowry's book can verify). Such errors are tolerable anywhere but in a SABR publication – tsk! tsk!

From Bob Miller, "The quality of the publications I have received so far is fantastic. I have been impressed with information, photos and research presented in "The SABR Review of Books", and "The Federal League of 1914-15" which I have received so far. Also, I cannot remember receiving two more useful and extremely interesting publications for the low price of \$15.00 as Minor League Stars Vol. 1 and Nineteenth Century Stars. With the high cost of books these days, including paperbacks, these two items were great bargains for the money. Thanks to SABR and the authors for making them available."

Tom Dunker writes, "In the March, 1990 SABR Bulletin it was reported that Jimmy Foxx hit 12 balls against the right field screen in Sportsman Park in St. Louis in 1932. The screen had been erected in 1930 and it has been claimed that without the screen Foxx would have surpassed Ruth's single home run record. I think we should receive this claim with a good deal of skepticism for the following reasons: 1. If the screen made that much difference in Foxx's home run production, then it should have made a very noticeable difference in the home run production of all the league's hitters. But according to TOTAL BASEBALL, these are the total home runs hit by all American Leaguers in St. Louis: 1927-99, 1928-115, 1929-80, 1930-107, 1931-90, 1932-103. So we can see that 294 home runs were hit in the three years before the screen was erected and 300 home runs were hit in the three years after. Certainly it is hard to imagine that Foxx was the only hitter to be affected by the erection of the screen. 2. If Foxx hit twelve balls into the screen, what happened to them? Certainly a speedy runner like Foxx, at age 24, would have gotten at least a double out of a drive into the screen, but Foxx in 1932 had only 12 doubles and 5 triples in all road games. Surely no one is going to imagine that Foxx hit only five extra base hits in all other road games, are they? I wasn't around in 1932 so I can't speak from personal knowledge, but until someone explains these difficulties, we should all maintain a certain skepticism.

## RESEARCH AND COMMITTEES

Dr. Brent Skeeter reminds members that his articles on "The Climatically Optimal Major League Baseball Season" and "Winds and the Baseball Stadium: General Wind Characteristics in Major League Baseball Stadiums" are still available for a 45 cent SASE. Contact Dr. Skeeter by writing to 505 Hayward Avenue, Fruitland, Maryland 21826.

Jay Hammeran is looking for a play-by-play account (or recording) of the seventh game of the 1955 World Series. If you can help, contact Jay by writing to 1179 Acadia Place, Ventura, California 93003.

David Kemp needs any information regarding litigation preventing girls from playing little league baseball (or baseball at any age). If you have knowledge of any such information, write to Dave at 716 West Fifth Street, Sioux Falls, North Dakota 57104.

Jerry Wright is seeking information about Henry V. Lucas, the organizer and President of the 1884 Union Association League. Contact Jerry at R.D. #2, 6 Bells Lane, Tyrone, Pennsylvania 16686

In 1896, six years after the birth of Winters, Texas, Rogers Hornsby was born in this West Texas town. In celebration of Winters' centennial this year, plans are being made for a special exhibit honoring Hornsby. Any one who would be willing to lend materials which would be of interest for the exhibit, or who knows where such materials might be procured, is asked to contact Reverend Steve Byrne, 1010 West Parsonage, Winters, Texas 79567 or call 915-754-4704. Contributions will be appreciated and gratefully acknowledged.

The Biographical Research Committee is looking for volunteers to help track down missing ballplayers. Help is especially needed in Louisville, Cincinnati, Philadelphia, Baltimore and Birmingham, Alabama. Anyone interested should contact Bill Carle, 8220 East 135th Street, Grandview, Missouri 64030.

David Vincent announces that he will send a copy of this year's Switch Hitter Report (47 pages) to any SABR member who sends him \$2.00 to cover copying and mailing costs. Write to David at 3161 Harvard Street, Woodbridge, Virginia 22192.

Effective April 19, 1990, SABR President Richard Topp has replaced Gary Skoog with Jim Johnston as chairman of the Computerization Committee. Mr. Johnston has obtained signatures of more than half of the committee members to warrant this change. President Topp has asked Johnston to restructure the guidelines of the committee into a service to other research committees.

The new guidelines will be as follows...a) To establish computer standards for text and numerical data; b) To aid and assist other research committees to catalog, enter and store data; c) To establish a computer library, with indexes, for SABR membership use at nominal cost; d) To take over the key-in of data from the Tattersall Home Run Log and future projects. Jim Johnston can be contacted at 3212 Stones Throw Lane, #3, Durham, North Carolina 27713; 919-361-5851.

WANTED: Volunteer Indexers for Comprehensive Database of Baseball Literature...Ted Hathaway of the Bibliography Committee is proposing the creation of a bibliographic database of book and

periodical baseball literature. The database will be both in online (computerized) and paper formats. Members with both computer and paper indexing experience are encouraged to participate. Presentation will be made at the SABR XX convention in Cleveland this summer and copies of the proposal will be available. If you are interested in participating, want more information, or would like a copy of the proposal, please write to Ted Hathaway, 5645 Fremont Avenue, South Minneapolis, Minnesota 55419.

Please send a SASE for the proposal.

## PUBLICATIONS REPORT

The long awaited Cooperstown Corner: Columns by Lee Allen will be mailed May 15. This 192-page book is the biggest SABR publication ever and the first to have an index.

The largest-ever SABR Review of Books has all articles in, ready for editing, and will be mailed in June. The Baseball Research Journal has a June 1 deadline for materials. The National Pastime, Number 10, is currently in paste-up.

Next year's first quarter publication will be the work of the Negro Leagues Committee, an assemblage of data and info about Black Baseball not seen before.

-- Paul Adomites, Publications Director

## BASEBALL TRAVELS

If you plan to be near Mishawaka, Indiana between now and July 31 consider stopping at the Hannah Lindahl Children's Museum. Experience the national pastime of baseball with a Japanese twist as the museum presents: "Rites of Spring - A History of Japanese and American Baseball". Featured in the exhibit are uniforms and equipment used by professional baseball teams in Japan; a collection of photographs of local, prominent baseball personalities including Stanley Coveleski and Fred Fitzsimmons along with turn-of-the-century baseball equipment, scorecards and baseball cards. The Museum is open Tuesday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and on the first and second Saturday of each month from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Summer hours during June and July are Tuesday through Friday from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Free admission. For more information, call 219-258-3056.

(Ed. Note: if you know of special events coming up in your area that might interest SABR members on the go, write to Editor, The SABR Bulletin, P.O. Box 93183, Cleveland, OH 44101.)

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# PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE SABR CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

Submitted by John Holway

(By-Laws)

Article 3 - Officers and Functions

H. Eligibility (delete "for election")

delete:

**Reason:** There is no potential harm to the Society if a salaried officer wishes to give up his salaried position to run in a democratic election for an unpaid position on the board. The members should not arbitrarily be deprived of an opportunity to elect any member.

add:

Officers and directors of SABR shall be ineligible for a paid position in SABR at any time within one year of completion of their term of office, unless approved by a majority of votes cast via mail-ballot in which no less than 100 valid ballots are returned.

(Constitution)

Article V - Officers and Committees

delete:

F. In the event of the death, incapacitation or resignation of a director other than during the final year of his term, a successor shall be elected at the annual meeting.

add:

F. Removal of officers and directors and the filling of vacancies shall be stated in the by-laws.

(By-Laws)

Article 3 - Officers and Functions

add:

I. Vacancies

1. If a vacancy occurs on the executive board for any reason other than a recall by a majority vote at the Annual Business Meeting, the vacancy shall be filled by two-thirds vote of the remaining members of the board until the next election, at which time the members shall elect a replacement for the unexpired term. If a vacancy is created by a majority vote of recall at the Annual Business Meeting, the vacancy shall be filled by a majority vote at the Annual Meeting until the next election, at which time the members shall elect a replace-

ment for the unexpired term. The replacement officers and/or directors may serve a successive term.

add:

J. Removal of Officers

1. An officer or director for reasons of cause (such as medical incapacity or gross improprieties) may be judged by the Executive Board unsuitable for service to the Society. The Executive Board by unanimous vote (excluding the officer in dispute, who shall not cast a vote) may remove an elected officer or director from service. Officers and directors also may be removed by a **majority** vote of the Membership at the Annual Business Meeting. The Board shall notify the officer or director in questions 30 days prior to the meeting and shall provide for a reasonable opportunity for defense. The vacancy created by the removal of an officer or director shall be filled according to section 3.I.1. of the by-laws.

Submitted by Marge Daniels

(By-Laws)

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add:

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(Constitution)

Article VIII - Amendments

delete:

This constitution may be amended by the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the votes counted at the annual meeting, provided that any proposed amendment must be submitted to the members in writing at least one month prior to the date of the annual meeting.

(By-Laws)

Article 2

delete:

The by-laws may be amended by the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the votes counted at the annual meeting.

(Constitution)

add:

Article VIII -0 Amendments

The Constitution and By-Laws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members voting by a 30-day mail ballot. Amendments may be proposed by the executive board on its own initiative, or on petition of any 25 members addressed to the board. All such proposed amendments shall be presented by the board to the membership, with or without recommendation, at the time of election of officers and directors. Total Constitution/Bylaws Revision may be presented in a special mailing. At least 100 valid ballots must be returned to constitute a valid action

## CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENT

"Baseball and the American Culture," June 6, 7 and 8, 1990, Cooperstown, N.Y., sponsored by the State University of New York college at Oneonta. Keynote Addresses by David Q. Voigt and Harold Seymour. 24 papers from disciplines as diverse as art, economics, history, sociology, psychology, philosophy, literature on the place of baseball in the past, present and future development of American culture. Pre-conference workshop at the National Baseball Library of the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum (June 6). All sessions to be held at the Otesaga Hotel on the shores of Lake Otesago. For registration materials and additional information, write "Baseball, Office of Continuing Education, SUNY-Oneonta, Oneonta, NY 13820.

## REGIONALS

Cleveland, Ohio...The Jack Graney Chapter of SABR held its Spring regional meeting April 17 at Cleveland State University. Presentations were made by **Dick Derby** on the 1910 Indiana-Michigan League; **Mike Sparrow** on Hall of Fame voting in the 1980s; **Gary Speidel** comparing the careers of Carl Yastrzemski, Harmon Killebrew and Al Kaline; **Bob Blackstock's** statistical evaluation of Cleveland Indians' shortstops; **Bill McMahon's** statistical look at Tribe catchers; and **Jim Holl** on Cy Young's 1890 season in Canton. **George Zeller** led a discussion about the proposed baseball stadium project in Cleveland and **Greg Crouse** led a discussion about new baseball books. Plans for the upcoming SABR XX national convention in Cleveland were also discussed. McMahon won the trivia contest (again!).

Ann Arbor, Michigan...The Fred T. Smith Chapter of SABR will hold a regional meeting on June 2nd at Domino's Farms in Ann Arbor. Guest speaker will be **Dr. Peter Levine**, editor of Baseball History. SABR President **Richard Topp** and Vice President **Ron Gabriel** are also planning to attend. The meeting begins at 11:30 a.m. The \$13.00 admission price, per person, includes lunch and a tour of the Tigers Hall of Fame. Contact **Bob Ruland** at 313-540-9101 for more information.

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### STOCKTON, TEAM OF THE 1980s and 1990s, TOO?

Will the minor league's best team of the 1980s be able to extend that success into the 90s? If the Stockton Ports' first three series of 1990 are any indication, the answer is a resounding "Yes!". Stockton won its first eight games of the season and boasted a 10-1 record after 11 games to lead the Northern Division of the California League by six games.

Last winter, Stockton GM Dan Chapman did some extensive research into the won and lost records of all the National Association teams during the 1980s. By a wide margin, the Ports won more games during the decade than any other full-season club in the United States and Canada.

Stockton's ten-year record was 824 wins, 585 losses for a .585 percentage. Greensboro of the South Atlantic League was second with 785 victories, followed by Albuquerque (Pacific Coast League) with 775; Columbus (International), 771; Fort Lauderdale (Florida State), 769; Lynchburg (Carolina), 763; and Denver (American Association), 761.

Visalia ranked eighth nationally with a 758-654-.537 record. Both the Ports and the Oaks have had the same major league affiliations throughout the decade: Stockton with Milwaukee and Visalia with Minnesota. The statistics for Stockton and Visalia should come as no surprise to California League followers. Stockton has led the league in overall season wins for the last three years, 94 each in 1987-88 and 89 in 1989. The Ports have made the post-season playoffs the past five seasons and eight times in the last ten years, winning the league championships in 1980 and 1986.

Visalia has won the Southern Division crown five times since 1980, but has never captured the league title. Sometime during the 1990 season, most likely in the first half, Stockton will reach 3,000 California League wins. In their 40 years in the league, through 1989 they had 2,957 wins and 2,642 losses for a .528 percentage, the best record for any team in the league for ten years or more. The only other clubs with more wins have been Fresno, with 3,217 in 45 years and Modesto, with 3,017 in 43 seasons. (From the California League Newsletter, April 16, 1990)

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## "SUDDEN" SAM McDOWELL KEYNOTE SPEAKER AT SABR XX

As a pitcher, he ranked with Sandy Koufax as the premier strikeout artist of the 1960s. But, off the field, alcoholism tainted his ability to throw a fastball and win baseball games. "Sudden" Sam McDowell did not take his place among baseball's all-time great hurlers. His pitching career was over at age 33, an age when many hurlers are reaching their prime. Worse, McDowell lost his house, his wife, his family, everything. Today, the Pittsburgh native is striking out at his greatest opponent, alcohol and drug abuse. McDowell will talk about his new career as the keynote speaker during the banquet at SABR XX, Saturday, July 28 at the Sheraton City Center in Cleveland.

McDowell is now a Certified Addiction Counselor-Masters Level and a para-sports psychologist. He is the director of employee assistance programs for the Toronto Blue Jays, Texas Rangers and Major League Baseball Players Alumni Association. With the alumni, McDowell has worked with 156 individuals over the past 16 months. Of these, he says 40% are sufferers of drug and/or alcohol dependency. The other 60% are affected by what McDowell calls "when the cheering stops," the inability to cope with life after professional baseball.

A six-foot, five-inch lefthander, McDowell left major league baseball following the 1975 season having worked for the Cleveland Indians (1961-71), San Francisco Giants (1972-73), New York Yankees (1973-74) and Pittsburgh Pirates (1975). His 141 victories included 20 in 1970 and 15 or more wins four times. He was the American League strikeout leader five times from 1965 to 1970 (excluding 1967) with 325 Ks in 1965 and 304 in 1970. Only Koufax and Nolan Ryan have had more 300 strikeout seasons than McDowell. Sam also led the AL with a 2.18 ERA in 1965 and posted a 1.81 ERA in 1968, ranking second only to teammate Luis Tiant. He ranks among the all-time Tribe leaders in ERA, shutouts, games pitched, innings pitched and strikeouts. Only Bob Feller struck out more batters for the Indians than McDowell.

During the past ten years, McDowell has become the nation's foremost expert on alcohol and drug abuse among athletes and in the related field of sports psychology. He works with all on and off field employees of the Blue Jays and Rangers, including farm club personnel. MLBPA makes his services available to any former major league players. He also works

with other major league baseball teams on a case by case basis and has counseled teams in the National Football League, National Basketball Association and National Hockey League as well as individual professional golfers and boxers.

Sam McDowell's keynote speech at SABR XX promises to be one of the highlights of this, and past, SABR conventions.

**REMINDER:** June 26th is the deadline for SABR XX pre-registration. Afterward, registration will cost an extra five dollars per person. Tickets for the banquet, Indians-Yankees game and other SABR XX activities remain available on a first come, first served basis. Call the SABR office for more information.

## BYLAWS REVISION

As of May 22, there were 716 responses to the questionnaire from the April Bulletin. The respondents agreed with the proposals 72-91%. Many provided additional comments. This all has been very helpful. We thank all who participated

The Bylaws Workshop has been scheduled for Saturday, July 28, 5:45-7:00PM prior to the Convention Banquet. More discussion and details will take place at that time. This will be the last opportunity for input. We hope you can attend.

### SABR MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

Recent transitions in the SABR office and changes in SABR's computerized data-base have resulted in a lengthy delay in the production of a new membership directory. With administration and computerization now under control, the new membership directory, dated 1990, should reach members in late July/early August. As always, SABR members and merchants are encouraged to advertise in the Directory, a book referred to again and again by SABR members. Advertising rates are:

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| Inside Cover..... | \$400 | Third Page..... | \$150  |
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The deadline for advertising is July 1. Advertising copy is due July 10. For more information, contact Directory editor Harold DeJinger at 816-241-2482, or call the SABR office.

# CANDIDATES FOR 1990 SABR ELECTION:



**STEVE BENNETT**

**Position:** Director

**Statement:** SABR is a baseball research organization. The Board of Directors should be doing everything possible to promote research by the membership and to publish the results of that research. As a Director I would seek a

higher public profile for SABR in order to attract more members. This would help us reduce operating expenses per member and allow us to invest more money in research and publication.

The SABR Board should be pursuing research grants and endowments. We should do more to publicize and encourage the works of both our research committees and our regional groups, for these are our greatest assets.

I'm an active member of the Ballparks, Bio, and Negro Leagues Committees. I helped finance and encourage the Ballparks Committee's publishing of *City Baseball Magic*, Philip Bess' landmark work on building new old-style neighborhood ballparks.

I welcome the opportunity to serve SABR.



**HERMAN KRABBENHOFT**

**Position:** Director

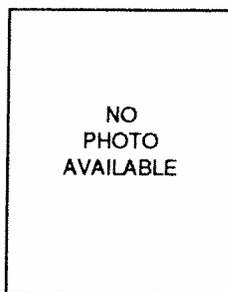
**Occupation:** Research Chemist. Publisher-Editor, *Baseball Quarterly Reviews*.

**SABR Experience:** Served on the organizing committee for the 1989 SABR Convention.

**Statement:** Despite promises by recent Executive Boards and Publication Directors, there remains the serious issue of invariably failing to publish — on schedule — SABR's principal *research* publications. Moreover, the Board recently voted *unanimously* to accept the Publication Director's recommendation to *not publish TNP* in 1990; yet they extended his contract — at the same \$18,000 salary. This is exorbitant remuneration for *three* 1990 publications.

Clearly, these actions are not in the best interests of SABR's rank and file, upon whom a 50% increase in dues was imposed in 1988. Furthermore, these actions are not congruent with the Society's *baseball research objectives*.

I continue to be very enthusiastic about the Society and strongly motivated to accomplish its objectives. As a Director, I will strive relentlessly to: (1) restore *TNP* to the 1990 roster of publications; (2) establish procedures to ensure that all SABR research publications are published punctually; (3) achieve much more responsible use of membership dues.



**JEFF GREENSPAN**

**Position:** Director

**Occupation:** Attorney

**Statement:** My qualifications include 15 years as a practicing attorney, knowledge and experience in dealing with parliamentary law and procedure, expertise as a business manager for numerous entertainers, and my lifelong interest in baseball, statistics and experience over the last year in dealing with certain SABR internal management issues.

I have represented several non-profit charitable foundations in my law practice and have knowledge of the legal environment within which SABR must operate. I have served as parliamentarian for a number of these groups. I also served as unofficial parliamentarian for the group of SABR members who expressed concerns over SABR's direction through resolutions proposed at the 1989 annual meeting.

My election would help eliminate the need to spend limited SABR funds on outside legal counsel or parliamentarian. My management background would help in managing the limited SABR budget. The services I offer are precisely those which the Board needs.



**NORMAN MACHT**

**Position:** Director

**Occupation:** Freelance writer, finance and management teacher

**SABR Experience:** Chairman, Oral History Committee

**Statement:** As an outspoken advocate of an orderly change in SABR's leadership at the Albany convention, I cheered the results of last year's election. Now it is time to continue that effort to restore harmony and singleness of purpose to the board. This is my goal.

But harmony is not unanimity. A board member is merely a representative of the membership, not a ruler. Board members should be clear voices of reason at board meetings, and all ears between meetings.

I believe SABR's mission is research - the discovery, preservation and interpretation of all aspects of baseball - and the publication and widespread distribution of the results of that activity. Every dollar we spend should be measured by its contribution to the fulfillment of that mission.

I am chairman of the Oral History Committee and a member of the president's Committee on the office of the Executive Director.

**DIRECTOR**

Steve Bennett Jeff Greenspan Herm Krabbenhoft  
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Mark Rucker

**TREASURER**

Marge Daniels  
Allen Pfenninger  
Bob Ruland

**SECRETARY**

Mark Kanter  
Claudia Perry



**SKIP McAFEE**

**Position:** Director

**Statement:** My 24 years of executive, financial, and publishing experience as a staff member for three professional scientific societies, plus my service on the SABR Board, give me unique approaches toward solving our administrative problems. SABR is more than a social club: it is a small business with a \$250,000 budget. The Board needs professional management expertise to assure fiscal stability, informed decision-making, and financial accountability by those using SABR monies. But we must not forget that love of baseball is what brings us together: we need to encourage those activities envisioned by Bob Davids when he founded SABR. Therefore, if elected Director, my efforts will be to find financial and administrative support for the various SABR Committees (who perform the real work of the Society) and the Regional Groups (who represent the grass roots). Also, I will continue to argue for full disclosure of Board actions in the *SABR Bulletin*.



**JOE NAIMAN**

**Position:** Director

**Statement:** I would like to be placed in consideration by the SABR nominating committee for the position of Director. I have been a SABR member since 1980 (finding out about SABR in the act of research), and am the secretary-treasurer of the San Diego region. I've attended regional meetings in Los Angeles, Chicago, San Diego, and Milwaukee and I've also sat in on SABR Board Meetings, so I have an inkling of the behind-the-scenes mechanics of SABR.



**MARK RUCKER**

**Position:** Director

**Statement:** My work as picture editor for The National Pastime, 19th Century Stars, and other SABR publications has brought a wealth of knowledge, many close friends, and new careers. But recent events have shaken the Society to its roots. We have seen vast amounts of money wasted through political manipulation. Ego battles overshadow SABR's true purpose. Consequently, publications have suffered in quantity and quality. Plus, efficiency at every level has been crippled. The reality is that SABR must be run like a serious business.

This is a turning point. We can either place dedicated, fiscally responsible, unselfish members on the board, determined to work for future success, or continue floundering as SABR shrivels to the size of a club. We need a permanent office, and we need direction from our leaders to prepare us for a prosperous 21st Century. It's in our hands, and this is my offer to help.



**MARK KANTER** ✓

**Position:** Secretary

**Statement:** The SABR secretary takes complete and accurate minutes of board and annual meetings and distributes them promptly. This requires knowledge about baseball, SABR, management procedures, and experience in organizing and presenting information.

Since joining SABR, I have attended all national meetings, and most of the Rhode Island, New York, Philadelphia, and Boston regionals. I also organized the first London, England and Sydney, Australia SABR regionals. I have made presentations at regionals and SABR national conventions.

I have attended four spring trainings. I am currently a participant in Rotisserie and play-by-mail Strat-O-Matic leagues. I was a member of the 1985 Southern New England Baseball Trivia championship team and on the 2nd place team at the SABR XIX.

I am a human factors specialist for the Navy, holding an M.S. in industrial engineering and a B.A. in psychology and have been a chairman of a local religious organization.

## CANDIDATES FOR 1990 ELECTION (Continued)



### CLAUDIA PERRY

**Position:** Secretary

**Statement:** I've been a journalist for 13 years, 10 of those for pay. I now work for the Houston Post as its pop music critic. Since joining SABR in 1987, I have come to find my association with the society as intoxicating as spring training.

Through my Negro League committee membership, became a volunteer caseworker for the Baseball Assistance Team, an organization which helps baseball people in need. I am also an inactive member of the Latin American Committee.

SABR members have a right to know what the board they elect is doing with their money and its time. It's the secretary's job to convey that information to the membership and to bring members' concerns to the board.

I love baseball and its unpredictable grace. Rather than sit back and let SABR falter as it grows, I want to help make a difference.



### BOB RULAND

**Position:** Treasurer

**Occupation:** Retired Insurance Executive

**SABR Experience:** Co-founder and president - Detroit Regional Chapter of SABR

**Statement:** I will fight for: Encouragement, financial support for regional chapters; Expansion of publication activities, research projects; Intensification of effective membership recruitment programs; Development of improved relationships with baseball, media; Establishment of permanent quality headquarters in Cooperstown.

I will fight against: Squandering of financial resources through irrational decisions, wasteful mismanagement; Perpetuation of the malignant elitist climate which brought our Society to the brink of disaster one year ago; Autocratic abuses of power by those entrusted with preserving a noble heritage; Indifference to the wishes of a vast majority of dues-paying members; Attempts to conduct affairs amid an atmosphere cloaked in secrecy and reinforced by sanitized minutes and indistinct financial statements.

I am thoroughly grounded, academically and vocationally, in broad areas of corporate finance, accounting, economics, budgeting, analytical forecasting, statistical evaluation, communications.

I offer unlimited time, boundless energy and a fervent desire to serve my colleagues..."today's keepers of the baseball flame."



### ALLEN PFENNINGER

**Position:** Treasurer

**Occupation:** Director of Public Relations, Guest Advertising, Cleveland, OH

**SABR Experience:** Treasurer, Jack Graney Chapter of SABR (Northeast Ohio); treasurer, SABR XX,

**Statement:** I believe that the treasurer must not only help manage the funds of the society but offer support to the Board and Executive Director as well. I will work closely with both. I will see to it that the finances of the Society are handled in a timely manner, and that budgets are both realistic and adhered to as closely as possible.

As one with an advertising background, I also have many ideas regarding the large inventory of publications the Society currently has. We must find ways of reducing this inventory and turning it into a financial plus for the Society.

I am a baseball fan first and an administrator second. The treasurer's position is one in which my talents as an administrator will enhance my joy of baseball and my regard for SABR. I will serve all members of the Society in a professional manner.



### MARGE DANIELS ✓

**Position:** Treasurer

**Occupation:** R.N. (non-active); previous bookkeeper (3 years)

**Other Activities:** Treasurer of Condo Association (\$150,000 budget)

**SABR Experience:** Member since 1981; Co-Organizer, seven Regional Meetings; 1986 Convention; SABR Director (1986-1990); Chairman, Long Range Planning Committee; Co-Chair, By-Laws Revision Committee.

**Statement:** Although there are no specific duties for a SABR Director, I have been an active participant, serving on administrative committees and assisting the Officers. I have served as a representative for all SABR Members and have strived for fairness and business-like procedures. I have the knowledge and experience regarding SABR's administrative problems. I have assisted the Treasurer and Audit Chairman in the tracking of SABR's finances. My plan for the position of Treasurer includes three-year budgeting; decreasing the professional accountant's fee through improved, accurate, timely accounting methods; decreasing the excessive inventory; and, increasing the cash reserves to more than 25% of the operating budget. I have enjoyed my work for SABR, and I have the time and energy to give more to the Society I love.

## COMMITTEES

From the SABR Bibliography committee: SABR Research Guide No. 12: LEAVES FROM A FAN'S SCRAPBOOK in The Sporting News, a Checklist, by Bill Hugo, is now available for a SASE with 45¢ postage affixed from Frank Phelps, 253 Bernard Drive, King of Prussia, PA 19406-1756.

SABR Oral Histories Committee chairman Norman Macht has a new address effective June 1. Correspondence to Norman should be directed to 3 Graham Court, Newark, Delaware 19711.

The SABR Computerization Committee Newsletter, Spring 1990, is available from the SABR office for a 25¢ SASE.

## RESEARCH NEEDS

SABR member William Fischer is interested in studying the experience of displaced sports fans in America. To this end, he would like to survey anyone who has had to move away from the team he/she grew up supporting. Anyone interested in taking the survey should contact Fischer at 619 S. Summit, Bowling Green, Ohio 43402 or call 419/352-3553.

James Mote is interested in hearing from readers with additions to his book, Everything Baseball. Anyone with information on baseball-related movies, TV and radio shows, novels, poems, theatrical plays, paintings, sculptures, songs and recordings is encouraged to contact Jim at P.O. Box 1137, Glastonbury, CT 06033.

The Babe Ruth Birthplace and Baltimore Orioles Museum is in need of Spalding (or Reach) Guides for the years 1903-1953, inclusive: the period of the International League Orioles. Will anyone who can help fill the gap please get in touch with Museum Director Mike Gibbons, 216 Emory Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21230; 301/727-1539.

George Stone is researching the career of minor leaguer Leo "Muscles" Shoals. He is trying to locate individuals who played with, or against, Shoals. Contact George at 4792 Island Road, Bristol, TN 37620.

The Oral History Committee is looking for a few good people who are interested in enjoying a great experience interviewing old-timers at the Equitable game in your city. Our committee's numbers do not match our enthusiasm, nor are we represented in every city. We need help. What generally happens is this: the players arrive at a hotel the day before the game. You can get a list of the players expected from the home team P.R. director a few weeks in advance. You can pick up a media kit at the Equitable hospitality room. There is a press conference in the afternoon, which many players do not attend, but you might be able to tape an hour's interview after it. You can also make appointments for interviews the next day. That night there is an Equitable dinner which we do not go near. The next morning there is an informal breakfast at which you can introduce yourself to players, get autographs and set up times for taping interviews. (The players you choose to interview are up to you, but we hope you will concentrate on the older ones first.) Try to plan for one-hour interviews. If your game is at night, you will have until mid-afternoon for interviews. You can ride to the park in the Equitable vans or bus. Short interviews of 5 to 10 minutes can be done in the clubhouse and on the field pre-game. If your game is a day game, you'll have less time for taping.

If this sounds like something you'd enjoy doing, write or call me for more details, and a copy of the letter to use to get the proper credentials from your local team.

— Norman Macht, Chairman.

## UPCOMING Equitable Old-Timers Games

|                           |                         |
|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| June 16 — Pittsburgh      | June 17 — ChiSox        |
| June 23 — Atlanta         | June 23 — Texas         |
| June 30 — Kansas City     | July 1 — Los Angeles    |
| July 9 — ChiCubs          | July 14 — N.Y. Yankees  |
| July 15 — California      | July 21 — N.Y. Mets     |
| July 22 — Cincinnati      | July 28 — Cleveland     |
| July 28 — San Diego       | August 4 — Philadelphia |
| August 12 — Toronto       | August 12 — Seattle     |
| August 18 — Minnesota     | August 19 — Detroit     |
| August 26 — San Francisco | August 26 — Montreal    |

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Please refer to reverse side for Voting and Mailing Instructions

## REGIONALS

Los Angeles, California...The Allan Roth Chapter of SABR met on April 14 at the Amateur Athletic Foundation Library with forty members and guests. **Dick Beverage** was reelected President as were **Cappy Gagnon**, Vice President, and **Ed Goldstein**, Secretary. Presentations were made by George Schiffler: The Pythagorean Theory as it relates to the San Francisco Giants; Nick Loiocano: Most Valuable Pitchers of All Time; **Allan Roth**: The Dodgers' Inability to Score in 1989; **Rick Obrand**: Los Angeles High Schools and Their Contributions to the Major Leagues. **Joe Slap** entertained the group with the names of major leaguers that, spelled backwards, are the name of another major leaguer, Beverage gave an overview of new baseball books, and Gagnon had the high score on a tough trivia quiz.

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania...Sixty-two people attended the Philadelphia area regional meeting at the Riveredge Inn in Reading on Saturday, May 12. Former major leaguers Whitey Kurowski and Joe "Socks" Holden; ex-Negro Leaguer Gene Benson; erstwhile minor leaguer Em Jones and Reading Phillies' manager Don McCormack, himself a former Phillies catcher, were on hand. George Washington Case III, son of the former Washington Senator speedster, showed his

father's home movies of AL parks and players (1939-46) and spoke about being the son of a famous ballplayer. Presentations were also made by **Peter DeCoursey**: Defensive Average: Who were 1988 and 1989's best defenders; **Frank Phelps**: Books on the Babe; **Clem Comly**: Major League Pinch-hitters; **George Kochanowicz**: Phillies' Myths: Past & Present; **Mark Kanter**: No Problem with expansion; **Ed "Dutch" Doyle**: Connie Mack; **Richard Gaughran**: Revising Kinsella: Darryl Brock's "If I Never Get Back"; **Joe Dittmar**: Baseball's Benchmark Boxscores; and **Norman Macht**: Errors in Baseball Books.

Warwick, Rhode Island...60 people attended the semi-annual Southern New England regional at St. Rita's Church on May 5. Principal speakers were Leo Labossiere, chief New England scout of the Orioles, and Lou Lucier, pitcher for the Red Sox and Phillies, 1943-45. **Tom Zocco** won the trivia contest. Presentations included **Fr. Gerry Beirne**: last outs of World Series; **Jim Tackach**: notable baseball books; and **Steve Krevisky**: Richie Ashburn's fielding statistics.

(Ed note: If you would like more information about regionals in your area, or if you would like to help stage a regional meeting, contact the SABR office.)

## NEWS & NOTES

SABR member Jim Skipper's new book "A History of Sports in North Carolina" has been published by the Historical Publications Section of the N.C. Division of Archives and History...members Lawrence Hogan, Rob Ruck, Robert Peterson, Dick Clark, John Steadman, Jules Tygiel and John Holway participated in a conference on Negro League Baseball April 27 and 28 in Baltimore...Ohio Baseball Hall of Fame is staging a lecture series at the Hall in Maumee, Ohio. On June 14, former NL Rookie of the Year Sam Jethroe is scheduled to speak. SABR member John Husman will also make a presentation on the 1953 Toledo Sox. On July 12,

Ohio Baseball Hall of Famer Gene Woodling will be featured. Both events begin at 7 PM. The 1990 Hall of Fame inductions are August 23 at 6:30 PM. Contact Kathleen Gardner at 419/893-9481 for more information...Heritage Plantation of Sandwich (MA) offers Baseball; The Great American Pastime as one of its special programs this summer from May 13 to October 14. The show includes toys and games, advertising pieces, team photographs, paintings, lithographs and prints, statues and trophies, tracing the development of the game. Call 508/888-3300 for more details.

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### VOTING INSTRUCTIONS FOR 1990 SABR ELECTIONS (Please Read Carefully)

1. Vote for one, and only one, candidate for each position listed.
2. **Only votes submitted on the Official SABR Election Ballot will be counted (reproductions are not acceptable).**
3. Ballots must be placed in an envelope and voter **must sign envelope**. (Only members who have paid 1990 dues at the time of election can vote).
4. Ballots must be received by midnight, July 10, 1990. (SABR cannot be responsible for any ballots not received as indicated).
5. Ballots must be sent to Teller's Committee, c/o SABR, P.O. Box 93183, Cleveland, OH 44101
6. Make sure to affix proper postage when mailing your ballot.

Thank you for voting.

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## SABR XX IS HERE

When SABR last held its annual convention in Ohio, the year was 1977, the site was Columbus, and the attendance was 74. The society returns to the Buckeye state July 27-29 for SABR XX, the 1990 SABR National Convention. At press time, over 400 registrants had made plans to attend the weekend event, the fourth time in five years registration has topped the 400 mark. Fifty-one presentations are scheduled in a double-tracked format including panel discussions on statistical analysis, ballparks, Negro Leagues literature, baseball history courses, and several presentations about various aspects of baseball in Cleveland. Special features of SABR XX include tours of Cleveland Stadium, home of the Indi-

ans, a behind-the-fence lunch at the ballpark, and a trip to the Indians-Yankees game on July 29. Traditional elements of a SABR convention and part of the SABR XX schedule include a player panel—featuring former major leaguers Mel Harder, Harry Eisenstat, Mike Hershberger and George “Shotgun” Shuba—the annual banquet, featuring keynote speaker “Sudden” Sam McDowell—the annual business meeting, committee meetings and the trivia contest. The pre-registration deadline is passed, but members that have not registered are encouraged to attend the SABR event of the year. Registration at the convention is \$35.00 for members, \$40.00 for non-members.

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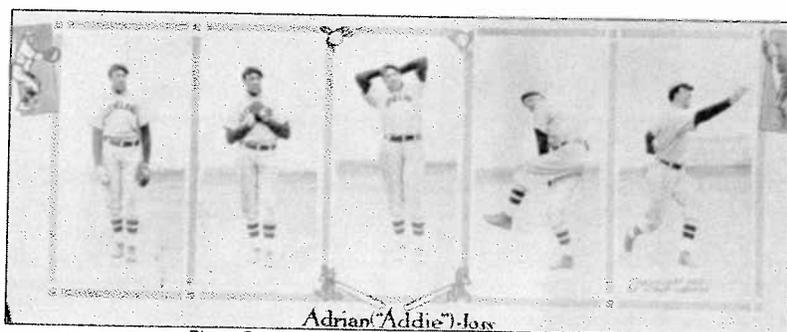
## SABR XX PUBLICATIONS

Registrants for SABR XX will receive two publications specially produced for the event. **Baseball in Cleveland** is a collection of articles by SABR members about various aspects of the game on Ohio’s north coast. Article topics include Cleveland ballparks, the 1960 Rocky Colavito for Harvey Kuenn trade, the 1959 Cleveland Indians, the 1908 American League pennant race, the Charles Mears Collection at Cleveland Public Library and more. **League Park**, originally published by author Pete Jedick in 1978, is a history of one of baseball’s early palaces, reprinted with the permission of the author. Limited copies of both publications will be available for sale from the SABR office if you cannot attend SABR XX.

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## SABR XX WALKING TOUR

While in Cleveland, you might want to stretch your legs and visit a couple of landmarks, baseball and otherwise. The current SABR office, at the Colonial Arcade, Suite 210, 530 Euclid Avenue, is directly south of Sheraton Cleveland City Centre, the hotel for SABR XX. Between the hotel and the office is Cleveland Public Library, home of the Charles Mears Collection and one of the best baseball research collections in the country. As a special treat, a display of baseball related items is in progress on the library’s third floor. The elements of the display relate to SABR’s various research committees. The Mears collection is located in Social Sciences on the West side of the second floor. The library is located at 325 Superior Avenue. Directly south of the library is The Arcade, one of Cleveland’s best known landmarks, celebrating its 100th anniversary this summer. Known for its skylight, distinctive shops and old-time atmosphere, The Arcade connects Superior Avenue with Euclid Avenue. The Colonial Arcade and SABR office are just south-east of The Arcade. The office will be open Thursday and Friday of convention week from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.



Adrian "Addie" Ross

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## CORRECTIONS AND CLARIFICATIONS

In The SABR Bulletin for June (Vol. 20, No. 6), the News & Notes section mistakenly credited Jim Skipper as author of A History of Sports in North Carolina. Jim Sumner is author of the book, published by the Historical Publications Section of the N.C. Division of Archives and History. Our apologies to Jim Sumner and congratulations on his publication.

In The SABR Bulletin for April (Vol. 20, No. 4), the Bookshelf section mistakenly credited David Craft as the sole author of Redbirds Revisited. Tom Owens was the co-author of the Bonus Books publication and should have been so mentioned. We regret the mistake.

The address listed for David Vincent in The SABR Bulletin for May (Vol. 20, No. 5) to order his Switch Hitter Report was outdated. Contact David at 2942 Marsala Court, Woodbridge, VA 22192.

## BOOKSHELF

The Centennial Edition of Dodgers Blue Book is now available from Holmes Publishing Company, P.O. Box 11 (1321 Avenue D), Gothenburg, NE 69139 308/537-3335. The 13th annual edition of the Blue Book contains special articles from each of the ten Dodgers decades.

The Canton Terriers: The Middle Atlantic League Years by SABR member James P. Holl is available from Daring Books, P.O. Box 20050-70, Canton, OH 44701 800/445-6321. The book includes season statistics, newspaper game and box score accounts, and interviews with former players, officials and fans.

The Eastern Shore Baseball League by SABR member William W. Mowbray is a history of the league (1922-27, 37-41, 46-49) with more than 130 biographies of Eastern Shore players who reached the major leagues. Order from Mowbray at 709 Roslyn Avenue, Cambridge, MD 21613 or call Tidewater Publishers at 800/638-7641.

The Silver Season: 25 Years of Braves Baseball in Atlanta is a 64 page, illustrated book with over 30 pages of full color photographs published by SABR member Tuck Tucker's SportsPrint. Contact The Silver Season, 226 Luckie Street, NW, Atlanta, GA 30303 or call SportsPrint at 404/525-6845 for ordering information.

## PUBLICATIONS REPORT

**The SABR Review of Books, Volume V:**  
Being mailed in July

**The Baseball Research Journal #19:**  
The 1990 BRJ is in the fact checking stage.  
BRJ-19 should be mailed in October.

**The National Pastime #10:**  
The National Pastime scheduled for 1989 is in its final production stages. TNP-10 should be mailed in August.

## The SABR Bulletin

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Morris Eckhouse-Editor

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## RESULTS OF THE OPINION POLL

A few months ago an opinion poll was inserted in the SABR Bulletin. Questions were submitted to the membership and the response was heavy. I received 906 replies, that translates to 15.5% of the total membership body. Most polls, on the average, net about 2 to 3%.

The questions selected were from suggestions received from SABR members. The membership did settle some long-standing arguments, from splinter groups who say the Society should take this or that road in the future.

Now the results...

QUESTION #1 — Should SABR at a future date, establish a permanent home in Cooperstown, N.Y.?

|            |     |        |
|------------|-----|--------|
| YES        | 667 | 73.62% |
| NO         | 180 | 19.87% |
| No Opinion | 59  | 6.51%  |

QUESTION #2 — If a permanent SABR office is established, should SABR invest in a computer data center, where we would collect data and answer requests for members?

|            |     |        |
|------------|-----|--------|
| YES        | 774 | 85.43% |
| NO         | 93  | 10.26% |
| No Opinion | 39  | 4.30%  |

QUESTION #3 — If the SABR membership goes beyond 10,000 members, are you in favor of dividing the Society into geographic areas, with their own directors, and one representative on the national board?

|            |     |        |
|------------|-----|--------|
| YES        | 351 | 38.74% |
| NO         | 492 | 54.30% |
| No Opinion | 63  | 6.95%  |

QUESTION #4 — Would you be in favor of a united effort of the SABR members to rescore every major league game, since 1871, and the publishing of each year's correct data?

|            |     |        |
|------------|-----|--------|
| YES        | 634 | 69.98% |
| NO         | 219 | 24.17% |
| No Opinion | 53  | 5.85%  |

QUESTION #5 — Would you be in favor of a joint national convention with a baseball card/memorabilia convention?

|            |     |        |
|------------|-----|--------|
| YES        | 287 | 31.68% |
| NO         | 586 | 64.68% |
| No Opinion | 33  | 3.64%  |

QUESTION #6 — Are you in favor of a "closed" membership?

|            |     |        |
|------------|-----|--------|
| YES        | 102 | 11.26% |
| NO         | 789 | 87.09% |
| No Opinion | 15  | 1.66%  |

QUESTION #7 — In future publications, what type of research would you like to see more or less of?

|                  | MORE  | SAME  | LESS  | NONE  | No Opin. |
|------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|----------|
| Pictorals        | 46.6% | 40.5% | 6.7%  | 0.8%  | 5.4%     |
| 19th Century     | 28.9% | 40.5% | 21.9% | 2.2%  | 6.5%     |
| Minor Leagues    | 33.9% | 41.3% | 17.3% | 2.0%  | 5.5%     |
| Negro Leagues    | 28.7% | 49.0% | 14.5% | 2.5%  | 5.3%     |
| Biographies      | 47.1% | 41.0% | 5.7%  | 0.6%  | 5.6%     |
| Ballparks        | 51.7% | 34.4% | 8.5%  | 0.8%  | 4.6%     |
| Latin Baseball   | 14.2% | 43.8% | 28.2% | 7.0%  | 6.8%     |
| Womans Baseball  | 12.9% | 32.2% | 23.6% | 24.6% | 6.6%     |
| Book Reviews     | 41.8% | 40.8% | 11.0% | 2.2%  | 4.1%     |
| College Baseball | 18.1% | 34.3% | 26.7% | 14.8% | 6.5%     |
| "Sabermetrics"   | 26.5% | 37.0% | 22.9% | 7.1%  | 6.6%     |
| Umpires/Rules    | 28.3% | 46.3% | 15.3% | 4.0%  | 6.2%     |
| "Rotisserie"     | 7.5%  | 17.3% | 21.1% | 48.9% | 5.2%     |

What is the most popular area of research? If you allow plus 2 for a "more" vote, plus 1 for a "same," minus 1 for a "less" and a minus 2 for a "none," and don't count the "no opinions" you have the following standings...

|                  | MORE | SAME | LESS | NONE | N-O | NET | PTS  | RATING |
|------------------|------|------|------|------|-----|-----|------|--------|
| Biographies      | 427  | 371  | 52   | 5    | 51  | 855 | 1163 | 1.360  |
| Ballparks        | 468  | 312  | 77   | 7    | 42  | 864 | 1157 | 1.339  |
| Pictorals        | 422  | 367  | 61   | 7    | 49  | 857 | 1136 | 1.326  |
| Book Reviews     | 379  | 370  | 100  | 20   | 37  | 869 | 988  | 1.137  |
| Minor Leagues    | 307  | 374  | 157  | 18   | 50  | 856 | 795  | 0.929  |
| Negro Leagues    | 260  | 444  | 131  | 23   | 48  | 858 | 787  | 0.917  |
| Umpires/Rules    | 256  | 419  | 139  | 36   | 56  | 850 | 720  | 0.847  |
| 19th Century     | 262  | 367  | 198  | 20   | 59  | 847 | 653  | 0.771  |
| Sabermetrics     | 240  | 335  | 207  | 64   | 60  | 846 | 480  | 0.567  |
| Latin Baseball   | 129  | 397  | 255  | 63   | 62  | 844 | 274  | 0.325  |
| College Baseball | 164  | 311  | 238  | 134  | 59  | 847 | 133  | 0.157  |
| Womans Baseball  | 117  | 292  | 214  | 223  | 60  | 846 | -134 | -0.158 |
| Rotisserie       | 68   | 157  | 191  | 443  | 47  | 859 | -784 | -0.913 |

Under the "others" I received quite a hodge-podge of interests, the most popular, with 148 votes, was for Team Histories. Some were off the wall, others deserve consideration. The gamut runs from subjects like media, meaningless stolen bases (?), art, high school baseball, little league, table top games, Japanese Baseball, scouts, coaches, semi-pro etc. .

Thanks again to all the SABRs who responded, your personal comments were also noted, and some shall be followed up on. Another poll will be issued in the Fall, and if there is any question you feel needs to be heard, please write me. Membership opinions are needed to give direction to OUR society.

Rich Topp  
SABR President

SUPPLEMENT TO THE 1989 BASEBALL BRIEFS

BOB STANLEY closed out his checkered career with the Red Sox as the majors' first, but largely unrecognized, long reliever. Of the 26 hurlers who have pitched 1000+ innings in relief, Stanley is the only one to average two innings per outing. In his 13 years with the BoSox, he hurled 1159 innings in his 552 relief appearances. This averages out to 2.10 innings per game, well ahead of the average stint of Eddie Fisher (627-1185) at 1.89. Kent Tekulve, who also closed out his career in 1989, was at the other extreme. The average length of his 1050 relief assignments was only 1.37 innings. Although the long and short of relief hurling tends to converge over a lengthy career, here are the extremes for those pitching at least 1000 innings in relief.

| <u>Long</u>     | <u>RG</u> | <u>RIP</u> | <u>IP/G</u> | <u>Short</u>   | <u>RG</u> | <u>RIP</u> | <u>IP/G</u> |
|-----------------|-----------|------------|-------------|----------------|-----------|------------|-------------|
| Bob Stanley     | 552       | 1159       | 2.10        | Kent Tekulve   | 1050      | 1437       | 1.37        |
| Eddie Fisher    | 627       | 1188       | 1.89        | Darold Knowles | 757       | 1052       | 1.39        |
| John Klippstein | 549       | 1037       | 1.89        | Gary Lavelle   | 742       | 1078       | 1.45        |
| Lindy McDaniel  | 913       | 1695       | 1.86        | Don McMahon    | 872       | 1285       | 1.47        |
| Hoyt Wilhelm    | 1018      | 1864       | 1.83        | ElRoy Face     | 821       | 1211       | 1.47        |

ONE OF THE LONGEST STANDING RECORDS was broken August 23 when Rick Dempsey's home run off Dennis Martinez of the Expos in the 22nd inning gave the Dodgers a 1-0 victory. Formerly the home run winning the longest 1-0 game was belted back in '82 — that is August 17, 1882, when Hoss Radbourn, playing the outfield for Providence, hit a four-base blow in the 18th to beat Detroit 1-0. Dempsey's was not the latest of all homers. Harold Baines of the White Sox connected in the 25th inning of a resumed game May 9, 1984, which gave the Sox a 7-6 win over the Brewers. Here are the latest of the late home runs.

| <u>Inning</u> | <u>Player, Teams, and Date of Game</u>             | <u>Outcome</u> |
|---------------|--|----------------|
| 25            | Harold Baines, White Sox vs Brewers, May 8-9, 1984 | Won 7-6        |
| 22            | Jack Reed, Yankees vs Tigers, June 24, 1962        | Won 9-7        |
| 22            | Rick Dempsey, Dodgers vs Expos, August 23, 1989    | Won 1-0        |
| 21            | Larry Doyle, Giants vs Pirates, July 17, 1914      | Won 3-1        |
| 21            | Merv Rettenmund, Padres vs Expos, May 21, 1977     | Won 11-8       |
| 21            | Ben Oglivie, Brewers vs White Sox, May 8-9, 1984   | Lost in 25th   |
| 20            | Ken McMullen, Senators vs Twins, August 9, 1967    | Won 9-7        |
| 20            | Joe Lahoud, Red Sox vs Pilots, July 27, 1969       | Won 5-3        |
| 20            | Tommy Harper, Pilots vs Red Sox, July 27, 1969     | Lost 5-3       |

GEORGE BRETT AND FRANK WHITE appeared together in the Kansas City lineup for the first time on September 8, 1973. They now have completed 17 consecutive seasons with the Royals and look forward to the 18th in 1990. Bill Mazeroski and Roberto Clemente also were teammates for 17 seasons with the Pirates in 1956-72. The record for teammates was established by Joe Judge and Sam Rice of the Senators, who were together 18 years, 1915-32. They are listed below with others who have established longevity records for various team combos.

Teammates: 18 years, Senators 1915-32 - Joe Judge 1B, Sam Rice OF  
Infield: 10, Dodgers 1972-81 - 1B SGarvey, 2B DLopes, SS BRussell, 3B Ron Cey  
Keystone: 13, Tigers 1977-89 - 2B Lou Whitaker, SS Alan Trammell  
Outfield: 8, Pirates 1956-63 - LF Bob Skinner, CF Bill Virdon, RF RClemente  
Battery: 15, Cubs 1925-40 - Pitcher Charlie Root, Catcher Gabby Hartnett.

YOGI BERRA, referring to his long playing, managing, and coaching career, says without qualification that it's over! He's been a coach with the Astros for the last four years, giving him a total of 44 consecutive seasons as a uniformed field performer. Red Schoendienst apparently will continue as a coach with the Cardinals in 1990 and that will give him 46 years in the same three roles. Listed below are those persons who had 40 or more total years as major league player, manager, and coach. The years in each category may not be additive because of dual capacity such as player-coach or manager.

|                  | <u>Player</u> | <u>Coach</u> | <u>Manager</u> | <u>Period</u> | <u>Years</u> | <u>Age</u> |
|------------------|---------------|--------------|----------------|---------------|--------------|------------|
| Connie Mack      | 11            | -            | 53             | 1886-1950     | 61           | 88         |
| Nick Altrock     | 19            | 46           | -              | 1898-1957     | 55           | 81         |
| Jimmy Dykes      | 22            | 8            | 21             | 1918-64       | 45           | 67         |
| Red Schoendienst | 19            | 16           | 13             | 1945-89+      | 45           | 66         |
| Yogi Berra       | 19            | 20           | 7              | 1946-89       | 44           | 64         |
| John McGraw      | 16            | -            | 33             | 1891-1932     | 42           | 59         |
| Bill McKechnie   | 11            | 7            | 25             | 1907-53       | 42           | 67         |
| Casey Stengel    | 14            | 2            | 25             | 1912-65       | 41           | 75         |
| Mel Harder       | 20            | 22           | -              | 1928-69       | 41           | 59         |
| Honus Wagner     | 21            | 19           | 1              | 1897-1951     | 40           | 77         |
| Leo Durocher     | 17            | 4            | 24             | 1925-73       | 40           | 68         |
| Frank Crosetti   | 17            | 25           | -              | 1932-71       | 40           | 61         |
| Eddie Yost       | 18            | 22           | -              | 1944-84       | 40           | 57         |

JEROME WALTON's 30-game hitting streak between July 21 and August 20 was very impressive for a rookie. In fact, the Cubs' center fielder is the only one of the 29 players who have compiled streaks of 30+ games to do it in his first season. However, Walton compiled the lowest batting mark among the streakers at .338 (46 hits in 146 at bats), and the lowest slugging average at .449.

STEVE BALBONI said "Bye-Bye" to 17 boundary belts in 1989, giving him a major league total of 164. He also has hit 153 homers in the minors, thereby attaining one of the higher levels in both classifications. Balboni, in sixth place on the all-time list at left, leads six other players active in 1989 who have 100+ homers in both majors and minors. They are on the right.

|                | <u>Majors</u> | <u>Minors</u> |               | <u>Majors</u> | <u>Minors</u> |
|----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Dick Stuart    | 228           | 222           | Steve Balboni | 164           | 153           |
| Jim Gentile    | 179           | 208           | Ron Kittle    | 156           | 123           |
| Gorman Thomas  | 252           | 164           | Ken Phelps    | 122           | 151           |
| Deron Johnson  | 245           | 162           | Rob Deer      | 121           | 147           |
| Leon Wagner    | 211           | 154           | Greg Brock    | 102           | 127           |
| Steve Balboni  | 164           | 153           | Gary Ward     | 121           | 101           |
| Rocky Colavito | 374           | 150           | Mike Marshall | 137           | 100           |

TOMMY JOHN pitched in ten games in his 26th major league season and took the longevity record out of the token category established by Deacon McGuire between 1884 and 1912. John pitched in six games for Cleveland in his rookie year of 1963, his shortest season tenure. Catcher McGuire, on the other hand, played in only two games in 1908 and one each in 1910 and 1912. This is not to take anything away from McGuire, a model of deportment in a rowdy era, and a good, reliable backstop who, for many years, held the record for career games caught. In 1895, he was behind the bat in all of Washington's 132 games, a remarkable feat in any era. He also was the oldest player to hit a pinch home run when he connected at the age of 43 on July 27, 1907.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Lawrence Yaffa's item (Foxx vs. Ruth, The SABR Bulletin Vol. 20, No. 3 and Tom Dunker's responding letter (Letters to the Editor, The SABR Bulletin, Vol. 20, No. 5) have not gone unnoticed. Since one of SABR's prime objectives is "to establish an accurate historical account of baseball through the years," the following letters shed more light on the question of Jimmy Foxx's 1932 season compared with Babe Ruth's 1927 campaign.

In the May Bulletin, I noted SABR member Tom Dunker's expressed skepticism as to Whether Jimmy Foxx actually hit 12 baseballs against the old Sportsman's Park right field pavilion screen in 1932 (which prior to 1930 would have gone into the pavilion stands as home runs). My source for this information is page 234 of The Sporting News publication Take Me Out To The Ball Park, edited by Lowell Reidenbaugh. If the above source is accurate in this detail, the screen before and after its erection in 1930 would appear to be a factor when comparing Babe Ruth's and Foxx's peak single-season home run totals in 1927 and 1932 respectively. That right field pavilion was a "short porch" but I won't speculate on whether crisp fielding of a playable carom off the screen could have held a runner to a single instead of a double. I did see Foxx play in his salad years and never considered him a fast runner, yet recognized his many other attributes.—Lawrence Yaffa

I am writing to refute the assertion that Jimmy Foxx hit 12 balls off the rightfield screen during the 1932 American League season. Although Foxx himself said he hit six balls off the screen that year (as quoted by Fred Lieb in The Sporting News in December, 1932), an examination of accounts of the Athletics' games in St. Louis that year turns up mention of only one ball off the screen by Foxx in 11 games. Foxx totalled Just 12 hits in those 11 games: two homers, one double (that hit off the screen in the 6th inning on June 15th), and nine singles. Of the singles, three were described as going to left field, one to center and one on the infield. The other four singles got no special mention, so, while it is possible that one or more of these hit the screen, I found no evidence to support any claim that Foxx hit more than one ball off the right field screen in Sportsman's Park in 1932. Looking into Babe Ruth's four home runs in Sportsman's Park in 1927, one of them may have been stopped by the screen, but three would definitely have been home runs regardless of the screen. The screen, by the way, was erected in the middle of a Browns' homestand in 1929. After the Tigers had hit eight homers in four games on July 2nd, 3rd and 4th, the screen was put up on an off day and was in place for the opening of a four-game series against the Yankees July 6th. Ruth hit the screen twice during the series.

Heinie Manush of the Browns, who was a left-handed hitter with a good opposite field, line drive stroke, hit the screen three times in one game on July 7th when Waite Hoyt tried pitching him inside. But, to sum up the Foxx/Ruth home run question, I conclude from the St. Louis daily newspapers that Jimmy Foxx would not have broken Ruth's home run record in 1932 if the screen in Sportsman's Park in right field had not been in place.—Bob Tiemann

I think that dedicating space in The SABR Bulletin for letters to the editor is a great idea. I hope it will be used for letters such as this one, which instead of expressing praise or pointing out errors, asks a question. What I would like to know is whether anyone cares that when you listen to Oriole's broadcasts on WTOP-AM, Washington, you have inflicted upon you an advertisement for Little Tavern, Washington's own glorious greasy-burger chain (Buy 'em by the Bag) which states that the 1920's are worth remembering not only because that is when Little Tavern got its start but also because that is when the Senators won back-to-back World Series. Any SABR member worth his/her salt knows the Senators won back-to-back pennants in 1924 and 1925, but won only one of the World Series.

I think the space for letters to the editor should also serve as a bulletin board on issues of concern to SABR members relating to SABR matters. Does anyone have any suggestions as to what to do about the Little Tavern commercials' egregious error?...Page Newton

Since mistakes are being pointed out in The SABR Bulletin, let's try the movies. I wonder how many other SABR members caught the following: In the movie, "Eight Men Out" there is Charlie Sheen warming up with his left index finger sticking out of his glove. In "Field of Dreams" there is the kid playing the part of Shoeless Joe" with his right index finger sticking out of his glove. This little innovation has only been in vogue for about ten years or so. Certainly not in 1919. This finger thing came long after the hair dryers, the sissy wrist bands, the gold chains around the necks, the Rita Hayworth hair-dos, and even after the guys had forgotten how to put on a pair of baseball pants.—George French

I truly enjoyed reading the latest issue of the National Pastime. The photos were superb. I could be wrong, but I believe one of the N. Y. Giants was misidentified in the group photo on page 55. Isn't the player on the far right Lefty O'Doul? Thanks again for the excellent publication...Sig Menchel

(Editor's Note: Mr. Menchel is correct)

## TSB FLASHBACK

From the SABR Bulletin  
Volume 5, Number 4, August 1975:

THERE WERE 64 MEMBERS WHO ATTENDED THE ANNUAL MEETING in Boston July 11-13. The enhanced attendance probably resulted from the concentrated membership in the NE, the attraction of a free game at Fenway Park, and the stimulating program arranged by Treasurer Eric Simonsen, the "officer-in-charge." Members came from 15 states, but most of them were concentrated in the East. Coming the greatest distance were Stan Grosshandler from Milwaukee, Bill Shlensky from Chicago, and Mike Lammey, Newport News, Virginia.

THE BUSINESS MEETING WAS RUSHED TO A CLOSE so we could be guests of the Red Sox at Fenway Park. It had rained most of the morning, but we would not be deprived. There were two rain delays, but we did see the rampaging Red Sox defeat the Texas Rangers 10-4. Luis Tiant had remarkable control considering that he turns back to face second base on each delivery. We also had the rare treat of seeing an AL pitcher bat — with Tiant flying out. The tremendous fan spirit and support for the BoSox was apparent in spite of the rain.

There was discussion about whether the SABR ad hoc Hall of Fame committee should continue its work on selection procedures, particularly as it relates to the Veterans Committee. Most everyone agreed that much improvement is needed, and that great frustration is felt because SABR, ideally qualified to render such assistance, is making little headway. There was widely varying opinion on what action the Society could or should take under the circumstances, and the President had to achieve a compromise position that the SABR ad hoc committee should continue its work in the context of a patient, balanced, and scholarly effort to make a constructive contribution to the work of the Veterans Committee.

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## REGIONALS

COOPERSTOWN, NY...The traditional SABR regional meeting on Hall of Fame induction weekend takes place at Tillapaugh's Funeral Parlor at 28 Pioneer Street at 7 PM on Sunday night August 5, 1990. Jim Palmer and Joe Morgan will be inducted into the Hall of Fame that afternoon. The agenda will include a slide presentation on the Canadian-American League by David Pietrusza, author of Baseball's Canadian-American League. For more information contact Joe Vellano at 518/372-9512.

PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA...The 1990 Pittsburgh SABR Regional Summer Meeting takes place Saturday, July 14 at 10:00 a.m. in Three Rivers Stadium (enter through Pirate offices, lower level). The \$8.50 admission charge includes your ticket to the Pirates-Padres game. Special attractions include visits by members of the Pirates' front office and broadcast team, presentations and trivia. Call Paul Adomites at 412-331-2206 with any questions.

## RESEARCH NEEDS

Michael Zolno is researching the Chicago White Sox of the 50's (1951-60), with an emphasis on the 1957 team. He is seeking information, accounts, ideas, thoughts, help etc. Contact Michael at 2855 W. Pratt Blvd., Chicago, IL 60645.

Alvin J. Guttman is interested in obtaining information on James (Jimmy) Bloodworth, who played for the Montreal Royals in 1948 after playing in the majors. Alvin is especially interested in Bloodworth's minor league record. Contact him at 3577 Atwater, Apt. #507, Montreal, Quebec, H3H 2R2, Canada.

Pete Palmer is looking for caught stealing data accumulated by Ernie Lanigan for 1912-1920. Bob Davids and others have found complete data for 1914 AL and 1915 AL & NL. For 1916 we have data from both leagues for players with 20 or more stolen bases without any breakdown for traded players. Local newspapers may have covered the latter, usually in January or February.

Pete is also looking for volunteers to try to run down missing AA RBI for 1882-87 and 1890. If you can help, contact Pete at 12 Farmcrest Avenue, Lexington, MA 02173.

Someone from the Detroit area is asked to check daily newspaper accounts of games in 1927 for caught stealing by the Tigers and their opponents. If you are interested, contact Pete Palmer at the address above.

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## COMMITTEES

Computerization — Chairman Jim Johnston invites all SABR members who are involved with computers to join the Computerization Committee. As a service committee, its purpose is to assist the other SABR committees with computer problems, data entry, and programming as needed. Some projects require help in data entry and data checking. If you are interested, call Jim at 919/361-5851 from 10 AM to 8 PM weekdays.

Biographical — The May issue of Biographical Research Report is now available. For a copy, send a 25¢ SASE to Bill Carle, 8220 E. 135th St., Grandview, MO 64030.

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## NEWS AND NOTES

"Take Me Out to the Ball Game," sponsored in cooperation with SABR and the Greater Kansas City Sports Commission, is now open at the Johnson County Historical Museum, 6305 Lackman Road, Shawnee, Kansas. The summer exhibit offers a look at both professional and amateur baseball in the greater Kansas City area. More than fifty individuals and institutions loaned items for the exhibit, including the National Baseball Hall of Fame and the Smithsonian Institution. The Museum is open 10 AM to 4:30 PM Tuesday through Saturday; 1 PM to 4:30 PM on Sunday. Admission is free. For more information, call 913/631-6709...SABR member Henry Summer from

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News and Notes continued from page 7

Newberry, South Carolina has been appointed parliamentarian for the 1990 SABR Business Meeting by President Richard Topp...The Detroit Tigers Museum at Domino's Farms presents a Baseball Extravaganza July 20-23. On Sunday, July 22 at 7:30 pm, SABR member Dr. Peter Bjarkman will speak on Baseball and the American-Jewish Immigrant Experience. Admission is \$5. On Monday, July 23 at noon, SABR member Richard L. Miller presents "Old Ball Parks and the American Culture". The \$12 admission price includes lunch. For further information, contact Darwin Matthews at 313/930-3818 or 313/930-3814.

### GIVE THE SABR LIBRARY TO YOUR LIBRARY

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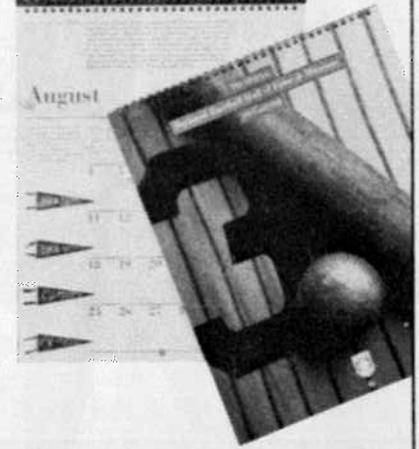
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## ECKHOUSE OFFERED CONTRACT AS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AT CONCLUSION OF SABR XX

SABR's version of the Goodwill Games, SABR XX, ended with an Executive Board decision to offer Acting Executive Director Morris Eckhouse a two year contract to continue as Executive Director. The first meeting of the new SABR Executive Board (see page 2 for election results) culminated another successful SABR National Convention (see page 3 for a complete recap of SABR XX).

Eckhouse became Acting Executive Director of SABR on March 21, 1990 following the resignation of Norbert Kraich from the position. A SABR member since 1985, Eckhouse led efforts to form The Jack Graney (Northeast Ohio) Chapter of SABR which now meets three times yearly. The Jack Graney Chapter made a successful bid to host the 1990 SABR Convention, with Eckhouse as convention chairman. Morris has attended each National Convention since 1987, regional events in Detroit, Pittsburgh, Boston, Cooperstown, and is active with the Ballparks and Bibliography committees.

Morris' involvement with professional sports dates back to 1979 when he was an intern in the publicity department of the Pittsburgh Pirates. Following the 1979 season, he co-wrote [This Date in Pittsburgh Pirates History](#) with Carl Mastrocola and remained in the Pirates' publicity department in 1980. He also wrote [Day-by-Day in Cleveland Indians History](#) and [Day-by-Day in Cleveland Browns History](#), co-wrote [Baseball's Milestone Season](#) with Clark Carmody, and wrote [Bob Feller](#) for the Baseball Legends series. He has contributed to [The Ballplayers](#) and two forthcoming books, a chronology of baseball and encyclopedias of American and National League team histories. Eckhouse has contributed articles to such publications as The 1990 Cleveland Indians Yearbook and The Cleveland Indians Game Face Magazine.

Born in Cleveland on October 29, 1959, Eckhouse was raised in Shaker Heights, Ohio and graduated from Ohio University in Athens, Ohio with a major in Radio-Television Communications in 1982. He lived in Pittsburgh from 1982 until 1986 where he met and married Maria Valenti. The Eckhouses have one son, Allen.

Returning to Cleveland, Eckhouse led the development of Cleveland Sports Legends Foundation and became its first

Executive Director in 1987. A non-profit group, CSLF was formed to preserve and promote Cleveland sports history. Its projects included a Cleveland Sports Reading List, a Sports Education Committee, and a soon-to-be completed heroic-size statue of Cleveland baseball great Bob Feller.

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## PAUL ADOMITES RESIGNS AS PUBLICATIONS DIRECTOR

While one SABR administrative position was filled, another was vacated as Paul Adomites submitted his resignation as Publications Director, effective October 15, 1990. Paul cited time conflicts between the deadlines and other demands of his SABR job with his other work. In his publications report, Adomites said, "Because I love baseball and books as much as I do, this job has been great fun in dozens of ways. I want to thank the Board and members of the Society for what has been an enlightening and enjoyable three years." SABR Board Member Richard Puff, chairman of SABR's Publications committee, said, "We are all saddened to see Paul leaving. He's done a fine job in maintaining the excellent quality of SABR publications. It's going to be difficult to find a SABR member to match Paul's editorial and production skills and his baseball knowledge."

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## NEW PUBLICATIONS DIRECTOR SOUGHT

With the vacancy in the position of Publications Director, the Publications Committee will be reviewing candidates for the position. Anyone interested and having the necessary background and experience can write to Richard Puff, Publications Committee Chairman, 1494 New Scotland Road, Slingerlands, NY 12159, stating your qualifications. A resume would be appreciated. The Publications Director is responsible for the development and production of all SABR publications. The part-time position requires a person with extensive editorial background, including copy editing experience, in addition to having substantial print production knowledge. Outstanding knowledge of the national pastime is obviously required. The deadline for applications is October first.

## SABR AWARDS

**The John W. Cox Award:** SABR's newest honor, given to the member deemed to have made the best presentation at the SABR Annual Convention, went to **Bob Buege** for *The Milwaukee Braves: A Baseball Eulogy*. Other nominees for the award included:

Phil Lowrey for *Ballpark Mysteries*  
"Dutch" Doyle for *Baker Bowl*  
Mike Sowell for *The Pitch That Killed*  
John Husman for *Addie Joss Day*  
Jim Skipper & Brenda Wilson for *Women, Baseball & Nicknames*

**SABR-Macmillan Baseball Research Award:** Three SABR-Macmillan awards were presented again for 1989, as follows:

**Dick Clark, John Holway & Jim Riley...**for their work on the Negro league player statistics published in the eighth edition of *The Baseball Encyclopedia*

**James Edward Miller...**for his book *The Baseball Business-Pursuing Pennants and Profits in Baltimore*

**Dr. Harold Seymour...**for his book *Baseball-The People's Game*

**The Bob Davids Award:** John Holway became the sixth recipient of The Bob Davids Award, SABR's highest honor. The Bob Davids Award honors SABR members whose contributions to SABR and baseball reflect the ingenuity, integrity and self-sacrifice of the founder and past president of SABR, L. Robert "Bob" Davids.

A graduate of the University of Iowa and a SABR member since 1971, Holway is best known for his research on Black baseball. John has written books on Negro league baseball, including the Casey Award winning *Blackball Stars, Voices from the Great Negro Baseball Leagues*, and *Bullet Joe and the Monarchs*, and co-wrote *The Pitchers* with John Thorn. Holway has attended 17 SABR conventions and most of the Baltimore-Washington and Philadelphia regional meetings.

### COMMENTS FROM 1990 BOB DAVIDS AWARD WINNER John Holway

I was taken a little short at the banquet and didn't say everything I wanted to, given time to prepare a speech. In recognizing members who have generously shared their help and enthusiasm across committee lines, I did not recognize the men and women of our own Negro League committee. A few moments earlier the committee had been honored for the Big Mac research, and at that time we recognized many of them who were not on the podium but should have been. They have all helped push back the frontiers of history deep into an area that had never been charted before.

SABR itself deserves an award for publishing the story of the Negro Leagues when almost no one else would. It's mostly because of SABR that this chapter of our common history is now a part of the common heritage of every fan.

SABR is a wonderful organization of friends leaning on each other, giving and taking help. The result is that we all produce more and better research than each working alone, sort of like the biblical loaves and fishes. That's the real meaning of Bob Davids' legacy, and I know each of you shares my pride and pleasure in our common labor of love.

Sincerely, John Holway

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## PUBLICATIONS REPORT

Here is a status report on 1990 SABR Publications:

*Cooperstown Corner: Columns from The Sporting News* by Lee Allen was mailed in May.

*SABR Review of Books* (Volume V) was mailed in July.

*SABR Membership Directory* (1990) will be mailed in August.

*Baseball Research Journal* (#19) is scheduled for completion and mailing in October.

The 1989 issue of *The National Pastime* (#10) is being mailed out in September.

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## ELECTION RESULTS

Here are the voting results of 1990 SABR elections for Treasurer, Secretary, and Director:

| <u>Secretary (1990-1992)</u> |     | <u>Director (1990-1994)</u> |     |
|------------------------------|-----|-----------------------------|-----|
| Claudia Perry                | 270 | Mark Rucker                 | 127 |
| Mark Kanter                  | 164 | Herm Krabbenhoft            | 115 |
| Luke Salisbury               | 1   | Skip McAfee                 | 73  |
| Mike Dempsey                 | 1   | Norman Macht                | 55  |
|                              |     | Steve Bennett               | 35  |
| <u>Treasurer (1990-1992)</u> |     | Jeff Greenspan              | 25  |
|                              |     | Joe Naiman                  | 4   |
| Bob Ruland                   | 219 | Pete Palmer                 | 1   |
| Marge Daniels                | 159 |                             |     |
| Allen Pfenninger             | 57  |                             |     |

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## SABR XX REVIEW

Overcoming serious pre-convention problems, the Jack Graney (Northeast Ohio) Chapter of SABR managed a smooth convention that ranks as the third largest in SABR history. With 481 attendees at Cleveland, SABR XX is topped only by the 1987 (Washington, DC) and 1989 (Albany, NY) conventions. The mood at SABR XX was markedly different from that of SABR XIX. With the battles of 1989 over and 1990 elections already taken care of, emphasis was placed on presentations, committee meetings, displays, and the joy that comes once a year when SABR members from around the world gather in one spot for one weekend. An itemized recap of the convention follows:

**PRESENTATIONS:** Originally scheduled to take place at the convention hotel, presentations were moved across the street to The Forum because the Sheraton City Centre had double booked SABR with another convention. Actually, the switch was a blessing. Many members said The Forum, a brand new conference facility, was the best meeting place ever for a SABR convention. There were more than 40 presentations at SABR XX, more than 30 accompanied by written papers which will be added to the SABR Research Paper Collection. For a list of available papers, contact Len Levin, 282 Doyle Avenue, Providence, RI 02906. Six presentations were chosen as finalists for the John W. Cox Award (see SABR Awards). Panel discussions featured Statistical Analysis, Ballparks, Negro Leagues Literature and Baseball Education Courses.

**TRIVIA:** Trivia-Master Mike Sparrow delivered a very tough contest. In the finals, defending champions Alan Blumkin, Ken Samelson, Dick Thompson and Tom Zocco (Samelson replacing Scott Flatow) defeated defending runners-up Jon Daniels, Eddie Gold, Mark Kanter and Ron Liebman (Daniels replacing Ted DiTullio).

**SPECIAL EVENTS:** While SABR had a great weekend, the home-standing Cleveland Indians did not, stumbling to four losses in five games against the last place New York Yankees. Still, the Tribe staff provided many convention attendees with a lengthy tour of Cleveland Stadium which included a look at the locker room, press box, and a walk on the field. Some 300 attendees enjoyed a behind-the-fence lunch at the ballpark and still more SABRites then watched the Tribe lose two games to the Yankees on July 29. A tour of Cleveland took three bus-loads of conventioners to such sites as the remains of League Park and Ray Chapman's grave at Lakeview Cemetery.

**PLAYER PANEL:** There was one change in the player panel line-up. Mel Harder was having his uniform number (18) retired by the Indians during the convention weekend and was unable to make the panel. He was replaced by former Tigers and Browns pitcher Bob Cain. Cain, Mike Hershberger, George "Shotgun" Shuba, and Harry Eisenstat enter-

tained a large crowd for more than two hours by answering questions and relating stories from their playing days.

**BANQUET:** The SABR XX Banquet was a gala event, including presentation of the Cox Award, the SABR-Macmillan Awards, and the Bob Davids Award (see SABR Awards). Following dinner and the awards presentations, Sam McDowell spoke at length about factors that develop athletes with substance abuse problems and problems coping with life after their playing days are over. Many members commented that McDowell's talk was a departure from other SABR banquet speeches and provided a knowledgeable look at an important aspect of sports.

**BUSINESS MEETING:** There was some unexpected levity prior to the business meeting as Jay Johnstone, in town with the Yankees' broadcast crew, told stories and answered questions for about 20 minutes. Some six hours shorter than the 1989 meeting, the 1990 business meeting was a relatively bland affair that featured the announcement of election winners Claudia Perry (Secretary), Bob Ruland (Treasurer) and Mark Rucker (Director) (complete election returns are on page 2), adoption of a change in the SABR By-Laws deleting the provision that a salaried officer cannot serve as an elected officer within one year of employment; adding the provision that officers and directors are ineligible for a paid position in SABR at any time within one year of completion of their term in office, unless approved by a majority of votes (no less than 100 valid ballots) cast via mail ballot; that officers and directors may be removed from office by a two-thirds vote of members at the annual business meeting (with a reasonable opportunity for defense provided); and that the constitution and by-laws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of members voting by a 30-day mail ballot (at least 100 valid ballots). A full report on business developments will be in the September Bulletin.



*SABR President Rich Topp (left) presents the John W. Cox Award to Bob Buege.*

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

George French makes a nice point about the hotshot uniform styles in the Newsletter Forum (Letters to the Editor-July) — do the Indians still have striped sox? — but he's wrong about the finger-out-of-the-glove criticism.

I remember some major-leaguers — usually pitchers — in the early '50s leaving their middle fingers out. When I played sandlot ball then, I sometimes left mine out. I think some hotdogging might have been involved, but the main reason was a very practical one: Once you get a good bone bruise on the back of that middle knuckle, you could have a tender hand the rest of the season. About the only thing you could do was leave the finger out of the glove so it wouldn't take the constant pounding. If you weren't throwing strikes, catchers liked to sting that hand.

Just to add a positive note: it's my understanding that Ted Williams brought about the modern high-crowned — and "blockable" — baseball cap. I remember reading about 1949 that he was storming around because the team had ordered the old-fashioned low-crown caps. He said they made players look like "pea-heads." Does anyone remember for sure when the manufacturers began putting the "blockable" cheese-cloth in the fronts of caps?

John Phillips, Cabin John, Maryland.

The custom of sticking the index finger out of a glove may not be as old as the Black Sox, but, contrary to George French's comments in the July 1990 letters section, it had been in vogue for much more than ten years and came around well before hair dryers, gold chains, and wrist bands.

Trying to emulate my heroes, I began sticking my index finger out shortly after putting a fielder's glove on in the early 1960s.

On the subject of errors in baseball movies, which is what prompted George's letter, has anyone noticed that Yankee players in the movie MAJOR LEAGUE are wearing two numbers that have been retired by the team? The catcher is wearing number 32 (Elston Howard's old number that was retired shortly after his death in 1980) and the number 37, immortalized by Casey Stengel, ends up being worn by two players. In fact at one point, one of the players with 37 is on first base while another 37 is at the plate.

Stew Thornley, Minneapolis, Minnesota

This letter is being written about six months after the fact but it wasn't until today (26 July 1990) that I received my January edition of The SABR Bulletin. On page three of this Bulletin is the item by Mr. Richard Puff about "The First Steal of First Base" by Germany Schaefer of the Tigers vs The Cleveland Indians. The date that was given for this stunt was 4 September 1908; which is improbable as the Tigers were in St. Louis, losing to the Browns (2-4) and the Indians were in Chicago losing to the White Sox (2-3), on 4 September 1908.

In the 1968 edition of TSN's (The Sporting News) "Dope Book" on page 102, the late Lee Allen debunked that myth with the fact that Harry Davis (13 August 1902) pulled

this stunt at Philadelphia vs the Tigers in a game won by the A's 9-0. Then Mr. Allen listed the Fred Tenny (sic) stunt on 31 July 1908 (as had Mr. Puff) in a game at New York vs the Cardinals and won by the Giants 9-2. It was noted by Mr. Allen that it was not until 4 August 1911 that Germany Schaefer pulled the stunt in a game at Washington vs the White Sox, in a game won by the Senators 1-0.

The very first time that I ran into the "Germany" Schaefer myth was while reading Davy Jones story on pages 43-45 of "The Glory of Their Times" in 1966.

James A. Smith Jr., Willingboro, New Jersey

Just a note to let you know that I have been hired for this season only as Spanish Broadcaster for the Los Angeles Dodgers, because of a traffic accident to Jamie Jarrin, during Spring Training.

As a footnote, the other regular announcer, Rene Cardenas, was the first ever full-time Spanish broadcaster in the Major Leagues — for the Dodgers, in 1958. Mr. Cardenas is originally from Nicaragua (as I am).

Also, one of your members is the greatest pitcher in Italian baseball history. Like the emperor who was his namesake he ruled Europe, but in the 60s. I am referring to Julius Caesar Glorioso. His duels with Holland's great hitter, Hamilton "Ham" Richardson, were legendary. I believe he retired from international competition after the Amateur World Championship of 1972, held in Nicaragua, where for the first time ever nations from 3 continents vied for the Gold Medal (Asia, America, and Europe).

Tito Rondon, Los Angeles, California

Please note a correction to an item in error on page 26 of the most recent Baseball Research Journal (1989) where it stated Del Unser was the Major Leaguer with the most home runs (87) by a player whose name begins with "U".

The correct answer is Willie Upshaw who hit 112 with our Toronto Blue Jays and 11 more with Cleveland, for a total of 123 (He's still playing in Japan).

Mike Wise, Willowdale, Ontario, Canada

Who was the manager who thought up the double substitution tactic, in the absence of this development using a couple of pinch hitters, or a pinch hitter/pinch runner, etc.? Managers had resorted to the latter for decades without anyone happening to think that a couple of players could be substituted at any time without resort to pinch hitters, etc. as the prerequisite. The new tactic came into vogue only from about the mid-1970s on, and almost entirely in the NL, because the DH in the AL makes it unnecessary. Who was the manager who thought it up? When? What were the exact circumstances? Can any of you fans offer the answer? Whoever did it deserves credit as an innovator, because it was a clever initiative. Sometimes Whitey Herzog is given the credit. Is that so?

Lowell Blaisdell, Lubbock, Texas

## OBITUARIES

We are saddened by the loss of two SABR members in recent weeks. MARY ANN BRUNT died of cancer on July 26. Her husband, Harry, is President of the Bob Broeg Chapter of SABR in St. Louis, Missouri. BRUCE HAVIGHURST died on August 3, 1990 after a long battle with kidney disease. Bruce, a native of Shaker Heights, Ohio, was very supportive in the formation of the Jack Graney Chapter of SABR. Our deepest condolences go to the family and friends of Mary Ann Brunt and Bruce Havighurst.

## CALL FOR CONVENTION SITE BIDS

SABR XXI will be in New York City, but future SABR convention sites have yet to be determined. Does your local SABR group have what it takes to host a SABR convention? There is plenty of work involved, but it is balanced by the fun and satisfaction of bringing hundreds of fellow SABRites to your community. To enter a bid for the 1992, 1993, or 1994 SABR convention, contact Executive Director Morris Eckhouse at the SABR office (216/575-0500, P.O. Box 93183, Cleveland, Ohio 44101) as soon as possible. You will be informed of the bidding requirements and provided with as much help as is possible and necessary to make your bid. The SABR Executive Board plans to choose the 1992 site by January, 1991.

## TSB FLASHBACK

From The SABR Bulletin  
Volume 10, Number 4, August 1980:

THE FIRST NATIONAL MEETING on the West Coast brought together 62 members and about 20 guests. Secretary Bob Hoie and other members of the organizing committee did a great job putting the meeting together and the occasion was especially enjoyable for the 33 who had never participated in a National Meeting before. (Ed. Note: The 1980 SABR National Convention was July 11-13 in Los Angeles, California)

From The SABR Bulletin  
Volume 15, Number 4, August 1985

The World Series of Trivia, like a close pennant race, produced an air of tense excitement among participants and onlookers alike as it headed down the stretch. More than 20 three-person teams entered the competition, which began with four divisions. SABR founder Bob Davids prepared the questions and served as moderator/commissioner. In the championship showdown the team of Bill Carle, Jamie Selko and Ed Goldstein defeated the threesome of Ron Liebman, Ted DiTullio and Alan Blumkin to claim the title. (Ed. Note: The trivia contest was part of the 1985 SABR National Convention July 12-14 in Oakland, California)

## SABR INDEXES

Complete indexes for SABR publications, Baseball Research Journal and The National Pastime, are now available. Each Index has three sections — Authors, Titles, Subjects — so researchers and interested readers can find every article on any subject going back to 1972. Order from Guy Waterman, East Corinth, VT 05040; send \$2.95 for all three sections of the index for TNP; \$3.95 for BRJ, or \$5.95 for both.

## CORRECTIONS AND CLARIFICATIONS

In the July Bulletin (Vol. 20, No. 7), an incorrect phone number was printed in the GEORGETOWN BOOK SHOP advertisement on page two. The correct number for Georgetown Book Shop is 301/907-6923.

Following the closing date of the Trivia Contest which ran in The SABR Bulletin in the January, February and March issues, several entries arrived at the new SABR office in Cleveland. These entries were correctly postmarked and sent to Garrett Park, but did not surface in Cleveland until the previously received entries were graded. A further clarification will be printed in the September issue of The SABR Bulletin.

## AT THE OFFICE

Since the relocation of the SABR offices to Cleveland, an on-going project has been the improvement of SABR's computerized data base. With the help of Paul Mathews and Mathews Printing Corporation, a new membership tracking system has been developed and went into operation with the mailing of The SABR Review of Books. Mathews Printing is also handling the input of SABR's renewals, new memberships and changes of address. Data input had been one of the most time consuming elements of the SABR office. More efficient data processing and improved service to members is the expected outcome of the new routine.

Beginning June 20, 1990, John Zajc (pronounced Zeitz) has been working in the SABR office as a clerical/administrative assistant (18 hours per week). John has quickly picked up the SABR routine and handles much day-to-day business such as processing new memberships, answering phone calls and information requests, filing, typing correspondence, proofreading, etc. Service to SABR members has been significantly enhanced by John's addition to the office staff.



The winning team from the SABR XX Trivia contest: Dick Thompson, Ken Samelson, Alan Blumkin, Tom Zocco (l to r)

## NAMES IN THE NEWS

SABR President RICH TOPP threw out the first ball at the Hamilton Red Birds game vs the Auburn Astros in Hamilton on Ed Sommerville night. Topp became the first SABR President to throw out a first ball at a professional baseball game...BILL PLOTT presented a paper on "Baseball Poetry in the 19th Century Newspapers" at the 1990 convention of the Sport Literature Association in Florence, Oregon on June 2.

### DAYTONA BEACH TO DEDICATE STATUE TO JACKIE ROBINSON

The community of Daytona Beach, Florida, which is regarded as the birthplace of Jackie Robinson's struggle for equality, will hold a series of events in his honor on September 14-15, 1990 at Jackie Robinson Ball Park. A dinner banquet with numerous baseball personalities present, a baseball card/memorabilia show, unveiling of a life-size statue and a 6-inning Old Timer's game featuring many former major leaguers will be offered to the public. Jackie's widow, Rachael Robinson, will be the keynote speaker at the banquet accompanied by several stars of old Dodger teams. Write Charles Stinnett, 3855 S. Atlantic Avenue, Apt. 701, Daytona Beach Shores, Florida 32127, or call 904/788-6849 for Old Timer's game tickets (\$5) or banquet tickets (\$50).

## REGIONALS

**BALTIMORE, MARYLAND...**The 17th annual Baltimore-Washington regional meeting will be held in the Dugout Lounge of Memorial Stadium, 12:30 to 5, Saturday, September 8, 1990. Wilmer Mizell will be the primary speaker. Bruce Hoffman of the Maryland Stadium Authority will have a slide show on the new ballpark. Bob Davids, 202/362-6889 is the contact.

**MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA...**The Halsey Hall Chapter of the Society for American Baseball Research will hold its Fall Regional Meeting Saturday, November 3 at the Stearns County Heritage Center in St. Cloud, Minnesota. Research presentations by members will be given in the morning, followed by the Chapter business meeting during lunch. A player panel in the afternoon will consist of former Northern League stars. St. Cloud-native Jim Eisenreich is also a possibility for this panel. Other activities of the day include a tour of the Heritage Center's exhibit on the St. Cloud Rox and possibly a baseball lore quiz. The cost of the meeting, including lunch, is \$12. Attempts will be made to organize carpools from the Twin Cities. For additional information, contact chapter Events Chairman Stew Thornley, 982 15th Avenue SE, Apt 16, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55414, 612/378-9189.

**CLEVELAND, OHIO...**The Jack Graney (Northeast Ohio) Chapter of SABR will hold a semi-formal meeting during the final weekend of September and attend one of the games between the Indians and Orioles at Cleveland Stadium. Contact Fred Schuld, Jack Graney Chapter of SABR, P.O. Box 26, Macedonia, Ohio 44056, 216/467-5238 for the exact date, time and location of the get-together.

**PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA...**The Pittsburgh area regional group is planning a meeting for the first Saturday in November. Contact Ed Luteran, 4843 Spring Valley Drive, Allison Park, Pennsylvania 15101, 412/443-0231 for further information.

**TOKYO, JAPAN...**Eight of the 12 Japanese SABRites attended the first Japanese-SABR Regional Meeting at Arcadia-Ichigaya Hotel on July 7 and 8, 1990. Professor Masaru (Massy) Ikei of Keio University was elected President of the Japan group. The group visited the Japanese Baseball Hall of Fame and toured the Tokyo Dome. For more information on group activities, contact Professor Ikei, Political Science, Keio University, 2-15-45, Mita, Minato-Ku, Tokyo, Japan. Phone 03-453-4511. (Thanks to Kazuo Sayama for reporting on the first SABR regional in Japan)

**CHICAGO, ILLINOIS...**The 1989 Chicago Regional Meeting was held on November 19, 1989 with 59 attendees. The chapter was formally renamed The Emil Rothe Chapter. Emil organized the first regional meeting in Chicago on November 17, 1976, some three years after joining SABR (April 14, 1973). He was SABR Vice-President in 1975, co-host of the SABR convention in Chicago in 1976, and received the SABR Salute in 1983.

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The latest issue of Spitball Magazine (#34) is now available from publisher and editor Mike Shannon for \$4. A one-year subscription (4 issues) is \$12. Order from Mike at 6224 Colledgevue Place, Cincinnati, Ohio 45224.

The latest book from Capital Publishing Company (John Phillips) is The Crybaby Indians of 1940. Order from John at 8105 MacArthur Blvd., Cabin John, MD 20818.

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## RESEARCH NEEDS

Erwin Breithold is looking for the number of doubleheaders played by the Cincinnati Reds in 1945. If you can help, reach Erwin at 8115 Seward Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio 45231.

Mark Millikin is preparing a biography on Jimmie Foxx. If you have information concerning Jimmie's baseball career that you would like to share, write to Mark at 11621 Rivershore Drive, Dunkirk, Maryland 20754.

Sports writer Bill Chastain is trying to find out if there is still anybody living who saw Babe Ruth's 587 foot home run in 1919 at Tampa's Plant Field. Contact Bill at P.O. Box 18261, Tampa, Florida 33679 813/272-7655 (work) with any information.

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## COMMITTEES

**MINOR LEAGUES:** The Minor League Committee Newsletter, Volume 4, Number 2 (July, 1990) is available from the SABR office for \$1.00. The newsletter contains a 1990 committee report and a list of articles about minor league baseball available from the committee.

**UMPIRES AND RULES:** The SABR Umpires and Rules Committee Newsletter, Volume 3, Number 3 (July, 1990) is available from the SABR office for \$1.00 and a SASE. The newsletter contains new bibliographical data, committee information, and various other items about Umpires and Rules.

**NEGRO LEAGUES:** The Negro Leagues Committee Newsletter (August, 1990) is available from the SABR office for \$1.00 and a

SASE. The new issue includes committee reports from SABR XX, a statistics project update and a look at the committee publication planned for 1991.

**STATISTICAL ANALYSIS:** By the Numbers, The Newsletter of the Statistical Analysis Committee of SABR, Volume 2, Number 3 is available from the SABR office for \$2.00. The 12 page newsletter contains articles by Jonathan Katz, Herm Krabbenhoft, and Pete DeCoursey.

**BIOGRAPHICAL RESEARCH:** The July, 1990 issue of the Biographical Research Report is available from the SABR office for \$1.00. The Mystery of the Month is a tripleheader and the Find of the Month comes from Bob Richardson who has solved the mystery of Frank Barrows.

The following committees had annual reports included in the SABR XX convention program:

|                       |                                    |
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| Minor League          | Bibliography                       |
| Ballparks             | Computerization                    |
| Statistical Analysis  | Oral History                       |
| Umpires and Rules     | Baseball Records                   |
| Biographical Research | Negro Leagues                      |
| Latin America         | (Women in Baseball also available) |

Members can receive these reports as follows:

|              |        |              |        |
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Please specify which reports you are ordering.

(A limited number of SABR XX programs are available from the SABR office for \$5.00)

Reports were also prepared for the convention by the Executive Director, Publications Director, President and Treasurer. Each report is available from the SABR office for a 25¢ SASE (you must include one SASE for each report). Please specify which report you are requesting.

### SABR MICROFILM LENDING LIBRARY

At the direction of President Topp, administration of the SABR Microfilm Lending Library has been turned over to Mike Sparrow. (No, procedures for using the library will not be as tough as the SABR XX Trivia Contest) The microfilm will be maintained at the SABR office in Cleveland. All orders and inquiries regarding the library should be addressed to Mike Sparrow, SABR Lending Library, SABR, P.O. Box 93183, Cleveland, Ohio 44101. Outgoing library administrator Mark Alvarez should be commended for his fine work handling the microfilm the past several months.

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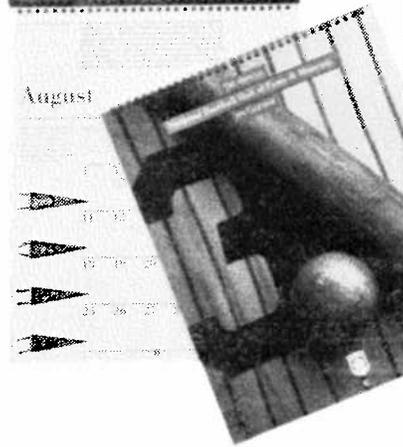
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## Research Exchange Returns

Since one of the original five objectives of SABR was to, "coordinate and facilitate the dissemination of baseball research information," a vehicle for such dissemination in The SABR Bulletin was discussed soon after the publication began in August, 1971. The first mention of a "Research Exchange" is found in SABR Bulletin No. 7 (February, 1973), when items were offered by Stan Grosshandler, Merl Kleinknecht, Bob McConnell and Bob Davids. By the tenth Bulletin (November, 1973), the Baseball Research Exchange became a regular feature of the Bulletin. Ray Gonzalez, Ron Liebman and Art Schott were the first members to contribute items to the formally titled section of the Bulletin. Regrettably, during the turmoil of 1989, the Research Exchange was dropped after the April, 1989 (Vol. 19, No. 2) issue of The SABR Bulletin. Now, the Research Exchange returns with seven items, as follows:

ART SCHOTT offers the following items:

Hank Aaron Vs. Babe Ruth (A Home Run Comparison) (1 page)

Home Run Frequency Ratings-Texas League, 1956  
(2 pages)

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JERRY L. KAHN offers:

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Remember, the Research Exchange is fueled completely by SABR members. Please make your contributions to keep the Exchange going.

(If you signed up for the Standing Order for the Research Exchange, please contact the SABR office. We will inform you of the status of the standing orders.)

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## Last Call For 1990 Renewals

As of July 31, 1990, more than 1,700 1989 SABR members had not renewed their memberships for 1990. Because of the changes in the SABR office and the SABR computer system, 1989 members have continued to receive 1990 publications (The SABR Bulletin, Cooperstown Corner, SABR Review of Books-Volume Five). Now that the processing of all membership information is up-to-date, a final request is being sent to non-renewed 1989 members for payment of 1990 dues. You may have already received a final dues request, or you will get one shortly. The past year has been a tough one for SABR, but stability has been restored and the future is bright. As SABR enters its 20th anniversary year, I hope you will stay with the Society and continue to receive The SABR Bulletin and get the 19th edition of The Baseball Research Journal. As always, if you have any questions about your SABR membership, please contact the SABR office.

Morris Eckhouse

## Letters to the Editor

I am glad you began a letters "column." I would like to notice a change in SABR — a change, I am afraid, for the worse. I have been a member for — I really don't know, 14 or 15 years. It used to be that when I wrote a member, I could always depend on a reply, and if I asked for some information, I usually got more than I asked for.

Well, those days, sadly, are gone. I went through the SABR directory in March, name by name, winnowing and trimming until I came down to 15 people who had areas of interest behind their name which appeared fascinating to me. (I live in Berlin, so I am kind of starved for baseball correspondence).

Of the fifteen, I received two replies — two! One very nice note from one of SABR's more noted authors, and one most excellent letter from a gentleman no longer in SABR because 'people just aren't as friendly as they were;' and a lot of research is hoarded rather than shared.

Come on folks — this is a research society. If someone writes you, answer, even if it is to say you can't be of any help.

Jamie Selko, Berlin, Germany

Perhaps this will "top" the Little Tavern advertisements (Letters-July) on WTOP-TV:

For the past several years the Atlanta broadcasters have had a love affair with Tommy Lasorda. Whenever they broadcast a Braves-Dodgers game they can hardly do anything except heap praises on Tommy's minor league pitching record. (They even make up excuses for his not being a big league pitching star.) They claim he was a consistent 20-game winner in the minors (try 18 wins ONE season). They say he is the all-time winning pitcher in the International League with 127 wins (he has 107 Int. wins and that is about half of John Ogden's 213 Int. wins).

I have written them several times and sent a copy of Ogden's career stats from Minor League Baseball Stars but that didn't stop them. Apparently "truth is stranger than fiction" to everyone except Skip Carey.

Gene Wood, Madill, Oklahoma

Re my letter to SABR Bulletin in the July issue: How many member sharpies caught the boo boo where Shoeless Joe's RIGHT finger was sticking out of his glove? This was not done intentionally. Should have been LEFT finger, of course.

George French, Torrance, California

In the July Bulletin (20:5, p 6), George French takes the movies Eight Men Out and Field of Dreams to task for incorrectly depicting ballplayers of 1919 with their index fingers sticking out of their gloves. George dates "this little innovation" too recently, however, when he maintains that it "has only been in vogue for about ten years or so." As evidence I offer two of my own gloves which are equipped with external straps behind the index finger expressly to permit the finger to remain outside the glove. One is a catcher's mitt I purchased in 1968 and the other an outfielder's glove I purchased in 1971. Does anyone else have evidence which might push the fickle finger farther back in time?

John H. Thompson, Durham, North Carolina

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### Baseball Oddities by L. Robert Davids

Nemo Gaines graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in early June 1921. However, there were no immediate duty assignments so he was allowed to pitch briefly for the Washington Senators. The only Naval Academy graduate ever to play in the majors, he allowed no earned runs in four relief appearances. He retired as a captain in 1946.

## Committees

**Minor Leagues:** All mail regarding the Minor Leagues Committee should be sent to Dave Kemp c/o Rex Stucker Chapter of SABR, Box 85224, Sioux Falls, SD 57118.

**Ballparks:** The July-August issue of the SABR Ballparks Committee Newsletter is now available for \$2.00 from the SABR office and includes a recap of committee activities at SABR XX, a recap of the committee business meeting, items on Tiger Stadium, Comiskey Park, Shibe Park, Crosley Field and much, much more.

**Umpires and Rules:** A special edition of the committee newsletter, detailing committee events at SABR XX, is available at the SABR office for \$1.00. The special edition includes a letter from member Dennis Bingham regarding the proposed rescoring of all major league games since 1871.

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## Research Needs

Black Canyon Productions is producing a television show for HBO called "When It Was A Game." The show will focus on baseball during the 30's, 40's and 50's, and will consist solely of home movies shot by either players or fans of that time period. If any SABR members can be of assistance, please contact either Steven Stern, George Roy or Eric Paulen at Black Canyon Productions. Call (212) 586-7722 or write to 200 West 57th Street, New York, NY 10019.

Robert W. Boehm needs the following uniform numbers:

1973 ALCS: Orioles (Brown)

1974 ALCS: Orioles (Hendricks, Grimsley, Cabell, Garland, Motton)

A's (Trillo)

Bob also needs play-by-play accounts from the following games:

1974 NCLS: Pirates vs. Dodgers, second game

1981 NLE: Phillies vs. Expos, first and fifth games

Contact Bob at 81 Rivercliff Road, Lowell, MA 01852

J. Thomas Hetrick is looking for information and/or anybody that cares to share information on the Von Der Ahe ball teams of the 1880's and 1890's. Write to 100 Piccadilly Lane, #101, Stafford, VA 22554.

Bruce Nash is looking for anecdotes for two new books, The Baseball Hall of Shame's Warped Record Book (published by Macmillan), which contains unusual, odd and off-beat records; and The Baseball Hall of Shame's Believe It Or Else (published by Dell), which contains strange and weird moments in baseball. Credit will be given to anyone giving information used in the book(s). Contact Bruce by writing to P.O. Box 31867, Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33420.

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## Ray Chapman Death Remembered in Cleveland

Members of the Jack Graney (Northeast Ohio) Chapter of SABR held a service at Ray Chapman's burial site in Cleveland's Lake View Cemetery on Saturday, August 18 to commemorate the 70th anniversary of Chapman's death. The Cleveland Indians' shortstop from 1912 to 1920, Chapman died on August 17, 1920, the day after he was beamed by Carl Mays of the Yankees at the Polo Grounds. Chapman remains the only major league player to die directly from an injury suffered in a big league game. At the commemorative service, **MORRIS ECKHOUSE** read a proclamation from Cleveland mayor Michael White, **ALLEN PFENNINGER** talked about the fateful events of 1920, **FRED SCHULD** read a statement from **MIKE SOWELL**, author of The Pitch That Killed, **MARK MCKINSTRY** read a statement from Chapman's sister, Margaret Joy, and **MIKE SPARROW** read a portion of the 1920 funeral eulogy. Pastor Thomas Schmitt delivered the invocation at the commemorative service.



**MIKE SPARROW, MORRIS ECKHOUSE, ALLEN PFENNINGER, MARK MCKINSTRY, Pastor Thomas Schmitt, and FRED SCHULD** (left to right) flank Ray Chapman's grave at Lake View Cemetery in Cleveland the day after the 70th anniversary of Chapman's death

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### Kings on a Hill

"Kings on a Hill," a documentary about the old Negro League baseball teams in Pittsburgh, is being produced and directed by **ROB RUCK**, author of Sandlot Seasons: Sport in Black Pittsburgh and Molly Youngling, a Pittsburgh-based producer and director. Pittsburgh Filmmakers is acting as the project's fiscal sponsor. The project has received grants from the Pennsylvania Humanities Council, The Pittsburgh Foundation, The Pennsylvania Council on the Arts and Giant Eagle, Inc.

"Kings on a Hill" will chronicle the story of the Homestead Grays and the Pittsburgh Crawfords during the decades when

major league baseball was segregated. It will look at the role that sport then played in the making of black Pittsburgh and how these functions changed after Jackie Robinson crossed the color line in 1947.

During the years when major league baseball was segregated, Pittsburgh was the center of black baseball in America. The Homestead Grays, formed by a group of black workers at the Homestead Steelworks in 1900, barnstormed across the country as a Negro League team under the leadership of Cumberland Posey. The Crawfords began as a group of grade school boys playing for the Crawford Bath House on the Hill before becoming a pro squad owned by numbers baron Gus Greenlee.

Between them, the Grays and the Crawfords won thirteen Negro National League pennants and contributed seven of the first eleven Negro Leaguers voted into the Hall of Fame. They include Oscar Charleston, Martin Dihigo, Josh Gibson, Satchel Paige, Judy Johnson, Buck Leonard and Cool Papa Bell.

"Kings" will be shooting interviews in Pittsburgh in August and September before beginning acquisition of still photographs and archival footage later this fall. Among those to be interviewed are Hall-of-Famer Monte Irvin, broadcaster Mal Goode, former Crawford and Pittsburgh Courier photographer Teenie Harris and former Crawford, the Reverend Harold Tinker.

Any knowledge about photographs and especially footage of these teams would greatly be appreciated. There is, for example, no footage of Josh Gibson swinging a bat or of old Greenlee Field on the Hill. Any leads regarding home movies of these teams would be very helpful. Please contact Rob Ruck at (412) 391-8680 or (412) 422-7962.

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### Baseball Week

**DAN SCHLOSSBERG**, creator-coordinator of Dan Schlossberg's Baseball Week program announces the 1991 event takes place January 13-20 at Westcourt in the Buttes in Tempe, Arizona.

Hall of Famers, **ERNIE HARWELL** and Bob Feller, along with former pitchers Herb Score and Lindy McDaniel, are the headline guests of the week. Others, including Hall of Famer Harmon Killebrew, will make cameo appearances.

The program includes a photo-and-autograph party, question and answer sessions, welcome and farewell receptions, baseball movies, seminars, trivia contests, deluxe accommodations, six deluxe continental breakfasts, two lunches and more.

SABR members receive a 5% discount on the program charge (\$800 U.S. per person for double-occupancy, \$1,405.50 U.S. for singles). For reservations and further information, call Westcourt in the Buttes at 1-800-843-1986 or write to Baseball Week, Westcourt in the Buttes, 2000 Westcourt Way, Tempe, Arizona 85282.

## SABR Annual Business Meeting—July 29, 1990

The Annual Business Meeting of the Society for American Baseball Research was held on Sunday, July 29, 1990 at the Sheraton City Centre Hotel, Cleveland, Ohio. The meeting began at 8:40 a.m. with Richard Topp, SABR President, in the chair.

Topp introduced SABR member Henry Summer of Newberry, S.C., who was to act as parliamentarian. Topp presented a proposed agenda, and there were no additions or deletions. The agenda was as follows:

1. Call to order
2. Introduction of parliamentarian
3. Adopting of rules for meeting
4. Reports:
  - a. President
  - b. Executive Director
  - c. Treasurer
  - d. Publications
5. Vote on by-law proposals
6. Old business
7. New business
8. Adjournment

Topp announced the results of the election of officers, held by mail this year pursuant to a by-law change passed at the 1989 annual meeting. Topp said 436 valid votes were cast, with these results:

Director: Rucker 127; Krabbenhoft 115;  
McAfee 73; Macht 55; Bennett 35;  
Greenspan 25; Naiman 4

Treasurer: Ruland 219; Daniels 159;  
Pfenninger 57

Secretary: Perry 270; Kanter 154

Reports were given by the president, executive director, treasurer and director of publications. The reports were contained in the members' (convention) packets. Skip McAfee, treasurer, noted that the executive board, at its meeting here, had taken two additional actions: It ordered a review of the 1989 financial compilation and approved a revised budget for 1990. (Ed. Note: The four reports mentioned above are available from the SABR office. Send a 25¢ SASE for each report ordered. Specify which report(s) you are ordering)

All five proposed by-laws changes were passed:

1. Placing restrictions on board members taking paid SABR positions.
2. Transferring from the constitution to the by-laws the procedure for removal of officers and filling vacancies.
3. Allowing the executive board to fill a vacancy until the next election.
4. Providing that the executive board by unanimous vote or the membership by two-thirds vote may remove an officer or director. (An amendment to change two-thirds to majority failed. After passage of the original proposal, the membership amended #3 to conform to #4.)
5. Allowing changes in the constitution and by-laws by mail ballot and providing for membership initiative in changing by-laws.

There was no formal old business. Under new business, John Holway offered a resolution stating that the membership express its appreciation to Morris Eckhouse for his work as acting executive director and urging the executive board to take this into consideration when deciding on a permanent executive director. The resolution was passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Leonard I. Levin—Secretary

(Ed. Note: The minutes of the annual business meeting are subject to approval at the next executive board meeting.)

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## SABR Executive Board Meeting— July 26, 1990

The Executive Board of the Society for American Baseball Research met on Friday, July 26, 1990, at the Sheraton City Centre Hotel, Cleveland, Ohio. Officers and directors present were Richard Topp, president; Ron Gabriel, vice-president; Skip McAfee, treasurer; Len Levin, secretary; and Bill Carle, Marge Daniels and Richard Puff, directors. Cappy Gagnon, director, was absent. The meeting began at 6:25 p.m.

At the outset of the meeting, Topp announced that Paul Adomites had submitted his resignation as publications director, effective October 15. Topp said he had instructed Richard Puff, director and chairman of the publications committee, to call a meeting of his committee to discuss the question of a replacement.

Topp announced the results of the recent election: The successful candidates were Bob Ruland, treasurer; Claudia Perry, secretary; and Mark Rucker, director. Topp said 456 votes were cast in the mail ballot, a turnout he described as disappointing.

The minutes of the February 23-25 meeting in Alexandria, Virginia, were accepted as corrected (including corrections made at *con't on next page*)

### Call For Papers

"Diamonds are Forever: The Business of Baseball" is the topic at the Thirteenth Annual Middlebury College Conference on Economic Issues, April 5-7, 1991. Those wishing to present a paper must submit a proposal of at least 500 words before December 15, 1990. Notification of acceptance/rejection will be sent by January 15, 1991. Completed papers are due by March 1, 1991. Each paper is expected to be no more than 25 pages long. Each speaker will have 30 minutes to present the results of his/her study, followed by comments by discussants. Please send proposals to: Professor Paul M. Sommers, Department of Economics, Middlebury College, Middlebury, Vermont 05753 or call 802-388-3711, ext. 5325.

this meeting). (Ed. Note: The corrected minutes from the February 23-25 executive board meeting can be obtained by sending a 45¢ SASE to the SABR office.)

**Executive Director's Report:** The executive director's report was given by Morris Eckhouse, acting executive director. At the conclusion of the report, Daniels moved (Puff second) that the board commend Eckhouse for stepping into the job at a difficult time. The motion was passed unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report:** SABR's finances were discussed by McAfee, who stressed that he was unable to present a true picture because insufficient information was provided by the former executive director to the former auditor, who was able to submit only a compilation report, not an audit or a review report. Topp moved (Daniels second) that the 1989 financial compilation for which information provided was incomplete, be reviewed by the newly retained CPA. The motion was passed unanimously.

The board reviewed the current budget along with suggested revisions. McAfee moved (Carle second) that the board approve a revised budget for 1990 as presented by him, but with the further revision that a \$3,000 item for a publications consultant be deleted. The motion was passed by majority vote.

McAfee moved (Gabriel second) that current expenses for the Research Library be taken out of the "miscellaneous" line item, and that in the future there be a separate line item in the budget for the Research Library. The motion was passed by majority vote.

**Publications Committee:** Puff discussed the implications of

Adomites' resignation. He noted that Adomites is willing to assist in any transition. Puff said the committee was soliciting suggestions as to what should happen in the wake of Adomites' resignation.

Puff noted that of four publications this year, "Cooperstown Corner" has been published, "SABR Review of Books" is in the mail, "The National Pastime" is expected to be out by August 15 and "Baseball Research Journal" should be out in October.

(Ed. Note: Revisions to the mailing envelopes and the SABR mailing list delayed the mailing of "The National Pastime." TNP-10 will be mailed in the final third of September.)

**Bylaws Revision:** Daniels provided a written report on the work that has been done by the bylaws revision committee over the past three years. She also provided a plan for completion of the project, noting that the dates were tentative and ambitious.

**Policy Manual:** After some discussion initiated by Daniels on proposed revisions to the policy manual, McAfee suggested that, because of the importance of the matter and the lateness of the hour, the proposed changes be incorporated in a copy of the latest policy manual by a committee including Daniels. Topp said he, not Daniels, would handle the proposals.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:10 a.m.

Leonard I. Levin—Secretary

(Minutes subject to amendment and acceptance by Executive board at next meeting.)

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## SABR Executive Board Meeting—July 29, 1990

The Executive Board of SABR met Sunday, July 29 at the Sheraton City Centre Hotel in Cleveland, Ohio following the annual business meeting. Officers and directors present: Richard Topp, president; Ron Gabriel, vice president; Bob Ruland, treasurer; Claudia Perry, Secretary; Bill Carle, Mark Rucker and Richard Puff, directors. Cappy Gagnon, director, was absent. Also present were Morris Eckhouse, acting executive director and Paul Adomites, publications director. The meeting was called to order at 11:13 a.m.

The minutes from previous meetings were not discussed due to the transition between secretaries. Amended minutes from the February board meeting in Alexandria, the board meeting and council of committee chairs' meeting on July 26, 1990 during the national convention in Cleveland and the annual business meeting at the convention will be reviewed at the next board meeting.

Topp directed that Perry undertake the revision of the SABR policy manual and present a summary at a later meeting.

Topp directed the treasurer and executive director to set up a preliminary 1991 budget.

Topp appointed Al Pfenninger to head a marketing and promotions committee. The purpose of the committee will be to explore ways of increasing SABR's visibility as an organization.

Topp also appointed Steve Nadel head of a regional and convention committee, which will advise the SABR board at its spring meeting on the following topics: assessment of regionals or areas for future

regionals, promotion for regional activities, problem solving for regional leadership in areas such as facilities and operations. The committees will also make recommendations for future national convention sites as an outgrowth of its regional agenda. Nadel will appoint four members to this committee.

The acting executive director recounted the history of the board's interest in acquiring liability insurance. Ruland submitted a thorough written report outlining the drawbacks and strengths of a variety of coverages and expressed some misgivings about SABR's position as an insurance carrier and the strengths of some of the recommended companies.

Perry recommended that Ruland look over SABR's position as an insurance carrier and submit a report at the next board meeting. The board agreed to this without making a formal motion.

Steve Nadel and David Bluminstein of the New York convention committee submitted a four-page proposal outlining plans for the 1991 national convention. Submissions for the convention publications are welcome, volunteers are in place and media interest is being courted.

Topp recommended that a board meeting take place in New York before the national convention so the board can check over the site depending on board members' availability. Gabriel recommended that people wishing to have a vendor's booth at the convention be charged.

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The New Yorkers yielded the floor to Paul Mathews of Mathews Printing. Gabriel questioned Mathews as to the state of the membership directory. Mathews said the directory would be mailed by the end of August complete with revised by-laws. Puff will handle any revisions.

(Ed. Note: Because of extensive and unexpected changes in the membership listings, mailing of the membership directory was delayed until mid-September.)

Mathews pointed out that the executive director is in need of more hard-disk space on the office computer. The board concurred.

Puff expressed thanks to Mathews for his work on SABR publications.

Puff and Mathews yielded to discussion of the staffing of the SABR office. Eckhouse suggested, because of the state of the 1990 budget, the status quo remain. John Zajc is working 18 hours a week, and Eckhouse said Zajc's hours could be increased to between 20 and 40 hours a week. Topp had appropriated emergency funds for Zajc in the 1990 budget.

Gabriel was requested by Topp to present the report of the committee studying the position of executive director. Eckhouse asked of he should leave the room for discussion of this report. The board voted unanimously that Eckhouse remain since the report was a study of the position, not an evaluation of anyone who had held or holds it. Gabriel submitted a written report, with a supplementary report added by committee member Frank Phelps.

ED committee member Norman Macht was present at the board meeting and recommended that the position of publications director be abolished and some of that position's duties be shifted to the executive director as well as the publications committee. Topp referred Macht to the publications committee, headed by Puff. Perry cited some mechanical difficulties with the suggestion,

because at least one person would have to have the knowledge that the publications directors have possessed. Puff suggested that Macht submit a proposal to the publications committee.

**New Business:** Carle moved that the acting executive director's status be discussed. For this discussion, Eckhouse left the meeting. After several board members cited John Holway's resolution saluting Eckhouse at the business meeting, Carle moved that the board offer Morris Eckhouse a two year contract subject to conditions mutually agreed upon by Eckhouse and the SABR President after review by legal counsel and subject to board approval. There were several seconds. The motion passed 6-0 with Gabriel not voting due to possible conflict of interest with his position as chairman of the committee to evaluate the ED position.

**Budget adjustments:** Gabriel moved to appropriate \$272.50 to the Ballparks committee, \$175.00 to the Women in Baseball committee to cover the cost of one 1990 newsletter and \$500.00 for the Statistical Analysis committee. Rucker seconded, and the motion passed 7-0.

Topp appointed Rucker as board liaison to the Council of Committee Chairs.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:50 p.m. There were no executive sessions.

(Minutes subject to amendment and acceptance by executive board at the next meeting.)

The next SABR Executive board meeting will be October 19-21 at the Penta Hotel, site of SABR XXI, in New York City. For more information about the agenda, contact the SABR office, (216) 575-0500.

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## Bookshelf

Reprints of the 1899, 1900 and 1901 Reach Baseball Guides are now available from Horton Publishing Company, P.O. Box 29234, St. Louis, MO 63126. The guides are available for \$25 each or \$70 for the complete set of three. Each guide includes complete coverage of previous year, final standings and averages of National League and minor leagues and more.

Baseball Quarterly Reviews, Volume 5, Number 2 is now available. Subscriptions to Volume 5 (which will be comprised of 4 issues totaling about 264 pages) are \$20.00. Featured in the Summer-1990 issue are "Collecting Home Runs—Ultimate Sudden Death" (1901-1960/1961) and "Leading Leadoff Hitters" (1980-1989). Order from BQR, P.O. Box 9343, Schenectady, NY 12309.

On The Mark's new book Baseball's Greatest Total Hitters by Mark E. Van Overloop has been honored with its inclusion in both The National Baseball Hall of Fame Library in Cooperstown and The Babe Ruth Museum in Baltimore. The book offers an in-depth statistical analysis of the best seasons and careers of the game's most complete (power plus average) batters since 1920. To order, Please send \$9.95 plus \$2.00 postage to Mark at Box 133, Washingtonville, NY 10992.

## Coming Soon

The final three issues of The SABR Bulletin for 1990 will include the following:

Membership Survey  
Report on SABR XXI Developments  
A Look at SABR Committees  
Regional Development  
SABR's 20th Anniversary Year (1991)

If you have suggestions for Bulletin topics, please write to SABR Bulletin, P.O. Box 93183, Cleveland, OH 44101.

Information in the Bulletin is largely made up of contributions from members. Your input toward the Research Exchange, Names in the News, Letters to the Editor, Research Needs, Bookshelf, Regionals, etc., is essential to making the Bulletin as informative as possible. Your time in making contributions to the Bulletin is very much appreciated by all SABR members. Keep them coming.

## Names in the News

W. LLOYD JOHNSON has been named Director of the Negro Leagues Baseball Museum in Kansas City. The Museum is part of a \$125 million development project and is scheduled to open its doors in the summer of 1992. For additional information or a copy of the Museum Prospectus, contact Lloyd by calling 816/822-1740 or 816/843-1300...PETER BJARKMAN's article Dodgers With a Latin Beat is featured in Dodgers Magazine, Volume 3, Number 4...BARRY HALPER is the cover boy of Volume 17, No. 35 (August 31, 1990) of Sports Collectors Digest and is the subject of a profile article...J.M. MURPHY contributed to a brief article on Nap Lajoie in the Volume 17, No. 36 (September 7, 1990) issue of SCD...JAN BAGIN (unless we hear otherwise) ranks as the SABR member who traveled the farthest distance to come to SABR XX. Jan hails from Czechoslovakia. He brought along copies of his 1990 Calendar featuring pictures of baseball being played in Czechoslovakia. If you are interested in the calendar, write to Jan at Liebknechtova 29, Praha 5, Czechoslovakia CZE.

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## Trivia Contest

The additional trivia contest entries mentioned in the last issue of The SABR Bulletin (Volume 20, Number 8) have been passed on to SABR President Rich Topp, creator of the contest, for a final ruling. The matter will be discussed at the Executive Board meeting in October and the results published in the following Bulletin.

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## Call for Convention Site Bids

If you missed the call in the last issue of The SABR Bulletin, here is another reminder that bids for the 1992, 1993, or 1994 SABR convention are now being accepted. Contact Executive Director Morris Eckhouse at the SABR office (216/575-0500 or P.O. Box 93183, Cleveland, Ohio 44101) as soon as possible. Notification before the October 19-21 Executive Board meeting would be very helpful.

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## TSB Flashback

From the SABR Bulletin  
Volume 5, Number 5, October 1975:

THE NATIONAL CAPITAL AREA held its second regional meeting September 27 at the home of Jerry Gregory in Annandale, Virginia. Hurricane Eloise limited attendance to 10 members and several friends, but the occasion was enhanced by the presence of George McQuinn, former first sacker of the Browns and other clubs, who entertained the group with interesting stories of his 12 years in the majors. He also talked about his years in the minors, for he was the first baseman for the Newark Bears in 1937, one of the all-time greatest minor league teams. He first came up to the majors with the Reds in 1936, but manager Chuck Dressen tried to make a pull-hitter out of him and it didn't work out. With Lou Gehrig on first for the Yanks, McQuinn went to the Browns in 1938, where he launched a 34-game hitting streak. A very personable and modest

man of 65, he was pleased to hear that SABR had voted him the outstanding fielding first baseman in the AL in the 1940's.

From the SABR Bulletin  
Volume 15, Number 5, October 1985:

After voting in April not to publish a Membership Directory in 1985 because of a projected budget shortfall, the Board decided to issue a new directory next year. Plans call for the inclusion of a separate section containing a Zip Code listing of all members to permit easy location of the names of those living in any particular area of the U.S., Canada or elsewhere.

The board also approved a motion to produce four publications in '86. Besides the Baseball Research Journal and the regular edition of The National Pastime, they will include another special pictorial version of TNP—this one on the 1901-1920 deadball period—and a new publication dedicated to baseball literature. The later was proposed by Paul Adomites, who produced a four-page pilot and has offered to serve as editor.

DESPITE punishing heat and humidity, 34 persons, including 13 guests, turned out for Cincinnati's fifth annual regional on September 7. Dick Miller put on a dazzling slide show on historic ballparks and then captained the winning team in a Cincinnati Reds trivia contest. Terry Huge gave a talk on "Prime Performance," and Roy Hughes reminisced about his days as a major league infielder (1935-1946).

(Ed. Note: Plans are being developed for a Cincinnati regional in January or February of 1991. Contact Kevin Grace at 513-821-3241 for more information.)

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## Regionals

**Cleveland, Ohio** . . . The Jack Graney (Northeast Ohio) Chapter of SABR's Fall Regional takes place Saturday, September 29 at Cleveland State University and Cleveland Stadium with a morning and evening session surrounding the Indians-Orioles game. Cost is \$5.00 for the regional, \$8.00 for the game. Contact Fred Schuld, P.O. Box 26, Macedonia, OH 44056 (216/467-5238).

**Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania** . . . The Pittsburgh area regional group is planning a meeting for the first Saturday in November. Contact Ed Luteran, 4843 Spring Valley Drive, Allison Park, PA 15101 (412/443-0231) for more information.

**Minneapolis, Minnesota** . . . The Halsey Hall Chapter of SABR will hold its Fall Regional Meeting Saturday, November 3 at the Stearns County Heritage Center in St. Cloud, MN. Research presentations by members will be given in the morning, followed by the Chapter business meeting during lunch. A player panel in the afternoon will consist of former Northern League stars. St. Cloud native Jim Eisenreich is also a possibility for this panel. Other activities of the day include a tour of the Heritage Center's exhibit on the St. Cloud Rox and possibly a baseball lore quiz. The cost of the meeting, including lunch, is \$12.00. Attempts will be made to organize carpools from the Twin Cities. For additional information, contact chapter Events Chairman Stew Thornley, 982 15th Avenue SE, Apt. 16, Minneapolis, MN 55414 (612/378-9189).

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Red Barber notes that White's book "is an entertaining... account of the Negro players who wanted to play baseball badly enough to struggle against discrimination, poor pay, no schedules, no leagues, changing rules. . . ." John Thorn writes of *Sphere and Ash* "the author tosses in tidbits which for his contemporaries may have been mere trifles, but for modern readers are pure gold."

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## SABR XXI DATES SET

In its 20th anniversary season, SABR returns to the state of its formation and stages the biggest event of any SABR season, the annual SABR Convention, in "The Big Apple," New York City. SABR XXI will take place June 28-30, 1991 at the New York Penta Hotel in Manhattan. The annual convention takes place some six weeks prior to the actual 20th anniversary of the Society. On August 10, 1971, SABR was formed when founder L. Robert Davids gathered a group of 16 baseball "statisticians" at the Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, New York. That was SABR I. The annual convention did not return to New York State until SABR XIX at Albany in 1989. The SABR annual convention closest to New York City took place in 1978 when a then-record 81 members went to Paramus, New Jersey. New York State joins Illinois as the second state to host three SABR annual conventions.

While specific plans for SABR XXI are still in the formative stages, the proposed schedule includes a tour of Yankee Stadium and a trip to a New York Mets game. Details will be forthcoming from convention organizers Steve Nadel and David Blumenstein as they develop. Watch the Bulletin for monthly SABR XXI updates. In the meantime, mark June 28-30 on your calendar now.

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## SABR XXI PUBLICATION

For the third consecutive year, a feature of the SABR annual convention will be a special publication. As you might expect, the SABR XXI publication will focus on baseball in New York City. If you are interested in submitting an article to the publication, or helping in other ways, write to:

David Blumenstein  
110-45 Queens Boulevard  
Forest Hills, New York 11375

(If you are interested in past convention publications, refer to the bookshelf section on page five.)

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## SABR XXI PRESENTATIONS

Members interested in making presentations at SABR XXI can receive more information by writing to:

Burt Bloom  
2323 Avenue V  
Brooklyn, New York 11229

You must send a SASE (25¢) to receive a reply. Prospective presenters will get a questionnaire asking for basic details. Presenters will be required to provide a brief abstract describing the proposed presentation.

## SABR REGIONAL SITES 1990

|                            |                       |
|----------------------------|-----------------------|
| Cooperstown, New York      |                       |
| Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania   |                       |
| Los Angeles, California    | Allan Roth Chapter    |
| Philadelphia, Pennsylvania |                       |
| Warwick, Rhode Island      | Southern New England  |
| Cleveland, Ohio            | Jack Graney Chapter   |
| Ann Arbor, Michigan        | Fred T. Smith Chapter |
| New York, New York         |                       |
| St. Louis, Missouri        | Bob Broeg Chapter     |
| Portland, Oregon           | NWSABR                |
| St. Cloud, Minnesota       | Halsey Hall Chapter   |
| Baltimore, Maryland        | Baltimore-Washington  |
| Tokyo, Japan               |                       |

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## SHOULD YOU BE HERE?

The above list contains the sites where SABR regional meetings took place, or are scheduled to take place, in 1990 as reported in The SABR Bulletin. If you have had a regional meeting in 1990 not listed above, it has not been reported to the Bulletin. If there were meetings in 1990 not listed above, please let us know. Most members are interested in regional activities and The SABR Bulletin is the prime source of information for such activities.

Be sure to look at the note to regional organizers on page six.

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## SABR NATIONAL CONVENTION SITES

|      |                       |      |                 |
|------|-----------------------|------|-----------------|
| 1971 | Cooperstown, NY       | 1983 | Milwaukee, WI   |
| 1972 | Arlington, VA         | 1984 | Providence, RI  |
| 1973 | Chicago, IL           | 1985 | Oakland, CA     |
| 1974 | Philadelphia, PA      | 1986 | Chicago, IL     |
| 1975 | Boston, MA            | 1987 | Washington, DC  |
| 1976 | Chicago, IL           | 1988 | Minneapolis, MN |
| 1977 | Columbus, OH          | 1989 | Albany, NY      |
| 1978 | Paramus, NJ           | 1990 | Cleveland, OH   |
| 1979 | St. Louis, MO         | 1991 | New York, NY    |
| 1980 | Los Angeles, CA       | 1992 | ?               |
| 1981 | Erindale, ON (Canada) | 1993 | ?               |
| 1982 | Towson, MD            | 1994 | ?               |

(See page six regarding convention bids for 1992, 1993, or 1994)

### MEMBERSHIP SURVEY INSIDE

Please take the time to fill out and return the membership survey on page seven.

## NAMES IN THE NEWS

**BERNARD TITOWSKY** and his Austin Book Shop was featured on a recent This Week in Baseball program...**DICK MILLER's** Book Review column in Sports Collectors Digest (Volume 17, NO. 39, September 28, 1990) features a look at the authors that were on hand at SABR XX...Ballparks Committee Chairman **BOB BLUTHARDT** was quoted in a USA Today article on past, present and future stadia. Committee members **JOHN PASTIER** and **PHIL BESS** were also quoted...**MARK ALVAREZ** has authored the latest in the "World of Baseball" series from Redefinitions. The new title is The Old Ball Game and covers baseball's beginnings, primarily 1840 to 1880.

(Ed Note: Help us keep track of SABR members in the news. If you see an item by or about a fellow member in a local or national publication, or hear a member, or about a member, on a TV or radio broadcast, please pass the information along to The Bulletin. SABR is its members and we should notice, and appreciate, their efforts whenever possible.)

## AT THE OFFICE

**CHANGES OF ADDRESS:** To safeguard members, changes of address must now be submitted to the office **IN WRITING ONLY**. If possible, changes should be sent to the office on change of address cards provided by the post office. Otherwise, please print as clearly as possible, or type, your old address and phone number and your new address and phone number on a sheet of paper and send it to the office (SABR, P.O. Box 93183, Cleveland, Ohio 44101). By promptly informing the office of any changes in your address, you will be sure to receive your SABR publications in a timely fashion.

As mentioned in the August issue of The SABR Bulletin, data input is now being handled by Mathews Printing in Pittsburgh. On the first of each month, we ship all new memberships, renewals, and changes of address to Mathews for input. While this creates a delay in processing information received during the month, we find it is the most efficient way to handle the information. Your comments and suggestions are welcome.

**1991 RENEWAL NOTICES:** You should be receiving a 1991 renewal notice in October or November. Your prompt payment of dues is a great help to the Society. The rate of returns from the first notice is an indicator for the upcoming year and so impacts our plans for the year. As SABR's 20th anniversary year, 1991 promises to be one of the Society's most eventful ever. By showing your support now, with prompt renewal, you will help us make 1991 all that it should be for SABR.

To avoid an overlap between renewals and new memberships, all new memberships received between October 1, 1990 and December 31, 1990 will become effective January 1, 1991. New members joining in October, November and December will be immediately welcomed into the Society and have access to committees, regional groups and services, but will not begin to receive publications until 1991.

The SABR office is here to do as much as possible to maximize the benefits of your SABR membership. If you have any problems, questions, or comments, just let us know.

## TSB FLASHBACK

From The SABR Bulletin  
Volume 10, Number 5, October 1980

THE 1980 MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY is out at last! It was bulk mailed the first week in October and should reach its 1200+ locations in the second and third weeks. A word of explanation about the long delay: The Philadelphia contractor which was computerizing the information had some problems midway into the project. After an interminable delay the company threw up its corporate hands in resignation. We had to take the project back and put it in the format of prior years. Gregg Dubbs did much of the work at his home in Lancaster, Pa., where the material was typeset. It was printed in Washington and distributed there (here) as in the past. We apologize for the delay and will try to do a better job next year. (Ed. Note: The more things change, the more they stay the same. We, too, apologize for the delay in getting you the 1990 membership directory and will try to do a better job next year.)

## SOME UNUSUAL AND INTERESTING HAPPENINGS IN THE MAJORS IN 1980

1. Pete Rose, 39 years old, played the full schedule of games for the eighth season of his career. He now has played the most games at five different positions: 643 LF, 560 RF, 631 3B, 629 2B, and 327 1B. Steve Garvey ran his consecutive game streak to 835, sixth best in major league history.

2. George Brett's .390 batting mark was the highest for a third baseman in this century. He surpassed Freddie Lindstrom's .379 figure for the Giants in 1930. Brett also had 118 RBIs in 117 games, best average since Walt Dropo drove in 144 runs in 136 games for the 1950 Red Sox. In this superlative year for third basemen, Mike Schmidt passed Eddie Mathews' 1953 record of 47 homers with a new major league record of 48.

3. Jim Kaat, Tim McCarver and Willie McCovey joined the list of veterans who have played in four decades. McCarver did it when he was only 38 years old. Minnie Minoso, 57, became the second five-decade player.

(Ed. Note: Flash forward. Ten years later Brett is making an unexpected charge at another batting crown, Minoso is denied the chance to become a six-decade player, and Rose is in yet another different position.)

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Thanks to Lawrence Yaffa for bringing up the question of whether Jimmy Foxx hit a dozen balls into the screen at Sportsman's Park in 1932. And further thanks to Bob Tiemann who did the research to clear up the point.

There must be hundreds of such legends clustered around the history of the game and it would be great if SABR members could research them and see if we could come up with the underlying truth about such legends.

Now, I would like to bring up what I consider an important error being made in a well-known statistic— that is, for RUNS PRODUCED.

As you know, the formula for calculating RUNS PRODUCED is commonly given as Runs Scored plus RBI's minus Home Runs equals RUNS PRODUCED. I think this is dead wrong, it should be simply Runs Scored plus RBI's equal RUNS PRODUCED with no subtraction for homers.

Take two separate 1-0 games. In the first game a batter doubles and then is doubled home by another batter. Total for the game — two RUNS PRODUCED.

In the second game, a batter homers for the only run. He is credited with an RBI and a Run Scored minus his homer. Total for the game — one RUN PRODUCED.

This is not logical. It doesn't make sense.

Apparently whoever originally came up with the RUNS PRODUCED formula didn't realize that usually two men share in every run that goes up on the scoreboard, one to score the run and another batter to drive him in, so each batter is actually only producing half a run. But with a home run, the hitter is doing it all by himself and he is producing a whole run.

I think I'm right on this but if I'm not, please let me know.

And let's see if we can persuade the compilers of record books and baseball encyclopedias to straighten out their records on this point.

Tom Dunker, Fountain Valley, California

I have recently been conducting a statistical analysis of the 1871 Philadelphia Athletics. During this research I discovered what may be a major error in the statistics of that team. All literature that I have seen about that team states that they finished the season with 22 wins and 7 losses for a .759 percentage. This is a total of 29 games. Using both the Macmillan Baseball Encyclopedia, 7th ed. and Total Baseball I compiled the individual statistics of all the players of that team. What these books recorded was that there were only 28 games played at each position, 28-1/3 in the outfield. The two pitchers were said to have a combined won-loss record of 21-7 for a .750 percentage, still the best of that season. Only the 'Manager Roster' section of Total Baseball showed this change. It credits James Dickson "Dick" McBride with managing Philadelphia in 1871 for 28 games to a 21-7 finish.

I see two possibilities. The first is that somehow one of Philadelphia's victories got counted twice way back in 1871. The second is that one of Philadelphia's games has been lost since then, and all that remains is the knowledge that they won. The second possibility is obviously the more likely of the two. However, if the first possibility is correct, then it means that the pennant, according to 1871 rules, should have been awarded to Harry Wright's Boston Red Stockings.

Mark Savoie, Fredericton, New Brunswick, Canada

(Ed Note: The Nineteen Century Committee has completed statistics for 1871 and found that the difference is the result of forfeits awarded to Philadelphia a month after the games were played. Rockford lost four games that season by using Scott Hastings, an illegal player.)

I'm not in a position to research this, but might Germany Schaefer have stolen first base twice in his career? Has anyone checked Lee Allen's claim that Schaefer stole 1st on August 4th, 1911, (Washington vs Chicago). If so, that doesn't coincide with any of what Davey Jones remembers about Schaefer stealing first.

Jones' memory places it "around 1908," Schaefer is still with the Tigers, it happens late in the game with Jones on 3rd. It's a game versus Cleveland with Nig Clarke catching and George Stovall on first. Those details would mean it happened somewhere between 1906 and early 1909. It would be a pretty exciting find to discover a player who pulled off this most unusual feat twice in his career.

Craig Wright, Arlington, Texas

Regarding Lowell Blaisdell's letter on the double-switch printed in the August 1990 Bulletin.

My recollection of first seeing the "double-switch" used was in the mid-'50s. Paul Richards of the White Sox would put Billy Pierce at first base, bring in a right-hander to pitch to one batter and then put Pierce back on the mound.

Steve Hughes, Middle Island, New York

## ELSEWHERE

If you saw the impressive ten-and-a-half-hour film The Civil War on PBS at the end of September, you might be interested in the plans of its creator, documentarian Ken Burns, for his next project. Interviewed by Bernard A. Weisberger in the September/October 1990 issue of American Heritage, Burns says "My immediate interest is a series on baseball. I think, like the Civil War, it's a Rosetta stone of American values—written smaller, of course, but giving some digestible sense of the American soul. (Ed. Note: Thanks to **FRED SCHULD** for bringing the American Heritage article to our attention.)

The 'Belles of the Ball Game' were a hit with their fans is the title of an article by Jack Fincher in the July, 1990 issue of Smithsonian Magazine about the All-American Girls Professional Baseball League (AAGPBL). An anonymous SABR member is quoted, "The way they were throwing the ball was unbelievable. It looked as though they were as good as men." (Ed. Note: Thanks **DON COFFIN** for passing along the article from Smithsonian).

**BASEBALL ODDITIES** by L. Robert Davids

In the third inning of the July 19, 1916 game against the Cubs, Benny Kauff of the Giants, playing center field, came in to back up a play at second base and wound up tagging out two players, Les Mann and Cy Williams.

## RESEARCH EXCHANGE

**JOHN GUTHEIL** offers a copy of Joe Jackson's Grand Jury "confession" regarding the 1919 Black Sox scandal given in September of 1920. The transcript was contributed to the Chicago Historical Society by the law firm Mayer, Brown & Platt, known from 1908 to 1954 as Mayer, Meyer, Austrian & Platt. Alfred S. Austrian was counsel to Charles A. Comiskey, owner of the White Sox, and obtained Jackson's confession to having taken money from gamblers to throw the 1919 World Series to Cincinnati.

For a copy of the 28 page document, send \$3.50 to the SABR office.

**ED BROOKS** is offering a 16 page article on the career of minor leaguer Bill Sisler, a much shortened version of which appeared in the 1988 Research Journal. Send \$1.00 to Ed Brooks, 142 Fernbank Ave., Delmar, NY 12054

**JERRY L. KAHN** offers: Players Who Outhomered Teams ( 2 pages)

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The Oakland Athletics have compiled a steal by steal breakdown of Rickey Henderson's career from June 24, 1979 to September 12, 1990. Also included are all catchers and pitchers victimized by Henderson, his "favorite" batteries, milestone steals, historic achievements and breakdowns of steals by stadium, month, day, position, base, inning, and opponent.

For a copy of the 20 page document, send \$3.00 to the SABR office.

## RESEARCH NEEDS

**TOBY WESSELHOEFT** is writing a Master's Thesis on "The influence of German Immigrants on the Evolution of Major League Baseball", and is specifically interested in origins of the German-American Hall of Famers. His phone is 617/395-1817 and address is 103 Warren St., West Medford, MA 02155.

**DAVID VINCENT** (2942 Marsala Ct., Woodbridge, VA 22192) requests information concerning any accounts of switch hitting by a player not normally thought of as a switch hitter or unusual events concerning switch hitters. He is collecting all such accounts for inclusion in the SABR Switch Hitters database.

## RESEARCH PAPERS

The following papers, corresponding to presentations given at SABR XX, were submitted to the SABR office:

Cleveland Buckeyes by Merl Kleinknecht  
Bill Veeck and The Cleveland Glory Years by James Odenkirk  
1940 Record of Bob Feller by Bill McMahon  
No Hits & Runs Without Errors by Norman Macht  
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The Black Mac by John Holway  
A New Pitching Evaluation Tool by Stephen Grant  
Factors Affecting an At-Bat by Ed Oswalt  
1989 World Series: Biggest Blowout by Barry Mednick  
Milwaukee Braves — A Baseball Eulogy by Bob Buege  
The Pitch That Killed by Mike Sowell  
Women, Baseball & Nicknames by James Skipper Jr. & Brenda S. Wilson  
A New Way to (Joe) Judge Hall-of-Famers by David Raglin  
Caribbean Series Legends by Peter Bjarkman  
Lots of Games/Less than 200 AB by Al Blumkin  
Indians' Lead-Off Batters by Herman Krabbenhoft  
Last to First in One Year: 1890 Louisville Colonels by Bob Bailey  
The Greatest Team Ever by Steve McFarland  
Two-At-A-Time Losers by David Jordan  
Distant Drums by Bruce Dudley  
The Yankees Stay East by Corey Seeman  
Bayes' Theorem by Alden Mead  
World Series TV Ratings, 1950-1989 by Chuck Hildenbrandt  
1957 Rapid City Chiefs by Kevin Huigens  
World Series Redux by Bill Borst  
Unexpected Effect of the DH by Stephen Grant  
Baker Bowl by Dutch Doyle

If you are interested in a copy of one or more of the papers listed, contact Len Levin, SABR Research Paper Collection, 282 Doyle Avenue, Providence, RI 02906 regarding availability.

NOTE: Due to copyright restrictions, some papers listed may not be available from SABR.

## COMMITTEES

**BIOGRAPHICAL:** Biographical Research Report, August 1990 is now available from the SABR office for \$1.00. The Mystery of the Month involves Walter Kinlock of the 1895 Cardinals and **BILL HABER** takes the Find of the Month for identifying Edward James Forsyth of the 1915 Baltimore Federals.

**BIBLIOGRAPHY:** Committee co-chairman **FRANK PHELPS** has requested that **ANDY McCUE** of Riverside, California be named the other co-chairman of the Bibliography Committee. McCue replaces Leverett T. Smith as co-chairman of the committee. Correspondence to the committee should be addressed to both Frank and Andy.

**COLLEGIATE:** At the direction of President Topp, the Collegiate Committee has been dissolved. The committee did not respond to a September 20 deadline for a statement of activity, did not submit an annual budget, has not issued a newsletter in 1990, did not submit an annual report, and was not represented at the annual convention.

A look at the Biographical, Minor Leagues, Statistical Analysis, Records, Ballparks and Computerization Committees will be featured in the November issue of The SABR Bulletin. The other SABR Research Committees will be featured in the December issue. For information about a specific committee, contact its chairperson. For further information, contact the SABR office.

## BOOKSHELF

Baseball's Benchmark Boxscores: Summaries of the Record-Setting Games by **JOE DITTMAR** is now available from McFarland & Company. The 240 page book includes 36 photos and boxscores and summaries from 119 games featuring benchmarks in baserunning, batting, pitching, game length and mortifications. To order, send \$27.50 to McFarland & Company, Inc., Publishers, Box 611, Jefferson, NC 28640.

The 1937 Newark Bears — A Minor League Legend by **RONALD A. MAYER** is available once again. The book recounts the story of one of the greatest minor league teams in baseball history. It includes more than 25 pictures, a bibliography, index and team roster in its 300 pages. To order, please send \$9.95 (which includes postage) to Ronald A. Mayer, 40 Christine Drive, East Hanover, NJ 07936.

**CONVENTION PUBLICATIONS:** The following convention publications remain available from the SABR office:

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| Baseball in Chicago (1986)          | \$5.00 |
| Baseball in the Empire State (1989) | \$7.50 |
| Baseball in Cleveland (1990)        | \$7.50 |

League Park by Peter Jedick, part of the SABR XX convention package, is also available for \$5.00. Each publication requires an additional \$1.00 for shipping and handling. Order any, or all, from the SABR office, P.O. Box 93183, Cleveland, Ohio 44101.

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The Sports Literature Association's (SLA) annual conference takes place July 30-August 3, 1991 at Springfield College, Massachusetts. Sports fiction, poetry and scholarship is invited. For further details contact John Pyros, 429 Hope Street, Tarpon Springs, Florida 34689 or Professor Lyle Olsen, Department of English, East Tennessee State University, Johnson City, TN 37614-0002.

## NASSH GRADUATE ESSAY PRIZE

The North American Society for Sport History announces its seventh annual "NASSH Graduate Essay Prize." The NASSH Prize will be given for the essay which a panel of judges deems of the highest quality. The student whose essay is chosen shall present the paper at the 1991 Convention, held at Loyola University, Chicago, Illinois, May 25-28, 1991. Expenses will be paid by NASSH.

Eligibility is open to any non-previous winner who is a student doing graduate work during the 1990-91 year, including both masters and doctoral students.

The award includes economy airfare and return from a site in North America to the 10th Annual NASSH Convention at Loyola, accommodations and meals at the convention, convention registration and 1991 NASSH membership.

Candidates are to submit, by January 1, 1991, four copies of a 3,000-4,000 word sport history essay. For examples of suitable topics and format, see articles in the Journal of Sport History. These are submitted to: Professor Jack W. Berryman, Department of Medical History & Ethics, SB-20, University of Washington, Seattle, WA 98195. The research and writing are to be undertaken by the student. The essay must be double spaced with notes collected at the end. The writer shall attend the convention and present the paper. The winning essay shall be sent to the Journal of Sport History for review and possible publication.

## 19TH ANNUAL NASSH CONVENTION SCHEDULED

The 1991 convention of the North American Society for Sport History will be held at Loyola University in Chicago, Illinois May 25-27, 1991. Thematic Session Coordinators include **STEVE GIETSCHIER:** 19th Century Baseball; **LARRY GERLACH:** 20th Century Baseball; **STEVEN RIESS:** Sport in Chicago; **ROBERT BARNEY:** Avery Brundage and the Modern Olympic Movement; **JOHN M. CARROLL:** African-American Athletes in White Universities in Early 20th Century American History; **CHUCK KORR:** Your Community Needs You — Sports and the Local Community; and 10 others.

Send inquiries regarding the program to the session coordinators or to Professor Robert K. Barney, Faculty of Physical Education, Thames Hall, University of Western Ontario, London, Ontario, CANADA N6A 3K7

## REGIONALS

**MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA...**The Halsey Hall Chapter of the Society for American Baseball Research will hold its Fall Regional Meeting Saturday, November 3 at the Stearns County Heritage Center in St. Cloud, Minnesota. Research presentations by members will be given in the morning, followed by the Chapter business meeting during lunch. A player panel in the afternoon will consist of former Northern League stars. St. Cloud-native Jim Eisenreich is also a possibility for this panel. Other activities of the day include a tour of the Heritage Center's exhibit on the St. Cloud Rox and possibly a baseball lore quiz. The cost of the meeting, including lunch, is \$12. Attempts will be made to organize carpools from the Twin Cities. For additional information, contact chapter Events Chairman Stew Thornley, 982 15th Avenue SE, Apt. 16, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55414, 612/378-9189.

**PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA...**The Pittsburgh area regional group is planning a meeting for the first Saturday in November. Contact Ed Luteran, 4843 Spring Valley Drive, Allison Park, Pennsylvania 15101, 412/443-0231 for further information.

## REGIONALS (continued)

Reports on the September 8 Baltimore-Washington regional and the September 29 Cleveland area regional will appear in the November issue of The SABR Bulletin.

**IMPORTANT NOTE TO REGIONAL ORGANIZERS:** If you have conducted a regional meeting in 1990, plan to conduct a meeting in 1991, or wish to conduct a meeting in 1991, please contact the office as soon as possible. Regional development is a SABR priority for 1991 and a coordinated effort would be beneficial to such activity.

## CALL FOR CONVENTION SITE BIDS

Bids for the 1992, 1993, or 1994 SABR convention are still being accepted. Contact Executive Director Morris Eckhouse at the SABR office (216/575-0500 or P.O. Box 93183, Cleveland, Ohio 44101) as soon as possible.

## OBITUARY

We mourn the passing of SABR member **CARL PERRY**. Carl died of emphysema on July 18. Mrs. Florence Perry tells us that Carl enjoyed The Bulletin and his SABR membership very much. Our deepest condolences go to Mrs. Perry and Carl's family and friends.

## JOE BORDEN

Nineteen Century Stars features a biography of Joseph Emley Borden, pitcher for Philadelphia (National Association) in 1875 and Boston (National League) in 1876, by Randy Linthurst. Borden pitched the first major league no-hitter on July 28, 1875 and became the first pitcher to win a National League game when he defeated Philadelphia on April 22, 1876. Borden is buried in Oakland Cemetery, about a mile from the home of SABR member Thomas G. Taylor. Encouraged by Linthurst, Taylor found the grave, did some research, and contacted Robert Ludwick of Chester County's Newsweekly. While virtually unknown in his home town today, Borden was a prominent resident of West Chester, Pennsylvania above and beyond his baseball exploits. Taylor, Linthurst and Ludwick brought Borden's accomplishments to light in a feature story in the May 9, 1990 edition of Newsweekly, as well as gaining attention for SABR and Nineteenth Century Stars. Mr. Taylor writes of his experience, "The whole project has been a lot of fun, and has made my membership in SABR mean a lot to me."

(Ed. Note: A copy of the article on Joe Borden is available from the SABR office for a SASE (25¢). Other members with experiences similar to Mr. Taylor's are encouraged to share them through The SABR Bulletin.)

## NEGRO LEAGUES BASEBALL MUSEUM

In The SABR Bulletin -September, "Names in the News" mentioned that **LLOYD JOHNSON** is now Director of the Negro Leagues Baseball Museum in Kansas City. Besides Lloyd, SABR members involved in the project include **LARRY LESTER**, Research Director; **TOM HEITZ** and **JOHN HOLWAY**, Board Members.

Seventy years after the Negro National League was formed at the Paseo YMCA, Kansas City has allocated \$5 million to honor those pioneers by building the Negro Leagues Baseball Museum. The site at 20th and Vine, is two blocks from the location of the former Monarchs Office, four from the Paseo YMCA and six from Parade-way Park where Satchel Paige pitched in Sunday games.

The museum, part of a \$125 million project that includes the International Jazz Hall of Fame and the development of the Vine Street Historic District, is scheduled to open its doors in the summer of 1992. A life-sized statue of Satchel Paige, throwing his famous hesitation pitch, will greet visitors in the museum lobby. State-of-the-art technology will weave black history into an arrangement of artifacts and photos.

Exhibits are to include: the Integrated Room (integrated games from 1908 to 1914), the Negro National League Room, the Eastern Colored League Room, the East/West All-Star Game Room, the World Series Room, the Barnstorming Room, the Jackie Robinson Room, the Special Exhibits Room, and the Great Moments Room. Player reunions and banquets, traveling exhibits, educational programs, a research center and a Friends of the Negro Leagues are planned.

For more information, contact Lloyd by writing to Negro Leagues Baseball Museum, P.O. Box 411312, Kansas City, MO 64141 or by calling 816/822-1740.

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## PUBLICATIONS REPORT

Cooperstown Corner: Columns from The Sporting News by Lee Allen was mailed in May.

SABR Review of Books (Volume V) was mailed in July.

SABR Membership Directory (1990) was mailed in September.

The National Pastime (#10) was mailed in September.

Baseball Research Journal (#19) is scheduled for completion and mailing in October.

With this issue of The SABR Bulletin (Volume 20, Number 10), 1990 members will have received 10 issues of The Bulletin, with two issues to follow.

Any questions regarding delivery of 1990 publications should be directed to the SABR office.

The 1991 publications schedule will be discussed at the October 19-21 Executive Board meeting. Look for a report in the November issue of The SABR Bulletin.

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The following reports are offered to answer the who/what/when/where questions for potential baseball writers who would like to get published in: 1) newsletters, 2) magazines, 3) trivia lists and statistical charts, 4) newspapers and sports pages, 5) books. Reports are \$3.95 apiece or \$16.95 for all five. Send to Mark E. Van Overloop, Box 133, Washingtonville, NY 10992.

## OPINION POLL

Back in February of 1990, I issued an Opinion Poll, the results of which were published in the July issue of The SABR Bulletin. I want to thank all of you who responded. Those results give the Executive Board guidelines to follow in running YOUR society.

As promised in the first Poll, another field of questions are presented below. Please send this page back to me for a tally. Your comments are also appreciated.

You can either mark your responses on this page, tear it off your Bulletin and send it in, make a xerox of this page, mark your responses, and send it in, or write the questions and responses on a separate sheet of paper and send it in. Send your responses to me at the address at the bottom of the page (if you use this page and wish to make comments, please make them on a separate sheet of paper.)

Thanks, Rich Topp, SABR President

1. Would you like to see a pictorial history of SABR as a future publication?  
 Yes                       No
2. SABR members have not received a membership card since 1985. Would you like to see the revival of the membership card?  
 Yes                       No
3. Do you attend SABR regional meetings?  
 Yes                       No
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 Yes                       No
5. Would you like to see First Class Postage used for SABR Publications and Bulletins instead of Bulk Rate (additional costs would be passed along to members)?  
 Yes                       No
6. Would you purchase SABR products (such as mugs, t-shirts, caps, etc.) if they were offered?  
 Yes                       No
7. Since publication and postage costs have been on the increase, would you be willing to pay an additional \$5.00 in dues?  
 Yes                       No
8. Should the presentation of the Bob Davids Award be part of the annual induction ceremonies at the National Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, New York?  
 Yes                       No
9. In comparison to 1989, is SABR doing a better job of achieving its objectives (as stated in the SABR Constitution) in 1990?  
 Yes                       No
10. Should SABR add books and videos to the microfilm lending library?  
 Yes                       No
11. Since The SABR Bulletin is now published monthly, what do you want to see more or less of...
 

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If there are any additional comments, please use the reverse (if you make a xerox copy), or a separate sheet of paper.

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Since the first Cy Young Award was handed out in 1956, both the Cy Young and Most Valuable Player award winners have come from the same team 11 times (excluding the eight times a pitcher has won both awards in the same season: Don Newcombe in 1956, Sandy Koufax in 1963, Denny McLain and Bob Gibson in 1968, Vida Blue in 1971, Rollie Fingers in 1981, Willie Hernandez in 1984 and Roger Clemens in 1986). The dynamic duos are:

|      |                  |                                |
|------|------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1957 | Milwaukee        | Warren Spahn & Hank Aaron      |
| 1959 | Chicago (AL)     | Early Wynn & Nellie Fox        |
| 1960 | Pittsburgh       | Vernon Law & Dick Groat        |
| 1961 | New York (AL)    | Whitey Ford & Roger Maris      |
| 1962 | Los Angeles (NL) | Don Drysdale & Maury Wills     |
| 1967 | Boston           | Jim Lonborg & Carl Yastrzemski |
| 1974 | Los Angeles      | Mike Marshall & Steve Garvey   |
| 1980 | Philadelphia     | Steve Carlton & Mike Schmidt   |
| 1982 | Milwaukee        | Pete Vukovich & Robin Yount    |
| 1984 | Chicago (NL)     | Rick Sutcliffe & Ryne Sandberg |
| 1988 | Los Angeles      | Orel Hershiser & Kirk Gibson   |

Notice that of these teams, only the 1962 Dodgers were not in the World Series. The closest any of these teams came to adding the Rookie of the Year winner was Philadelphia in 1980 when Lonnie Smith finished third in the voting with 49 points.

(Award Voting by Bill Deane was the primary source for the above information.)

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## BUSY BOARD MEETING FOCUSES ON SABR FUTURE

Executive Director, Publications Director, and 1991 budget were the major topics on the agenda at the recent SABR Executive Board Meeting, October 19-21 in New York city. A full report will appear in the December issue of The SABR Bulletin. Highlights of the weekend meeting follows:

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:** Morris Eckhouse was signed to a two-year contract as SABR Executive Director to take effect January 1, 1991. Eckhouse will receive a gross annual salary of \$30,000 in 1991 and \$33,000 in 1992, plus benefits. The contract also stipulates that the SABR offices remain in the Greater Cleveland area while the contract is in effect.

**BUDGET:** A balanced budget for 1991 was adopted. The budget

anticipates revenues of \$214,000 and like expenses. The budget was based on a projected total of 5,470 members in 1991. (Ed. note: A discussion of the 1991 budget and its effect on 1991 SABR activities will be featured in The SABR Bulletin for December.)

**PUBLICATIONS DIRECTOR:** Based on the report of the Publications Committee, the Board instructed SABR President Richard Topp to begin negotiations with Baseball Ink to serve SABR in the design and production responsibilities of SABR publications. An individual would be hired by SABR as Publications Director to handle the remaining non-production aspects of SABR publications. Paul Adomites was retained as interim publications director.

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## A LOOK AT SABR RESEARCH COMMITTEES (Part One of Two)

SABR's various research committees are one of the cornerstones of the society. Committee membership requires only that you are willing to be a participating member and offer research assistance when needed. The rewards are many, including committee newsletters, increased SABR participation, and the satisfaction that comes with furthering the scope of baseball knowledge. Six SABR research committees will be highlighted in this issue of The SABR Bulletin, the remaining committees in the December Bulletin.

**BIOGRAPHICAL** (Chairman—Bill Carle, 220 E. 135th St., Grandview, MO 64030): SABR's oldest committee, founded in 1971, began 1990 by listing its twenty "most wanted" list of ballplayers with missing biographical data in the January issue of The SABR Bulletin. The monthly committee newsletter, Biographical Research Report, counts questionnaires received from former players, new biographical information received, a mystery of the month and find of the month, and a scoreboard charting the percent of information gathered by the Committee in Various biographical data Categories. The committee topped 90% in Bats (left, right, or switch) this summer to reach the 90 mark in every category except questionnaires received.

**BALLPARKS** (Chairman - Bob Bluthardt, 244 N., Oxford, San Angelo, TX 76901). While its most visible project of the past year has been the publication of City Baseball Magic, based on its Urban Baseball Park Design Project, the Ballparks Committee has been active on many fronts in 1990. The committee was showcased at SABR XX with a block of presentations on stadia entitled Ballparks: Past-Present-Future. The Committee newsletter is packed with information on ballpark articles from other publications, current stadium developments, preservation efforts, and general committee business. The committee plans six newsletters (Feb., Apr., June, Aug., Oct., Dec.) again in 1991.

**COMPUTERIZATION** (Chairman—Jim Johnston, 3212 Stones

Throw Lane, #3, Durham, NC 27713): Under new chairman Jim Johnston, the computerization Committee is making strides toward providing its services to other SABR committees and SABR projects. 'The committee has assigned liaisons to the other committees and worked to clarify and enhance its own membership. A major committee undertaking is the inputting of the Tattersall home run log data. The committee has issued two newsletters and a questionnaire since its change in leadership.

**MINOR LEAGUES** (Chairman—Dave Kemp, c/o Rex Stucker Chapter of SABR, Box 85224, Sioux Falls, SD 57118): The Minor Leagues Committee has been busy at work on the third volume of the popular Minor League Stars series and two other projects designed to spread the word about SABR and minor league history. The Minor League History project is a series of articles, being made available to minor league clubs and other publications, dealing with different leagues, players, executives, eras and events. Magic Moments in Minor League History is being developed as a syndicated radio program. Dave Kemp has relinquished his position as editor of the committee newsletter to Jim Sumner.

**RECORDS** (Chairman—John Schwartz, 166 Danforth St., Rochester, NY 14611): Research into steals of home, caught stealing, and hit-by-pitch are just some of the on-going efforts of the Baseball Records Committee. Otherwise, committee members devote time to researching the records of their choosing. Should SABR proceed with the rescoring of all major league games, the Records Committee would be called on to play a vital role.

**STATISTICAL ANALYSIS** (Chairman - Donald Coffin, 3400 Broadway, Gary, IN 46408): By The Numbers, the Statistical

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## RESEARCH NEEDS

Various material(s) are needed for a forthcoming documentary on baseball. In particular, personal letters and diaries of former ball players, oral histories, and photographs are sought. Please send a written description of the materials, and, if possible, copies of the letters and photographs to: Lynn Novick, Producer, Florintine Films, Box 613, Walpole, NH 03608. NOTE: DO NOT SEND ORIGINAL MATERIALS! Send copies and/or descriptions only.

**PHILIP CATE HUCKINS** seeks information, articles, anecdotes and family contacts for a biography of the eight men involved in the 1919 Chicago Black Sox Affair and their lives after baseball. His phone is 508-921-4764 and his address is 21 Thorndike St. #4, Beverly, MA 01915.

**LEFTY BLASCO** seeks information and a photograph of Charles William Gallagher, who played for the 1901 Cleveland Indians and was born and died in the Detroit, Michigan area. His address is: 14949 Blythe Street, Van Nuys, CA 91402.

**STEVE SANDY** seeks primary information on Dummy Hoy in an effort to put Hoy in the Hall of Fame for his invention of hand signals for umpires. His address is: 1188 Peebles Drive, Fairborn, OH 45324.

**GARY SILVER** is writing his master's thesis on blacks in 19th Century Baseball. He would appreciate any help with sources and other information. His address and phone are: 31-82 36 Street, Apt. 1R, Astoria, NY 11106; 718-721-8824.

**CHARLIE BEVIS** seeks any interesting stories and/or information on Mickey Cochrane to help him with a biography he is writing on this Hall-of-Fame catcher. His address is: 5 Thorton Lane, Chelmsford, MA 01824.

## TSB FLASHBACK

From The SABR Bulletin

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THE BICENTENNIAL YEAR OF 1976 is almost upon us and the Society still has some significant surveys to conduct at this important juncture in our National Pastime. SABR, with its profusion of baseball historians, has a special capability for surveying baseball contributions, not just of the last 15-20 years, but for the full stretch. We have several surveys under consideration, such as best single game performance by a pitcher and batter, the top multigame records, and the outstanding career records. With this Bulletin we supply a ballot to select the outstanding game(s) of the century. We list some of the possibilities, fully acknowledging that another dozen or so could be mentioned. We urge you to come up with other candidates, but try to keep the home-town favorites in a balanced perspective. Fred Lieb, whose lifetime spans much of the last century, plans to submit an article on outstanding games for the 1976 Journal. We'll see how close the SABR survey tallies with his selections.

THE 1976 SABR MEMBERSHIP CARDS HAVE BEEN PRINTED and they are being sent out with this Bulletin to those who have renewed. Those who have not renewed for 1976 will be removed from the mailing list after this mailing. We urge you to join up for the "bicentennial special," but if you can't make it, we understand. We will still be happy to sell you our publications if you are interested. (Ed. Note: The survey in the October SABR Bulletin includes a question regarding Membership cards. If you haven't sent your survey in already, please do.)

## LATE ADDITIONS

Upcoming Regionals:

**Chicago, Illinois:** December 16, contact Rich Topp (312-774-6023)

**Los Angeles, California:** December 8, contact Dick Beverage (818-961-3691 X330)

**Cincinnati, Ohio:** January 26, contact Kevin Grace (513-821-3241)

**Publications:** The 1990 Baseball Research Journal is at the printer, but slightly behind schedule. Members should receive the book in November/December.

## RESEARCH EXCHANGE

**AL YELLON** offers The 14th Annual Major League Baseball Bottom of the Heap Awards, 1990 (3 pages) A dozen different awards for both leagues, including the Dooley Womack Memorial Pitching Award. Send a SASE (\$.25) to the SABR office.

**JOSEPH K. SLAP** offers "What's in a Name?," an article containing research on players' names. For a copy send a SASE (\$.25) to Joseph Slap, 42 Cresta Verdes Drive, Rolling Hills Estates, CA 90274.

**JERRY L. KAHN** offers: "Players Who Had Career Slugging Averages Over 1.000" (2 pages) To order send SASE (\$.25) to the SABR office.

**YANK POLEYEFF** offers a diary of his experiences at a Cleveland Indians fantasy camp in Arizona last January. The Indians' scorebook/program recently ran a condensed version. For a copy of the full 24 page text, send \$1.00 in stamps to Len Levin, 282 Doyle Ave., Providence, RI 02906.

## COMMITTEES *(Continued from page 1)*

Analysis Committee newsletter, has been one of the most information filled committee publications since it was initiated by Don Coffin in June, 1989. The first four 1990 issues include a review of The Business of Major League Baseball by Gerald Scully and four articles based on SABR XX presentations. The committee has also embarked on a statistical analysis bibliography project.

SABR Committees are constantly in need of new members to provide new ideas and added manpower to existing projects. Interested members are encouraged to contact the appropriate committee chairman and pursue SABR's first, and foremost, objective: the study of baseball as a significant American social and athletic institution.

### The SABR Bulletin

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Morris Eckhouse-Editor

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

I've never been one for membership directories. Always felt they were useless to the "listee," and the directory would ultimately find its way to an insurance company, a publishing house or the like. The result: an endless flow of MORE junk mail would come my way.

I felt that way until yesterday - the SABR Membership Directory arrived. It's not just a listing of names and addresses. It's USEFUL!...and for many purposes - there's history, recognition and an endless source of information for me. Just shows you how a person can change their mind- even an old retiree.

And there's more! The Baseball 1990 Alphabet was creative, clever, and a challenge. I did manage to score a 173. The "X" was obviously the toughest. But what good is a test if it doesn't stretch the "big muscle?" The designer of the "Alphabet" earned an A+ from me.

Thanks to all who contributed to the 1990 Membership Directory, although the name "Membership Directory" is a bit of a misnomer. It's a reference book, one that will be used often, by me, and I'm sure by others, often.

Last week I received The National Pastime which has been read and enjoyed. Based on these two publications, I can see that SABR members are in good hands. Keep up the good work.

Richard S. Lawrence, San Jacinto, CA

Add one more to the "finger-out-of-glove" subject. Shucks, I had my finger out of the glove in 1930 for the reason given by John Phillips. It was considered quite sissified by one and all. I went to spring training with the old San Francisco Seals in 1936 and pranced out on to the field with my finger sticking out. Walter Mails wanted to know if I needed any lace for my glove. Larry Woodall wanted to know if he was throwing too hard for me. Lefty O'Doul wanted to know if I had guts enough to go to the locker room after practice. Other unprintable remarks by the other guys put my finger back in the glove. However, my initial comments were concerning 1919.

George French, Torrance, California

I read with interest the letters regarding the depiction of index fingers sticking out of gloves in two recent baseball movies set in the pre-1920 era. This affectation was not in vogue prior to the middle 1960's. I believe the practice has led to numerous errors at every position. Another contributing factor is the wearing of a batting glove or canvas garden glove inside the leather glove or mitt. This is in marked contrast to a number of shortstops and second basemen of the '30s and '40s who cut the palms out of their gloves to "get a better feel of the ball." If memory serves, Eddie Miller was one of the brave souls who used this method.

I attended many games at the three New York parks in the '40s and '50s and made it a practice to arrive when the gates opened to watch fielding and batting practice. Two glove and mitt manufacturers dominated at that time, Rawlings of St. Louis and McGregor-Goldsmith of Cincinnati. Coming in a distant third was the formerly pre-eminent A.G. Spalding. Observation was easy in those days as one could get close to the field for pre-game without being bothered by the ushers. A great favorite among many players was a medium-sized "Red Rolfe" glove made by Rawlings. It had a reinforced palm and a snakelike webbing. The glove was available from about 1941 through 1951, until some genius on the rules committee ruled the webbing was unfair. Around that time a number of innovations were introduced. Wilson Company, in trying to get a share of the market, offered a three-finger creation

called the "Ball Hawk." Rawlings countered with a four-finger job that would have fit in nicely with a host of Walt Disney's cartoon characters drawn intentionally with a missing digit. In the 1960's the market was flooded with inexpensive Japanese-made gloves and mitts. The size of the gloves increased and so did the number of errors.

Our guess is that it was the Japanese imports that led youngsters to keep the index finger outside the glove. The leather used in those gloves was not as good as ours or as protective, and the finger out was self-defense. In time the practice became almost universal. With the introduction of batting gloves, most young players do not toughen their hands properly and this leads to sensitive hands when it comes to grabbing a line drive or fast relay. We used to use vinegar as a skin toughener and build up callouses from batting or just swinging a bat at phantom pitches. With time, even the hardest batted balls were handled without painful difficulty.

Next time Hollywood decides to do a serious baseball movie, they should have a SABR consultant on hand to observe and eliminate such foolishness as index fingers outside of gloves in the pre-1960's era. Worse than that would be the depiction of Babe Ruth or Lou Gehrig with high stirrups or Walter Johnson with his pant legs down to his shoe tops. It is unfortunate that the uniform is really no longer a uniform and few players wear it like Steve Sax, a throw-back to the McCarthy era in appearance.

Donald M. O'Hanley, Middletown, RI

I am writing in response to John H. Thompson's query in the Letters to the Editor column in the September, 1990 SABR Bulletin. I purchased a Wilson A2000 fielder's glove in 1961. Although the glove (which I still use today in the Chicago Men's Senior Baseball League) does not have an external strap behind the index finger, I remember always keeping my index finger sticking out when using the glove. The practice, therefore, started well before the 1968 date mentioned by Mr. Thompson.

David S. Rudstein, Evanston, IL

I am surprised that in the flurry of speculation revealed in recent letters to the Bulletin (cf July, September) concerning the origins of the now universal practice of holding the index finger outside the glove, no one seemed aware of what used to be the most widely held explanation. The story involves the incomparable Yogi Berra, and I included it in my book, Mitts: A Celebration of the Art of Fielding. In the mid 1950's, the story goes, Yogi Berra bruised the index finger of his left hand. To spare the tender digit the pounding it would take inside the mitt, Yogi slipped it outside and continued to catch. (For the enlightenment of you young whippersnappers, this was well before the advent of the hinged catcher's mitt.) The finger felt so good out in the light and air that even after it had healed, Yogi neglected to slip it back into the mitt. Other American League catchers, suspecting that the perennial MVP winner might have discovered an arcane method of eliminating passed balls, quickly uncovered their index fingers in imitation. As the practice spread to players at other positions, some glove manufacturers moved to institutionalize it by adding an external loop for the index finger.

Apocryphal? Probably, although the episode of Yogi's sore finger is well documented. But since we may never know for certain the origin of the "frigid digit," the Berra source at least has the virtue of being colorful.

Bill Curran, Silverton, OR

## OBITUARIES

**PHILPEARL WATTS**, 88, a batboy for the Washington Senators in 1917 and a SABR member from Baltimore since 1981, died in St. Joseph's Hospital in Towson, MD, September 23. A retired railroad conductor on the Baltimore and Ohio line, he participated in several Philadelphia/Reading and Baltimore/Washington regional meetings, where he talked of his association with old-time players. At the November 1987 SABR regional at Walter Johnson High School in Bethesda, MD, marking the centennial of Johnson's birth, Earl spoke reverently of the Big Train based on kindness received from him while serving as batboy of the Senators in 1917. He was 14/15 at the time and it was the only season he held the job, but it gave him a lifetime of memories. Earl's good friend and fellow SABR member Charlie Owen assisted Mrs. Watts with arrangements for the funeral, which was attended also by friends and members of the Oldtimers Baseball Association of Baltimore to which Earl belonged.

**STEVE A. VANCO**, a SABR member from Largo, FL, died in late 1989 of prostate cancer. Mrs. Sheila Vanco tells us that Steve was an all out sports fan. Our condolences go to Mrs. Vanco and Steve's family and friends.

## SABR REGIONALS

**WARWICK, RHODE ISLAND....**The next meeting of the Southern New England regional group takes place on November 24 at St. Rita's Church in Warwick, Rhode Island. Former major leaguer Mike Stenhouse is the featured guest. For further details, please contact **LEN LEVIN** at 401-351-3278 (days) or 401-277-7313 (evenings).

**NORTHEAST NEW YORK....**SABR will meet at the Confusion Athletic Club, Liberty Street, Schenectady, Tuesday, November 13th at 7PM. **DAVID PIETRUSZA** will present a slide show on "Ballparks of New York State." On Tuesday, January 14, 1991, The North East New York SABR will meet at the Confusion Athletic Club, Liberty Street, Schenectady, 7PM.

From February 8-10, 1991, the North East New York SABR will co-sponsor "Baseball on Ice" with the Lake Placid Chamber of Commerce in Lake Placid. Volunteers (especially those who can skate) are needed. Ken Burns ("The Civil War") of PBS and "This Week in Baseball" have been approached to film this special event.

**PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA....**The next meeting of the Pittsburgh area SABR group has been postponed until Saturday, December 1. The meeting will take place in the Pittsburgh Pirates Executive offices at Three Rivers Stadium from 10 am to 5 pm. A slight admission charge should be expected. For more details, contact Ed Luteran, 4843 Spring Valley Drive, Allison Park, PA 15101 (412-443-0231) or Paul Adomites, 649 Sherwood Avenue #2, Pittsburgh, PA 15204 (412-331-2206).

**THE 17TH BALTIMORE-WASHINGTON REGIONAL MEETING** was held at Memorial Stadium in Baltimore September 8 with registered participation of 94 members and guests. Bob Brown of the Orioles handled local arrangements which included attendance at the Saturday evening game with the Angels. Orioles GM Roland Hemond and announcer Rex Barney were the featured speakers. Bruce Hoffman of the Maryland Stadium Authority made a slide presentation showing the progress of the new stadium. Research presentations were made by **CHARLIE PAVITT**, **DAVE VINCENT**, **DON TUTTLE** and **JOHN VERNON**. A trivia quiz and a book/memorabilia auction completed the program.

**CLEVELAND, OHIO....**20 members and guests attended the Fall meeting of the Jack Graney (Northeast Ohio) Chapter of SABR on September 29 at Cleveland State University. Presentations were made by **FRED SCHULD**, **MORRIS ECKHOUSE**, **BOB CARR**, and **GARY SPEIDEL**. Attendees also viewed video tapes of presentations made at SABR XX, after returning from Cleveland Stadium where the game between the Indians and the Blue Jays was rained out.

## COMMITTEES

**COMPUTERIZATION:** The Computerization Committee needs many good people to help with various data entry projects that the committee will be undertaking. The first will be the entry of the Tattersall Home Run Log. A program is currently being written, but we need people to help input the data. If you would like to help in data entry or in other aspects of the committee such as programming or consulting other committees, please notify chairman Jim Johnston. His address is 3212-3 Stonestrow Lane, Durham, NC 27713; his phone is 919-361-5851. For a copy of the September Newsletter, send \$1.00 to the SABR office.

**NEGRO LEAGUES:** A copy of the October Negro Leagues Newsletter (4 pages) is available from the SABR office for \$1 and a SASE (\$.25). Included in the newsletter is news on PROJECT FACTOID and other upcoming committee projects.

**BIOGRAPHICAL RESEARCH:** Biographical Research Report, September 1990 is now available from the SABR office. The Mystery of the month involves the 1875 Washington Nationals and Luis Munoz takes the Find of the Month for tracking Jose Acosta. For a copy, send \$1.00 and a SASE to the SABR office.

## AT THE OFFICE

The SABR Office will be moving to a larger unit in the Colonial Arcade. This move WILL NOT affect our phone number or address. It will give us much more space which will allow us to serve the membership more efficiently, and allow for possible expansion in the future.

If you are sending in for multiple reports which each ask for a SASE, it may be best if you send one SASE and the extra stamps. Usually up to four to five sheets of paper can be mailed for \$.25, so sometimes multiple reports can be mailed in one SASE.

Effective 1/1/91, any publications returned to the SABR office will require a \$5 handling charge to be forwarded. To avoid this, please check the 1990 SABR Membership Directory. (If you have not received your copy of the directory yet, please let us know and we will send you one.) If the address in the membership directory is inaccurate, please write to us to let us know what your accurate mailing address is. Please do this even if you have given us a change of address in the past. Don't allow yourself to miss any of SABR's fine publications.

## BOOKSHELF

The 1895 Cleveland Spiders: Temple Cup Champions by **JOHN PHILLIPS** is a day by day look at the Spiders' Temple Cup Championship year. Available from Capital Publishing Company, 8105 MacArthur Blvd., Cabin John, MD 20818 for \$17.50 ppd.

Baseball Profiles by **MIKE SCHACHT**, the world's first and only silhouette-trivia book, is now available. The book includes silhouettes from 50 players from the beginning of the game through the

1930's. The list price is \$5.95 or \$36 a dozen. Contact Mike Schacht, 925 Park Avenue, NY, NY 10028 or call Mike at 212-734-5318.

O Baseball, O Columbus, poems by **STEVE GARDNER** has recently been published by Matchbooks Publications. It features poems on Bobby Thompson's famous home run, the 1959 Chicago White Sox, girls and baseball, and many other topics. The book is available for \$2.50 plus \$.65 postage from Steve Gardner, 823 1/2 West 6th Street, Bloomington, IN 47404. For \$3.50, SABR members will receive autographed copies with a personalized baseball message added by the author. Copies can also be ordered directly from Matchbooks, 5683 N. Shuffle Creek Road, Unionville, IN 47468.

Baseball's Active Leaders Lists, edited by **DAN HEISMAN** is being made available for the 1991 season. The subscription is \$15/year for four issues and includes active offensive top ten list in 12+ categories, database of offensive leaders lifetime totals in about 25 categories, top ten leaders active since 1960, 1970, and 1980 in 12 offensive categories, plus more. For more information, contact Dan Heisman, 1263 Paso Fino Dr., Warrington, PA 18976, (215) 343-6033 (evenings).

### **BASEBALL MAGAZINE SEEKS SUBMISSIONS**

*Fan Magazine*, a baseball literary quarterly journal founded by Mike Schacht in 1989 and originally generated by those taking his Baseball History and Mystique of Baseball courses at the New School in New York City, is seeking submissions from fellow SABR members commencing with issue #5, Spring 1991. Submit fiction, essay, poetry, personal reflection, i.e., baseball remembrances, etc. *FAN* also features artwork and artwork submissions are also welcome. All inquiries and submissions should be addressed to *FAN Magazine*, 925 Park Avenue, New York, NY 10028; telephone 212-734-5318.

### **NAMES IN THE NEWS**

**DIXIE TOURANGEAU** had an article in *The Boston Phoenix* on fellow SABR member **JAN BAGIN** and his five week vacation in America. Bagin is from Czechoslovakia...On October 18, **TOM EAKIN** traveled to Steubenville Union Cemetery (Steubenville, OH) to attend a ceremony placing a headstone at the unmarked grave of Moses Fleetwood Walker, the first black to play major league baseball...**TOM KNIGHT** emceed both New York's Downtown Athletic Club's Guinness "Big G" Awards and the Dodger Hall of Fame Dinner in June.

### **BASEBALL COURSE AT SAN FRANCISCO STATE**

"The History and Literature of Baseball" will be taught during the Spring, 1991 semester at San Francisco State University. The course will be taught on Wednesday evenings by Jules Tygiel and Eric Solomon. For further information, contact Jules Tygiel at 415-338-1119.

### **SABR GREATEST MOMENT SURVEY**

Irv Moullem thanks all the SABR members who enthusiastically responded to the survey "Baseball's Greatest Moments." Here are the top five vote getters in each category. Based on responses, a third category was created for players who were mentioned for achievement in many areas.

### **GREATEST MOMENT: Game or Event Unequaled in Drama and Impact**

27.3% 1. Bobby Thompson's home run in the bottom of the 9th of the third game of the 1951 playoff with Dodgers to win pennant for the Giants, "The Shot Heard 'Round the World."

15.6% 2. Bill Mazerowski's home run in the bottom of the 9th of the seventh game of the 1960 World Series to win the championship over the Yankees. Only time the series has ended on a home run.

9.8% 3. Don Larsen's perfect game against the Dodgers in the fifth game of the 1956 World Series. Only no-hitter in World Series history.

8.2% 4. Kirk Gibson's home run in the bottom of the ninth against Oakland to win the first game of the 1988 World Series when he was barely able to stand up. It was his only at-bat of the series.

6.3% 5. Carlton Fisk's home run in the bottom of the 12th against Cincinnati in the sixth game of the 1975 World Series to force a 7th and deciding game.

Honorable Mentions: Jackie Robinson's first game and Lou Gehrig's farewell speech.

### **GREATEST ACHIEVEMENT: Best Individual Performance over a Season or a Career.**

13.7% 1. Joe DiMaggio's 56 game hitting streak in 1941. Next closest are Pete Rose and Wee Willie Keeler, each at 44 games.

7.8% 2. Cy Young's 511 wins. All that it would take to break is 20 seasons of 25 wins plus an additional 12 wins.

5.9% 3. Lou Gehrig's 2130 consecutive games played. Cal Ripken, Jr., with 1476 has come closer than anyone else, but he still needs 4 full seasons plus a month to break this record.

4.7% 4T. Hank Aaron's 715th home run. Aaron ended up with 755, but he was able to eclipse perhaps the most mystical of all of baseball's hallowed numbers, "714." Darryl Strawberry and Jose Canseco will probably be top choices at launching the next assault on Aaron.

4.7% 4T. Nolan Ryan's 5000+ strikeouts. Currently at 5308, Ryan is still going strong and may put this record at the impossible to break level

Honorable Mentions: Pete Rose's 4192nd hit, Johnny Vander Meer's consecutive no-hitters, and Roger Maris' 61 home runs.

### **HONORABLE MENTION: Vote Received for Several Achievements**

1. Babe Ruth's career statistics. No explanations needed - just look at his career batting and pitching statistics in *The Baseball Encyclopedia* and see how many totals are in bold print.

2. Nolan Ryan's 5000+ strikeouts and 6 no-hitters. Perhaps no pitcher in history, especially at the age of 43, can offer the possibility of a no-hitter and a strikeout record every time he takes the mound.

3. Walter Johnson's career stats. His stats are impressive any way you look at them. Consider the team he played with his entire career and they become mind-boggling.

## GM TEAMS WITH KEN BURNS ON BASEBALL

General Motors, sole corporate underwriter of Ken Burns' critically acclaimed and record-shattering THE CIVIL WAR series, will team up with Burns again for BASEBALL, a five hour film history celebrating America's national pastime.

Now in preliminary research and production and slated for telecast on PBS in 1993, BASEBALL will be a GMMARK OF EXCELLENCE PRESENTATION.

Co-producer with Burns on BASEBALL will be Lynn Novick, who was Burns' associate producer on THE CIVIL WAR. Geoffrey C. Ward, principal writer on THE CIVIL WAR and author of the program's companion volume, has just delivered a first draft of the BASEBALL script. Burns said that there will be a companion volume to BASEBALL as well.

The five-hour BASEBALL film will have nine segments, or "innings." Each inning will be devoted to an era in baseball. The first inning will deal with the founding of the sport through the turn of the century and then each subsequent inning will deal with a specific decade. In between innings, Burns said that he will develop thematic chapters on other aspects of the game, i.e. women in baseball, the Negro Leagues, amateur sports, international competition, language, statistics, and more.

Burns said, "we see BASEBALL as a Rosetta Stone of the American experience. The sport tells us a tremendous amount about ourselves. It's a clear lens as to who we are. BASEBALL touches upon race relations, immigration and assimilation, ethnicity, language, math, statistics, labor and management, money and all these things, as well as being a social barometer of where America has been."

In keeping with the tradition of all my films," ("The Statue of Liberty," "The Shakers," "The Brooklyn Bridge," "The Congress," "Huey Long," and Thomas Hart Benton documentaries) Burns said, "BASEBALL will come back to the central question of the search for the American spirit and character. BASEBALL will be the perfect subject with which to leave THE CIVIL WAR. The Civil War formed Modern America. BASEBALL, more than anything, expresses it.

Burns said the format of BASEBALL will be similar to that of THE CIVIL WAR. A chorus of extraordinary voices will help to bring alive the photographic record of his subject, in this case thousands of rare and never-seen-before baseball photographs taken from private collections and archives across the country. Viewers will also benefit from early newsreels and extensive later footage and significant interviews with people like sportscaster Red Barber, poet Donald Hall, columnist George Will and writer Roger Angell.

Burns' crew will also visit stadia across the nation; major league venues, to be sure, but also sandlots and little parks that helped to give the game its real hold on our imagination.

On The Mark's new book Baseball's Greatest Total Hitters by Mark E. Van Overloop has been honored with its inclusion in both The National Baseball Hall of Fame Library in Cooperstown and The Babe Ruth Museum in Baltimore. The book offers an in-depth statistical analysis of the best seasons and careers of the game's most complete (power plus average) batters since 1920. To order, please send \$9.95 plus \$2.00 postage to Mark at Box 133, Washingtonville, NY 10992.

## CORRECTIONS

The cover of The National Pastime Number 10 was designed by Gail Schneider, not Stuart Leeds as credited on page one of the book. Our apologies to Ms. Schneider for the mistake.

A business card advertisement for Baseball Quarterly Reviews was inadvertently excluded from the 1990 SABR Membership Directory. The ad appears elsewhere in this issue of the SABR Bulletin.

The officers listed on page one of the 1990 Membership Directory are 1990-91 officers, not 1989-90 as listed. The listing of SABR officers on page 15 of the Directory should read 1971-1990.

## SCORECARDS NEEDED!

SABR member paying top \$ for photocopies of vintage M.L. scorecards and programs from 1930-1970 (especially 1930-1945 era).

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The Macmillan-SABR Research Awards honor individuals whose research has expanded our knowledge of the National Pastime and contributed in a significant way to the development of baseball bibliography.

Three cash awards of \$200 each, sponsored by the Macmillan Publishing Company, are awarded annually. Award recipients are recognized at a subsequent annual meeting of the Society.

The awards will recognize research achievements carried out in such diverse baseball-related areas as statistics, history, biography, literature, art, music, poetry, architecture, equipment technology, sociology, economics, labor relations, advertising, collectibles, etc. This listing is not intended to be all-inclusive.

Nominations on behalf of other individuals or self-nominations are equally acceptable. Only one nomination form per individual need be submitted. In the event that two or more individuals have collaborated on a project, only one nominating petition should be submitted together with a listing of the several participants.

Please note that cash awards to projects involving more than one individual must be shared among members of the group. Nominees need not be members of SABR to be eligible for an award.

Research projects must have been completed in 1989 or 1990 but may have commenced at any time. Research results need not have been published or presented as papers in order to be eligible.

The nominating petition is intended for the confidential use and information of the Awards Committee only. The committee will conduct a preliminary screening of nominees based solely on information contained on the nomination form. (See reverse side.)

Do not submit letters, supporting documents or research manuscripts at this time. Following the preliminary screening of nominees the committee may ask finalists to furnish additional information and documentation of their research.

The Awards Committee consists of Thomas R. Heitz, Librarian, National Baseball Library, National Baseball Hall of Fame; L. Robert Davids, past president and founding member of SABR; and Steve Gietschier, Archivist, The Sporting News.

Nominations for the 1990 awards must be received at the address shown below no later than midnight, April 1, 1991. Please complete the reverse side of this nominating petition (xeroxed forms are also acceptable) and return it to:

Thomas R. Heitz, Chairman  
Macmillan-SABR Baseball Research Awards  
P.O. Box 1010  
Cooperstown, NY 13326  
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# 1990 Macmillan-SABR Research Awards

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Name of Nominee(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

The Above Person is Nominated By: \_\_\_\_\_

Title of Research Project: \_\_\_\_\_

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## A LOOK AT SABR RESEARCH COMMITTEES (Part Two of Two)

The SABR Bulletin for November presented a brief look at SABR'S Biographical, Ballparks, Computerization, Minor Leagues, Records and Statistical Analysis committees. The remaining committees are profiled here. Committee membership is encouraged and requires only that you will be an active member and offer research assistance when needed.

**BIBLIOGRAPHY** (Co-Chairmen—Frank Phelps, 253 Bernard Drive, King of Prussia, PA 19406 & Andy McCue, 4025 Beechwood Place, Riverside, CA 92506): Frank Phelps leads a team effort in keeping track of current baseball literature and chronicling many aspects of baseball research materials. The quarterly newsletter is edited by Skip McAfee. Each newsletter contains Current Baseball Publications, compiled by Rich Arpi, which is now in its fifth year. Besides the newsletter, the committee has issued Research Guides covering such subjects as the Baseball Register and Daguerreotypes series' published by The Sporting News, Who's Who in Baseball, and more. The most recent Guide (#12) is LEAVES FROM A FAN'S SCRAPBOOK in The Sporting News, a Checklist, by Bill Hugo. The committee is working on a major project to catalog baseball research material, called BASEBALL ONLINE, and with the Negro League Committee on a joint Black Baseball Bibliography. Andy McCue recently became co-chair, replacing Terry Smith.

**ORAL HISTORY** (Chairman-Norman Macht, 3 Graham Court, Newark, DE 19711): Unlike other aspects of baseball research, Oral History is obviously limited to those ballplayers left to tell the stories. The committee is at work contacting former players and getting their stories recorded for current and future use. For the past two years, the committee has had access to former players at the Equitable Old-Timers Games, adding interviews of such players as John Roseboro, Alvin Dark, Bob Veale, Mickey Owen and many others to its archives. A hoped for outcome of committee work is a complete inventory of Oral Histories and a lending system for research use by SARR members.

**LATIN AMERICA** (Chairman-Peter Bjarkman, P.O. Box 2199, West Lafayette, IN 47908): In its third year of activity, SABRLAC has continued to keep a close watch on Latin America baseball and advance research on the topic. The committee newsletter tracks recent and forthcoming books and articles on Latin American baseball. The Summer, 1990 newsletter also features an article by William Ruiz on shutouts and other pitching gems by Latinos, 1990 Winter League standings, a recap of the 1990 Caribbean Series, and a Latin American baseball bibliography. The committee is reviewing biographical information on Latin American players to correct inaccuracies in The Baseball Encyclopedia and compiling a list of available research materials.

**NEGRO LEAGUES** (Chairman-Dick Clark, 1080 Hull, Ypsilanti, MI 48198-5273): Major SARR publications have featured

ballparks (Green Cathedrals), Minor Leagues (Minor League Stars) and Nineteenth Century (Nineteenth Century Stars). The Negro League Committee is expected to join this list next and is hard at work on a major publication, Negro League Stars. The committee also provided the driving force behind the Negro League stats included in the eighth edition of The Baseball Encyclopedia. The four main projects of the committee remain the statistical record of the Negro Leagues, the Negro team rosters, the organized records of Negro Leaguers, and the updated player register from the book Only The Ball Was White. Plans for 1991 also include an expanded role with the new Negro Leagues Baseball Museum, bi-monthly newsletters and the afore mentioned bibliography project.

**NINETEENTH CENTURY** (Chairman-Bob Tiemann, 4518 Wichita Ave., St. Louis, MO 63110.) Even before publication of Nineteenth Century Stars in 1989, a primary project of the committee has been the development of National Association statistics from 1871 to 1875. The primary source for the project has been a collection of newspaper accounts and box scores purchased from Michael Stagno. Watch for more developments on this project in 1991. SABR has also featured nineteenth century baseball in Baseball in the Nineteenth Century: An Overview by Jack Selzer and the third issue of The National Pastime, a special pictorial devoted to baseball before the turn of the century.

**UMPIRES & RULES** (Chairman-Larry Gerlach, 950 N. Bonneville Drive, Salt Lake City, UT 84103): The sometimes overlooked history of the men in blue received proper notice when this committee was formed in 1988. Three subcommittees include Annual Rosters, chaired by Allan Margulies; Minor Leagues, chaired by Jim Sumner; and Rules, chaired by Dennis Bingham. Another on-going project is the collection of biographical questionnaires from past and present umpires. A search for volunteer correspondents from each of the major league cities (Cleveland and Seattle are covered) is underway. The quarterly committee newsletter is packed with updates on projects and tidbits about the history of baseball's rules and its arbitrators. One more committee ambition is the election of Bill McGowan to the Hall of Fame.

**WOMEN IN BASEBALL** (Chairwoman-Sharon Roepke, P.O. Box 3332, Kalamazoo, MI 49003): SABR's newest committee is off and running since meeting at the 1990 SABR convention and making plans for its first newsletter. Particular topics of committee research expected are the All American Girls Professional Baseball League (1943-54) and barnstorming teams of the 19th and 20th centuries.

For more information about a particular SABR committee, contact the committee or the SABR office. Watch 1991 issues of the SABR Bulletin for more in-depth histories of the individual SABR research committees, beginning with Biographical in January.

## EDITOR'S NOTE

The publication and discussion of SABR's 1991 budget has been postponed until the January, 1991 issue of The SABR Bulletin.

## SUMMARY OF OCTOBER 19-21 BOARD MEETING

- 1.) President **Topp** directed Secretary **Perry** to draft a letter to Director **Gagnon**, who has missed four consecutive board meetings, asking his intentions regarding the remainder of his term as director.
- 2.) President **Topp** dissolved the ad hoc committee for bylaw revisions, noting that the committee failed to meet the deadline.
- 3.) President **Topp** dissolved the Collegiate Committee, which did not meet at the national convention, submitted no annual budget, and did not respond to correspondence.
- 4.) The Executive Director contract was accepted as written and amended. The motion passed 6-0.
- 5.) The Executive Director submitted a written report on various aspects of SABR operations. The report is available from the SABR office for a SASE (\$.25)
- 6.) A motion to increase postal rates to members in Canada, Mexico, and Europe passed 6-0. Rates were raised \$7 for Canada and Mexico, \$12 for Europe. Foreign dues, including postal charges are now \$45 for Canada and Mexico, and \$50 for Europe.
- 7.) Relocation of the SABR office from Suite 210 to Suite 217 of the Colonial Arcade was announced. The new suite is approximately one-third larger. Rent will remain \$200 a month until January 1, 1991, then rise to \$290 per month.
- 8.) **Mike Sparrow** was voted a commendation for his volunteer efforts in the SABR office in working on book orders and handling the SABR Microfilm Lending Library.
- 9.) President **Topp** recommended that the Computerization Committee Chairman **Jim Johnston** and **Dave Vincent** continue discussions with the Executive Director regarding the replacement of the SABR Computer.
- 10.) The Executive Director was instructed to request written proposals from St. Louis, San Diego, and West Palm Beach, Florida, for conventions in 1992, 1993, and 1994.
- 11.) A motion instructing the Executive Director, with assistance as necessary, to implement a study of SABR finances to establish the cost of servicing each member and what anticipated costs might be for 1992, 1993, and 1994, to be presented at the next Board Meeting and in The SABR Bulletin, passed 6-1 (Treasurer **Ruland** against).
- 12.) By a 5-0 vote, (Directors **Puff** and **Rucker** not voting due to possible conflicts of interest), the Board moved that the President initiate discussion with Baseball Ink concerning the recommendation by the Publications Committee that Baseball Ink become the production house for SABR publications. The board also asked for additional recommendations by the committee.
- 13.) A proposal from Mathews Printing regarding SABR publications was deferred pending resolution of the publications position.
- 14.) **Paul Adomites** was retained as interim Publications Director by a 7-0 vote.
- 15.) **Adomites** reported that the Negro League Committee publication is behind schedule and recommended that the book be replaced as the first quarter publication for 1991. He recommended that an autobiography of Rabbit Maranville be done as a National Pastime, and moved to the first quarter, after discussion with The Negro

League Committee chairman. **Adomites** recommended that publications be produced at a quantity of 6,500.

16.) Treasurer **Ruland** submitted a written report detailing his attempts to put together a 1989 financial statement. He concluded that SABR reduced its monetary assets from \$167,000 to \$91,000 from 3-31-89 to 8-31-90, \$25,000 of which can be attributable to the series of Executive Director transitions.

17.) The Board approved (7-0) the 1991 budget prepared by Treasurer **Ruland** and amended. The budget calls for \$214,100 in income, \$104,100 in administrative expenses and \$110,000 in publications expenses. Director **Puff** commended **Ruland** for his services in reconstructing SABR's financial picture.

18.) Treasurer **Ruland** analyzed SABR's position as an insured board and cited a long history of neglect that has cost SABR \$2,000. **Ruland** indicated he could improve SABR's position as an insurance carrier with some work.

19.) **Steve Nadel** presented a status report on the SABR XXI convention and the board toured the facilities. The convention takes place on the weekend of June 28-30.

20.) **Nadel** presented a report from the committee on regionals. Issues discussed by the committee include: definition of a chapter/region, chapter/region funding, responsibilities and communication. The committee will present its final recommendation to the Board at its next meeting.

21.) A written Marketing Committee report was submitted by committee chairman **Allen Pfenninger**, including potential marketing projects. The upgrading of the membership application was discussed, but no action was taken.

22.) A revised list of the top ten finishers in the SABR Trivia Contest (The SABR Bulletin, Jan.-Mar. 1990) will be published in the Bulletin since some of the contest entries were delayed by forwarding from the old SABR office.

23.) President **Topp** directed Director **Rucker**, board liaison to the Council of Committee Chairs, to contact committee leaders regarding the proposed workshop and state that the SABR budget will not permit such a meeting. **Rucker** was instructed to have chairs propose committee guidelines and report back to the Board.

24.) Vice President **Gabriel** suggested that the immediate future SABR convention be promoted at the current convention.

(Copies of the Board Meeting minutes are available from the SABR Office. Please send a SASE (\$.25) to SABR, P.O. Box 93183, Cleveland, OH 44101.)

### STUMPER

What do the following players have in common?

Nellie Fox Pud Galvin Ricky Henderson

(answer on page 6)

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Morris Eckhouse-Editor

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Read my lips: THE RUNS PRODUCED FORMULA IS FINE!  
You want proof? Here's the proof. Each 1B produces about 0.23 RBI's and 0.26 runs scored; each 2B produces about 0.43 RBI's and 0.43 runs scored; 0.61 RBI's and 0.62 runs scored for each 3B; and 1.61 RBI's and 1.00 runs scored for each HR.

Add them up and compare to Linear weights:

|                | 1B   | 2B   | 3B   | HR   |
|----------------|------|------|------|------|
| R + RBI's      | 0.49 | 0.86 | 1.23 | 2.61 |
| R + RBI's - HR | 0.49 | 0.86 | 1.23 | 1.61 |
| Linear Weights | 0.47 | 0.80 | 1.02 | 1.40 |

Now I ask you, which is more accurate?

For anyone interested, I have a method of improving the accuracy (and logic) of Runs Produced, so that it matches Runs Created.

**Tom Mascaro**, Montreal, Quebec, Canada

As a longtime SABR member and SABR Bulletin reader, I would like to address an issue brought forth in a letter in the October SABR Bulletin.

The questions about Runs Produced raised by member Tom Dunker are now moot, I believe. They are answered by my Runs Tallied concept, published in the Baseball Research Journal (#18, p. 41-42). This stat has received commendation by many SABR statisticians (Pete Palmer, Cappy Gagnon, etc.).

**Barry Codell**, Chicago, Illinois

A true "double-switch" involves the insertion of two players simultaneously into a game with a "flip-flop" of their positions in the batting order. Paul Richards juggling of Billy Pierce, as described by Steve Hughes in the October Bulletin, does not qualify as a "double-switch" because only one player was inserted at a time. I am trying to help Lowell Blaisdell find out who was the first manager to employ the "double-switch." I clearly recall Lou Boudreau using this tactic in the late 1940's or 1950's, always with Bob Lemon being one of the two players involved.

Can anyone out there shed some light on this as to when and where Boudreau started this maneuver, or whether any other manager did this before him?

**Walter J. Jablonski**, Closter, NJ

In response to Steve Hughes' comment on the double switch (Oct. 1990 Bulletin): I had lunch with Billy Pierce in April 1983. The double-switch incident he recalled was by Paul Richards—Harry Dorish was pitching and went to play third when Pierce came in to pitch. I don't recall with any level of certainty whom he said the batter was, I can only guess it was Ted Williams.

In response to Tom Dunker's comments on the RUNS PRODUCED statistic (Oct. 1990 Bulletin): the statistic is quite obviously not valid for team analysis for the reasons Tom cites. The RUNS PRODUCED statistic can be compared to the hockey statistic of total points—goals scored plus assists and as such would have player analysis validity as a measurement of player contribution.

**Dick Adams**, Durham, North Carolina

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## TSB FLASHBACK

From The SABR Bulletin  
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**OUR INTELLIGENCE NETWORK** reveals—actually it was a message on the back of a Christmas Card—that resourceful Richard

Cramer achieved a coup with his player performance evaluation methods. The breakthrough came when Dick, a co-founder of SABR's statistical analysis function, and partner Steve Mann met last July with Houston management—Tal Smith, Bill Virdon and assistance—to evaluate Astro player performance. One player whose fielding they downgraded has since been dispatched, but Dick says it might be a coincidence. Now Dick and Steve have negotiations underway with the Oakland A's to do a similar evaluation. Watch out for No. 1, you guys.

**THE HALL OF FAME BALLOTING** by the writers is interesting this year because of the initial influx of several heavyweights who may dominate the balloting. The reference is to Bob Gibson, Juan Marichal, Harmon Killebrew, and Thurman Munson, as well as Dave McNally, Vada Pinson, and Jim Perry. Munson is eligible because of a rule adopted after the death of Roberto Clemente in 1972 which says a ten-year player who dies while still active can be considered six months after his death. Munson, who died in August 1979, was not eligible a year ago. Is he Hall of Fame caliber? How many voters react to Killebrew's .256 lifetime batting average, compiled primarily in the pitchers' era of the 1960s? The career ERAs of Marichal (2.89) and Gibson (2.91) are excellent, but what about Hoyt Wilhelm, who not only pitched in more games than any other hurler (1070), but had the best ERA in the last sixty years (2.52)? Do today's writers have a better appreciation of fielding and base-stealing? What then about the slick-fielding speedster, Luis Aparicio, who holds the record for most career games at short?

Let's stir up a little controversy and give one member's view of how the HOF balloting should go:

1. Bob Gibson
2. Hoyt Wilhelm
3. Juan Marichal
4. Harm. Killebrew
5. Luis Aparicio
6. Gil Hodges
7. Don Drysdale
8. Jim Bunning
9. Nelson Fox
10. Wills/Munson

Listen, it's hard to cut off right at ten. Even an expert has to hedge a bit. What about the Veterans Committee? They can select two and one has to be a former player. For players we would say Johnny Mize, Vic Willis, an 8-time 20-game winner, and Smokey Joe Williams of the Negro Leagues. For execs, ump, and managers, etc., we suggest Rube Foster (Negro League combination), Charlie Grimm (combination), and Bill McGowan, ump. How's that for balance and merit?

(Ed. note: In 1981, Bob Gibson, Johnny Mize, and Rube Foster were elected into the Hall of Fame. Marichal was elected in 1983, Killebrew, Aparicio, and Drysdale in 1984, and Hoyt Wilhelm was elected in 1985)

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## THE MEMORABLE TWENTIES

Since SABR will celebrate its 20th birthday in 1991, it seems appropriate to look at some other memorable twenties. In each issue of The SABR Bulletin in 1991, we will look at a memorable twenty. Readers are encouraged to send in memorable twenties (20th win, 20th home run, 20th save, etc.) for possible inclusion. To get a head start, here is a list of players that wore number 20 and are in the Hall of Fame at Cooperstown:

Pie Traynor      Lou Brock      Josh Gibson  
Monte Irvin      Frank Robinson

source: National Baseball Hall of Fame & Museum 1990 Yearbook

## RESEARCH EXCHANGE

**Andrew Weiss** offers his report on "Percentage of Team Wins by Twenty-game Winners Since 1900." To order the nine page report send \$1 for postage and copying to: Andrew Weiss, 4908 Hazeltine, #3, Sherman Oaks, CA 91423.

**Jerry Kahn** offers his report "One Year Players Who Have the Highest Career Totals" (1 page) and its accompanying article, "Career Rookies" (3 pages). To order send an SASE to the SABR Office.

## COMMITTEES

**The Bibliography Committee's** Newsletter along with its "Current Baseball Publications" (vol. 5, #3), contains the latest information on baseball books as well as a discussion of the Baseball Online Project. These reports can be ordered together from the SABR Office for \$2.

**The Computerization Committee** is in the process of collecting data on every Major League no-hit game for inclusion in a database. The first step is to collect newspaper accounts of all those games. Contact **David Vincent**, 2942 Marsala Ct., Woodbridge, VA 22192 if you can help.

**The Biographical Research Committee's** Biographical Research Report (Oct. 1990) containing a listing of all 1990 rookies is now available from the SABR office. The Mystery of the Month concerns the Elmer Valo story. To order the seven page report, send \$2 to the SABR office.

**The Ballparks** Newsletter (Sept./Oct.) is now available from the SABR Office. To order the seven page report, send \$2 to the SABR office.

**The Umpire and Rules** Newsletter (v. 3, #4) is also now available from the SABR office. To order the 11 page report, send \$2 to the SABR office.

**The Minor League** Newsletter is available from the SABR office. To order the report, please send \$2 to the SABR office.

## REGIONALS

**COVINGTON, KY....**The Cincinnati area will hold a SABR regional on Saturday, January 26, 1991 at the Carnegie Arts Center in Covington, KY, prior to the Annual Casey Awards Banquet. Contact **Kevin Grace** at (513) 821-3241 for more information. Admission charge will be \$5 for the regional, \$15 for the banquet, or \$20 for both. Banquet includes dinner & a one-year subscription to Spitzball. Regional admission includes refreshments.

**DALLAS-FT. WORTH, TX....**The Dallas area will hold a SABR regional on Tuesday, January 8, 1991 at 7pm at the Rangers' Stadium Club. Mark Holtz, the voice of the Rangers will feature the program with his analysis of 1991 prospects. For more information contact **Howard Green** at (817) 335-4871.

**NORTH-EAST NEW YORK....** On November 13, 1990, the North-east New York SABR regional was held at Schenectady's Confusion Athletic Club. **DAVID PIETRUSZA** gave a slide presentation on "Ballparks of New York State" and a report on SABR XX in Cleveland. **JOE VELLANO**, president of the Hamilton Redbirds, reported on the state of Major League-Minor League negotiations.

**ST. CLOUD, MN....**The Halsey Hall Chapter of SABR held a regional meeting on November 3, 1990, at the Stearns County Heritage Center. Thirty-four members and guests spent the morning listening to presentations. **JOHN DIMEGLIO** gave a slide presentation on various Sports Halls of Fame, which focused on the good and bad of each. **MICHAEL FEDO** gave a preview of his book, *One Shining Season*, which will be published by Pharos Press in March 1991. His book is based on a series of interviews with players who had one outstanding season, but were never able to achieve such a high level of play again in their career. **DAVID KEMP** gave an overview of his and others research on black players in Minnesota, Iowa, and South Dakota before the creation of the black major leagues in the twenties. **STEVE KOLK** gave a talk on the history of Project Scoresheet, his involvement with it and his hopes for it, and his frustration with its current status. **JIM POFF** gave a slide presentation on the Northern League, focusing on players from 1930-1971, old parks, and anecdotes.

Attendees also viewed an excellent exhibit on the St. Cloud Rox, a Northern League franchise from 1946-1971. Finally, after the business meeting, a player panel of ex-Northern Leaguers (Bob Pelz, Nick Chanaka, and chapter member **GLENN GOSTICK**) told of their baseball experiences and fielded questions for about two hours. They recalled their pro salaries being about \$200 a month (in the late 1940's - early 50's) and the strength of semi-pro and amateur ball at the time. Glenn recalled receiving a playoff check for a grand total of \$5.42 from the 1952 Duluth Dukes.

## RESEARCH NEEDS

**CLARENCE A. BURLEY** seeks information about Town Ball or the Massachusetts Game for use at Old Sturbridge Village covering the years 1790-1840 with particular emphasis on the 1830's. He has evidence of Daniel Webster "playing at the ball" when at Dartmouth pre 1801; and in 1816, Worcester, MA passed an ordinance forbidding "play at game of ball or strike any ball with a bat-stick, or his foot, or throw any ball in any street or highway." He can be reached at 3 Fullham Hill Rd., No. Brookfield, MA 01535.

**BOB BOEHM** seeks answers to Championship Series questions. In the second game of the 1969 ALCS, the box scores say 2 DP's by Minnesota. When?

In the third game of the 1970 NLCS, what did Tolan do in the first inning, Helms in the second, and Sanguillen in the first and fourth? In the third game of the 1970 ALCS, what did Belanger and Buford do in the third inning, and Palmer in the eighth inning?

In the third game of the 1972 ALCS, what did McAuliffe do in the fourth inning?

In the third game of the 1976 NLCS, when did Eastwick throw a wild pitch?

Contact Bob at 81 Rivercliff Road, Lowell, MA 01852 or call (508)-458-3692.

## THE SABR SEASON - 1991

**MIKE LACKEY** is seeking a play-by-play of the 1970 NLCS between Pittsburgh and Cincinnati; and the first game (Oct. 7, 1972) of the 1972 NLCS between Pittsburgh and Cincinnati. He can be contacted at 139 N. Jameson Ave., Apt. #3, Lima, OH 45805.

**JERRY KRITZ** seeks biographical information on Hughie Critz (Reds 1930-34, Giants 1935-40). Information on parents or children would be most helpful. Contact Jerry Kritz at 50 Kensington Ct., Wakefield, RI 02879.

**GEORGE F. AMADIO** seeks information, photos, history, newsletters, news photos, or anything else on Shibe Park. Contact George at P.O. Box 145, APO San Francisco, CA 96366.

**JOHN SERRANO, JR.** seeks baseball related photographs of Ring Lardner. Contact John at P.O. Box 3372, Santa Barbara, CA 93130-3372.

See **Computerization Committee** report for more research needs.

### "BOOKS" SALE

The first four issues of The SABR Review of Books contain 59 reviews, interviews with **Roger Angell** and John Sayles, special features on "The Essential Baseball Library," "Baseball on the Air," Minor League Literature, Women in Baseball History and more. Together, the first four volumes of SRB act as a guide to baseball literature from 1986 to 1989. For a limited time, you can receive all four books, all the reviews, all the special features, for half the price. Purchase the SABR Review of Books, Volumes 1-4, for \$13.00 (plus \$5.00 for shipping and handling) ordering on a separate sheet of paper, from:

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Cleveland, OH 44101

### BOOKSHELF

Double X by **BOB GORMAN**, a slick 213-page biography of Jimmie Foxx with pictures, stories, career statistics, a home run log for his 58 home runs in 1932, and a bibliography, is now available to SABR members. To order, send \$10 to Bob Gorman, 2430 Guenther Ct., Baldwin, NY 11510. For non-SABR members, please send \$12.

oddBALLGAMES by **JOHN PHILLIPS** contains stories on the 1900 Championship series, the March 1940 All-Star game in Tampa, and more. SABR members may order the book by sending \$4.00 (ppd.) to Capital Publishing, 8105 MacArthur Blvd., Cabin John, MD 20818. Non-SABR members, please send \$4.95 ppd.

The Fall 1990 issue of Baseball Quarterly Reviews (v. 5, #3) is now available. For more information, contact **Herman Krabbenhoft** at P.O. Box 9343, Schenectady, NY 12309 or at 518-399-7890.

The San Diego Baseball Update is an eight page newsletter featuring a combination of research and opinions on the Padres. A subscription for six issues per year is \$10. Single issues are \$2 each. Send check payable to **Steve Fall** to: San Diego Baseball Update, P.O. Box 12212, La Jolla, CA 92039.

January 8: Dallas-Ft. Worth area meeting  
January 14: North East New York SABR meeting  
January 26: Cincinnati area regional Spitball Magazine awards banquet  
January/February: Halsey Hall Chapter (Minnesota) Hot Stove Meeting  
February 3: Jack Graney Chapter (Northeast Ohio) regional  
February 8-10: SABR Executive Board Meeting  
"Baseball on Ice," sponsored by North East New York SABR  
Spring (Apr./May) Jack Graney Chapter (Northeast Ohio) regional  
Halsey Hall Chapter (Minnesota) regional  
June 28-30: SABR XXI in New York City  
August 16: SABR's 20th Birthday  
Fall: Jack Graney Chapter (Northeast Ohio) regional (September)  
Halsey Hall Chapter (Minnesota) regional (October/November)

Contacts: Halsey Hall Chapter...**Rich Arpi**, Secretary/  
Treasurer, 3620 West 32nd Street, Apt. 105, Minneapolis, MN 55416 (612-925-9351)

Cincinnati area...**Kevin Grace**, 51 West Charlotte, Cincinnati, OH 45215 (513-821-3241)

Jack Graney Chapter...**Fred Schuld**, Secretary, 1572 Bradford Dr., Macedonia, OH 44056 (216-467-5238)

Dallas-Ft. Worth...**Howard L. Green**, P.O. Box 9241, Ft. Worth, TX 76107 (817-335-4871)

North East New York...**Joe Vellano**, President, 211 Riverside Ave., Scotia, NY 12302 (518-372-9512 or 518-785-5537)

NOTE: Where specific dates are not given, watch future Bulletins for more details.

### NAMES IN THE NEWS

**JOHN STEADMAN** highlighted **JOE OVERFIELD's** research on midget Jerry Sullivan in a recent edition of the Baltimore Sun. Also mentioned in the article as helping to verify the story was **BOB DAVIDS....TOM OWENS** article in the Nov., 1990 Reds Report focuses on Reds fan and fellow SABR member **RICHARD MILLER....CATHERINE CLUTE** sent the office a copy of the transcript to Baseball: The Rites of Spring which included remarks by **ROGER ANGELL, BILL HUMBER, W.P. KINSELLA** and **RON LUCIANO....The Spring 1990 Journal of Sport History features an article by **JIM SUMNER** and reviews by **PETER LEVINE, DAVID VOIGT, HAROLD SEYMOUR, RICHARD CREPEAU, RICHARD LINDBERG, LARRY GERLACH,** and **FRANK ARDOLINO....MATT RILEY** was named as the new Director of Marketing and Public Relations of the Chattanooga Lookouts.**

## FROM THE COMMITTEES

The following committee newsletter excerpts will give you an idea of the vast and various information generated by these SABR members. Committee newsletters are made available to committee members. Non committee members can refer to the COMMITTEE section on page four for information on obtaining committee newsletters.

### From the Umpire & Rules Committee

**A Rose is a Rose** - It seems appropriate at a time when some commentators on American education are advocate getting "back to the basics," that our committee deal with the origins of the word central to our being—"umpire." **John Schwartz**, passed along an account of the etymology of the word "umpire" as explained in Charles Earle Funk 's Thereby Hangs A Tale: Stories of Curious Word Origins ( 1938 ), p. 30. It seems that "umpire" derives from the Old French "non per (non=not, per=peer), signifying someone apart from the group. In time "non per" became "a numpire," which became "an umpire" and then simply "umpire." However, Paul Dickson 's The Dickson Baseball Dictionary ( 1989 ), p. 407. cites the 1845 Knickerbocker rules as the first known use of "umpire" and offers a different account of the origin of the species. He contents that the term derives from the Middle English "nomper" or "noumper" meaning a third party brought in to resolve a disagreement between two individuals. and is traceable to the Old French "nompair" or "not paired." (Dickson's bibliography does not include the Funk book.) As with baseball (or base ball) itself, there are probably multiple "origins" of the term. Anyone have additional information about this?

**Etymology II.** The term "dog days" was coined by the ancient Egyptians for Sirius, the Dog Star, which rises before the sun in July and August.

### From The Biographical Committee

Some of you may be familiar with this story, but it has bugged me for some time so I thought it would make a good mystery. For 50 years, Connie Mack carried on a personal vendetta against all biographical researchers. Connie would constantly root out some mysterious ballplayer, slip him in to a game perhaps with a secret identity, and quietly send him on his way leaving us to try to figure out who he is. He did that with Robert Allen, Toots Coyne, Moxie Divia, Daniel Kerns, and countless others .

But our mystery concerns a player who is still alive. The greatest ballplayer ever born in Ribnik, Czechoslovakia, Elmer Valo. In 1972, Red Smith, famous baseball writer, wrote that on the last day of the 1939 season, Valo was sent up as a pinch-hitter by Connie Mack . Valo drew a walk but was not under contract at the time so the official scorer (who happened to be Red Smith ) left his name out of the official score . I have heard at least two people say that they interviewed Valo and he refused to discuss this incident. But what about a balanced box score? Walks received vs. walks allowed. This could all be a bunch of baloney but every couple of years I hear about it again and I would like to know the true story.

## PUBLICATIONS REPORT

Cooperstown Corner: Columns from The Sporting News by Lee Allen was mailed in May.

SABR Review of Books (Volume V) was mailed in July.

SABR Membership Directory (1990) was mailed in September.

The National Pastime (#10) was mailed in September.

Baseball Research Journal (#19) was completed and awaiting shipment at the end of November.

Publication of The SABR Bulletin (Volume 20, Number 12) completes the SABR publication schedule for 1990.

Any questions regarding delivery of 1990 publications should be directed to the SABR office.

**STUMPER ANSWER** If you said all are (Galvin) or will be (Fox, Henderson) in the Hall of Fame at Cooperstown, you could be right. But, if you said all three were born on December 25, you are absolutely correct (Galvin in 1856, Fox in 1927, Henderson in 1958). Primary source: 1991 Play Ball! Calendar, researched by "Dixie" Tourangeau.

### Sporting News Available

**Yank Poleyeff** finds he no longer has room for his collection of The Sporting News, which he believes is complete for 1969-1984. He is offering the entire collection free to any SABR member willing to cart it away from his Teaneck, NJ home. Contact him if you are interested.

On The Mark's new book Baseball's Greatest Total Hitters by Mark E. Van Overloop has been honored with its inclusion in both The Natinal Baseball Hall of Fame Library in Cooperstown and The Babe Ruth Museum in Baltimore. The book offers an in-depth statistical analysis of the best seasons and careers of the game's most complete (power plus average) batters since 1920. To order, please send \$9.95 plus \$2.00 postage to Mark at Box 133, Washingtonville, NY 10992.

## FINALISTS FOR CASEY AWARD ANNOUNCED

Spitball Magazine is pleased to announce its finalists for the 1990 CASEY Award. Among the finalists include the following books written or edited by SABR members: The Ballplayers by **MIKE SHATZKIN**, Baseball: The People's Game by **HAROLD SEYMOUR**, Big Sticks by **WILLIAM CURRAN**, If I Never Get Back by **DARRYL BROCK**, and Men At Work by **GEORGE F. WILL**.

Other finalists include The Art of Baseball by Shelly M. Dinhofer, The Baseball Business by James Edward Miller, Hustle: The Myth, Life, and Lies of Pete Rose by Michael Sokolove, and Prophet of the Sandlots by Mark Winegardner.

The CASEY Award is presented annually to the author and publisher of the year's best baseball book. This year's judges are **PAUL ADOMITES, CHARLES EINSTEIN, and BOBBY PLAPINGER.**

The eighth annual Casey Awards Banquet will take place Saturday evening, January 26, 1991 at 7:30PM at the Carnegie Arts Center in Covington, Kentucky (across the Ohio River from Cincinnati, Ohio).

Previous winners of the award include **MIKE SOWELL** (1989), **JOHN HOLWAY** (1988), Peter H. Gordon/**PAUL WEINMAN** (1987), **BILL JAMES** (1986), Roger Kahn (1985), Peter Golenbock (1984), and Eric Rolfe Greenberg (1983).

For more information, contact **MIKE SHANNON** at (513) 541-4296.

(Ed. note: The Cincinnati Area SABR Regional meeting will take place prior to the banquet. See **REGIONALS** for more details.)

## OBITUARIES

I do not believe I have ever done anything that made another man happier than when I introduced **GEORGE JENKINS** to SABR this year.

A life-long fan of Jimmie Foxx, George had turned one room in his home into the Foxx Den, and filled it with photos and memorabilia. When he learned that there was an organization of 6,000 others with similar types of afflictions, he was like a kid who inherited a candy store.

When I offered to lend him all the research material I had collected for a biography of Foxx, he was at my door before I hung up the phone.

George attended his first regional meeting at Reading in May, and loved it. A UAW local official, he was looking forward to SABR XX in Cleveland, but union meetings prevented him from attending. He planned to deliver a paper on Foxx at the next convention. On October 25, 1990, **GEORGE JENKINS** suffered a fatal heart attack at 69.

Norman Macht

## CORRECTIONS

In the October Bulletin, the item, Dynamic Duos, inaccurately stated that the 1962 Dodgers were the only club with the Cy Young Award winner and the MVP (2 different players) in the same season not to reach the World Series. The 1984 Cubs had both award-winners and lost the NLCS. (Ed. note: Add the 1990 Pirates to the list.)

In a recent SABR Bulletin, **David Pietrusza's Baseball's Canadian-American League** was mentioned without ordering information. To order, send \$35 (plus \$2 shipping and handling for one book \$.75 each additional book) to McFarland & Company, Inc., Publishers, Box 611, Jefferson, NC 28640 (919-246-4460). Canadian residents add 25% and pay in Canadian funds. Foreign order please pay in funds drawn at a New York Bank.

## TSB HALL OF FAME VOTING SURVEY

Ballotting for 1991 Hall of Fame inductees is now being conducted by the Baseball Writers Association of America. Ballotting will take place in December with the results announced in early January.

Who would the 1991 inductees be if SABR members did the voting? Let's find out. Each SABR member is allowed to vote for up to 10 players listed below. You can vote for less than 10 players, but no more than 10. Send your list to:

SABR  
Hall of Fame Vote  
P.O. Box 93183  
Cleveland, OH 44101

Votes must be received by the office no later than February 15, 1991. Results will be published in the March, 1991 issue of The SABR Bulletin.

### 1991 Hall of Fame Ballot

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|------------------|-----------------|
| Dick Allen       | Jerry Koosman   |
| Bob Bailor       | Harvey Kuenn    |
| Bobby Bonds      | Mickey Lolich   |
| Larry Bowa       | John Lowenstein |
| Ken Boyer        | Sparky Lyle     |
| Al Bumbry        | Bill Mazeroski  |
| → Jim Bunning    | Minnie Minoso   |
| Jeff Burroughs   | Thurman Munson  |
| → Rod Carew      | → Tony Oliva    |
| Orlando Cepeda   | Al Oliver       |
| Rich Dauer       | → Gaylord Perry |
| → Rollie Fingers | Vada Pinson     |
| Curt Flood       | Steve Rogers    |
| Oscar Gamble     | Ron Santo       |
| Larry Gura       | Rusty Staub     |
| Mike Hargrove    | - Luis Tiant    |
| Richie Hebner    | Joë Torre       |
| Burt Hooton      | Ellis Valentine |
| Art Howe         | John Wathan     |
| Ferguson Jenkins | Maurly Wills    |
| Mike Jorgensen   | Pat Zachry      |
| Jim Kaat         | Geoff Zahn      |
| Bruce Kison      |                 |

(Note: Vote only for players listed above. Write in candidates will not be accepted.)

## TSB BOOK SURVEY

Elsewhere in this issue of The SABR Bulletin, you will read about the upcoming Spitball Magazine banquet and presentation of the Casey Award to the best baseball book of 1990. What is your choice for the best baseball book of the year? Let us know (one choice only, please) and feel free to add any comments for possible publication. Send in your vote no later than February 1, 1991. Results will be published in the March, 1991 issue of The SABR Bulletin.

# SCORECARDS NEEDED!

SABR member paying top \$ for photocopies of vintage M.L. scorecards and programs from 1930-1970 (especially 1930-1945 era).

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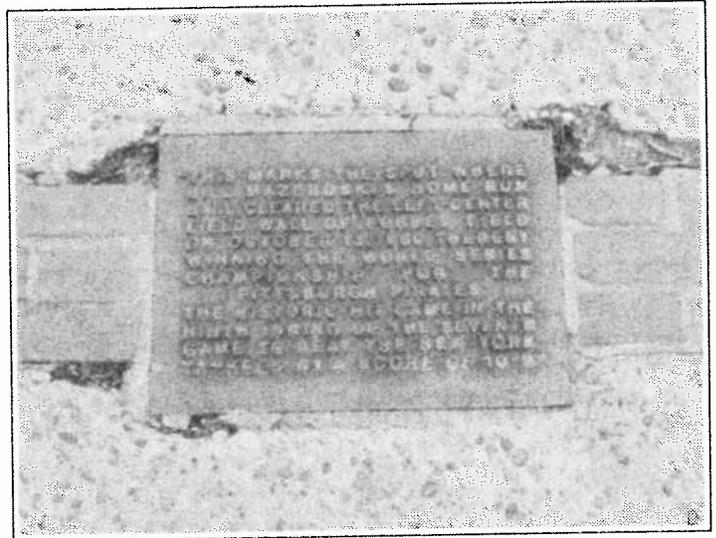
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\* by William Curran \*  
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## LATE ADDITIONS

Computerization Committee Chairman **Jim Johnston** reports a change of address. Jim can now be contacted by mail at P.O. Box 35801, Canton, OH 44735 or by phone at 216-837-8344. Jim reminds members that his committee needs help with various data entry projects, including the Tattersall Home Run Log. Please contact Jim if you can help.

**Jim Kaplan** and **Ira Berkow** are writing a book about Casey Stengel and are interested in any interesting quotes from him on any subject. Contact Jim in writing at 20 Langworthy Rd., Northampton, MA 01060.

We are saddened to report that **Frederic Brookmeyer**, SABR member since 1985, passed away in Hoffman Estates, Illinois on December 2. He was 77 years old. Frederic was a retired corporate attorney and railroad executive. Survivors include his daughter, SABR member **Barb Topp**, and his son-in-law, SABR President **Rich Topp**. Our condolences go out to all family and friends.



*The 30th anniversary of Bill Mazeroski's 1960 World Series home run has come and gone, but visitors at the University of Pittsburgh are always reminded of the event when they see this plaque near the remains of Forbes Field.*

*Wishing You A Happy Holiday Season  
And A Prosperous New Year!*

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