

Home Runs in The Old Ballparks

The final SABR publication for 1995, *Home Runs in the Old Ballparks* went into the mail in early December. The book includes home run information for 61 ballparks from Arlington Stadium to Robert F. Kennedy Stadium and from South End Grounds I (1876) to Mile High Stadium (1994).

Pinch-hitting for *More Nineteenth Century Stars* on the 1995 SABR Publication Schedule, *Home Runs in the Old Ballparks* is a catalog of all former major league parks that were witness to at least 100 home runs with first and last home runs and individual home, visitor, and total leaders.

The book is an extension of the listing of top home run hitters at the 28 current ballparks which will be in *SABR Presents The Home Run Encyclopedia* to be published by Macmillan Books in March 1996. Watch for SABR member discount information on the *Encyclopedia* soon in *The SABR Bulletin*.

Special note to 1996 members: If you have joined SABR after October 1, 1995, you will not automatically receive Home Runs in the Old Ballparks. You can purchase a copy of the publication at a member price of \$5.95, a 40% savings off the cover price (postpaid).

**The SABR Guide to Minor League Statistics published.
See page 2 for details.**

New Opportunities to Recognize Outstanding Research

Members have increased opportunity to recognize outstanding research by nominating eligible work for three SABR Awards, Macmillan-SABR Baseball Research Award, the Seymour Award and The Sporting News-SABR Baseball Research Award.

The focus of SABR's oldest award for baseball research, the Macmillan-SABR Award, sponsored by Macmillan Publishing Company, has been turned to articles about baseball history and biography. In this neglected area of recognition, up to three worthy works from 1995 will be honored.

The Seymour Award makes its debut in 1996. It will honor the best book of baseball history or biography from 1995.

SABR's newest award is sponsored by *The Sporting News*. Up to three Sporting News-SABR awards will be presented to recognize outstanding baseball research in areas other than history and biography.

A nominating petition was mailed to all members with *Home Runs in the Old Ball Parks* (petitions were mailed separately to family members). Please refer to the petition for specific details on nominations for each award. Then, help honor the best in baseball research with your nomination(s).

SABR 26 Moves to Marriott

Arrangements have been made to hold the 1996 SABR National Convention at the Kansas City Marriott Downtown due to the sudden unavailability of The Plaza Inn.

You can make reservations at the Marriott now by calling 1-800-548-4782 (in Kansas City, call 816-421-6800). Room rates will be \$79 per night single-double, \$89 triple, \$99 quad, subject to applicable state & local taxes in effect at time of check-in (currently 11.975%). Parking is free.

Rooms are at a premium for our convention dates and so members are encouraged to make reservations promptly. The deadline to make reservations at the SABR convention rate is May 6th as long as rooms are available. Mention SABR, Society for American Baseball Research, when calling for reservations to receive the discount rate.

The Plaza Inn, our contracted site for the 1996 SABR National Convention, suspended hotel operation on December 31, 1995. Consequently, members should ignore the information regarding hotel rates and registration as published in the November-December issue of *The SABR Bulletin*.

Official Travel Agency For SABR 26

Members are encouraged to use UNIGLOBE Tradewinds Travel in making travel plans for SABR 26. Call 1-800-627-8729 (621-8728 in Cleveland), ask for Maria Hilcu or David Welty and mention SABR for rates discounted from regular fares.

Lots to Canvas in Kansas City

As usual, the baseball activity will be non-stop from start to finish when SABR members gather for the 1996 SABR National Convention June 6-9, 1996, in Kansas City.

Two of the unique baseball enterprises in Kansas City are HOK and The Negro Leagues Museum. Visits to both these sites are scheduled for Saturday June 8th. Negro Leagues and ballpark panel sessions are planned at the NLBM and HOK respectively.

Optional trips are being planned to such sites as the Harry S. Truman Presidential Library, NCAA Sports Center, and other area attractions.

Mark your calendar, make your reservations, and watch for registration forms to follow so you can join all the fun at the 26th SABR National Convention.

Longtime Members Doyle, Mellerski & Feeney Pass Away

Edward F. "Dutch" Doyle, 74, a prominent member of the Philadelphia chapter of SABR, died November 28th at Graduate Hospital of complications from recent surgery. A star athlete at Roman Catholic High School in Philadelphia, he joined the Marines in WWII and served more than two years on Midway Island in the Pacific. After the war, he attended LaSalle College and became a teacher and athletic coach at St. Joseph Preparatory School in Philadelphia.

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The SABR BOOKSHELF

What's New in Baseball Book Publishing

The SABR Guide to Minor League Statistics
 Edited by Carlos Bauer
 Assistant Editor Robert Hoie
 158 pages (comb bound)
 \$11.95, postpaid

The efforts of many members of SABR's Minor League Committee has produced a valuable research tool based the differences in sources providing final league averages. For example, averages for the 1908 Central League are in the Reach Guide, Sporting Life, Spalding Record, and The Sporting News. The SABR Guide indicates which publications carried which records, where the information can be found, and the minimum games played necessary to be included.

The first section chronologically lists final league averages for the period 1877 to 1945. The second covers 1946 to 1994 full stats published in The Sporting News Guides.

Only 150 copies of the Guide have been published. Remaining copies are available on a first come, first served basis. Use the form on page 10 to order.

Buck Leonard: The Black Lou Gehrig
 by Buck Leonard with James A. Riley
 273 pp, hardcover
 Carroll & Graf
 \$21.00

The autobiography of Buck Leonard is given the long-overdue treatment it deserves as Leonard and Negro League expert Riley detail the career of the second Negro Leaguer to enter the baseball Hall of Fame. With the death of Rick Ferrell, Leonard holds the distinction of being the oldest living Hall of Famer.

A 17-year career with the Homestead Grays is detailed as Leonard teamed with Josh Gibson to help the Grays win nine consecutive pennants from 1937-45. The hitting prowess of this superstar was obviously still evident in the waning days of the Negro Leagues (1948) as Leonard batted .395 with 13 home runs at the age of 40.

Order from Carroll & Graf, 260 Fifth Avenue, New York NY 10001 or your local bookstore.

The 13th Annual CASEY Awards Banquet will take place Saturday evening, January 27, 1996 at 7:30 in the Carnegie Arts Center, Covington, Kentucky (across the Ohio River from Cincinnati, Ohio). For more information please contact Mark Schraf, CASEY Award Coordinator, at 304-284-0897.

Leagues Apart: The Men and Times of the Negro Baseball Leagues
 by Lawrence Ritter
 Illustrated by Richard Merkin
 Morrow Junior Books (hardcover)
 \$15.00

Here's a unique look at the history of the Negro Leagues. Written for the junior reader, the book begins by asking the question of who was the greatest player ever. From there, the reader learns about the bigotry of the game, and the great players and teams that made up the Negro Leagues.

However, it's the illustrations that separate this book from the others. Merkin's zesty colorful oil pastels, in his love it or hate it style, capture the exuberance of Black baseball and make up approximately 80% of the book. The book itself is an 8 3/4" x 11" format and the reproductions are large, clear and vibrant.

Order from Morrow Junior Books, 1350 Avenue of the Americas, New York NY 10019 or your local bookstore.

P.S. Remembering Bush Stadium: Home of the Indianapolis Indians
 by W.C. Madden
 Madden Publishing Co., Inc. (103 pp, softcover)
 \$17.95 retail
 \$16.40 postpaid, SABR Discount



Commemorating the "sunset season" of this memorable structure is a book that takes a loving look at what made Bush Stadium (named for Donie Bush) something to behold. The park's origins as Perry Stadium in 1931 are mixed in with photographs of more recent vintage to show why generations of fans have embraced the stadium at West 16th and Harding.

Focusing mostly on the past few seasons, the book still manages to put the park in historical perspective. The planting of ivy (before Wrigley Field), the World War II-era name change to Victory Field and the attempts to save Bush from the wrecking ball are just some of the memories that remain.

To order, send \$16.40 to SABR PO Box 93183, Cleveland OH 44101.

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On August 28, 1949, Mickey Mantle of Independence (KOM League) received credit for a home run after his long fly ball hit Bill (son of Rogers) Hornsby on the head, knocking him out.

Source-The Encyclopedia of Minor League Baseball

THE PRES BOX

Road trip! SABR Executive Director Morris Eckhouse and I recently took to the road on SABR business, and would like to give you a brief report on what took place.

Our first stop was Greenville, Rhode Island, for the Southern New England Regional. Once again Len Levin and Father Gerald Beirne hosted an interesting and varied program. This was Morris's first trip to the Lajoie-Start Chapter and he came away impressed by the wide variety of baseball publications raffled off by this regional. If your local group wishes to know how to implement such a feature, please contact Len for details.

Also at the Regional was Seamus Kearney. Seamus is the new moderator of the SABR list server, SABR-L, and I'd like to take this opportunity to thank him for the work he's done (often at ungodly hours) in placing members' research requests on-line. To enroll in SABR-L, send e-mail to listserv@mail.world.com with the message subscribe firstname m. lastname. There is no charge to enroll.

Our last stop was Cooperstown where we met with Jim Gates, the new librarian of the National Baseball Library & Archive, and his staff. The discussion was wide-ranging and productive, and we expect several initiatives will result from it. As they unfold we will keep you posted on developments.

By the way, in the week preceding this meeting, I had separate discussions with two SABR members regarding their research needs. In both instances I suggested that they avail themselves by phone of the National Baseball Library—and was surprised that they had not previously considered this alternative. For very modest fees, the NBL will photocopy material from their files, the Guides, etc. for your use. If you have not yet availed yourselves of their services, I highly recommend them.

Elsewhere in this *Bulletin*, we report on the change in plans we have had in our hotel situation for the 1996 Convention in Kansas City. Boy, that was a close one, but thanks to some quick thinking and quick acting by Morris Eckhouse, Rick Salamon, the very able chair of our convention committee, and by the local convention committee in Kansas City, we are not only no longer "out on the street" but are ensconced in a very fine hotel, perhaps even a better facility than our previous choice. And, as Lloyd Johnson has informed me, thanks to our shift in quarters we might even now be able to squeeze a townball game into our agenda.

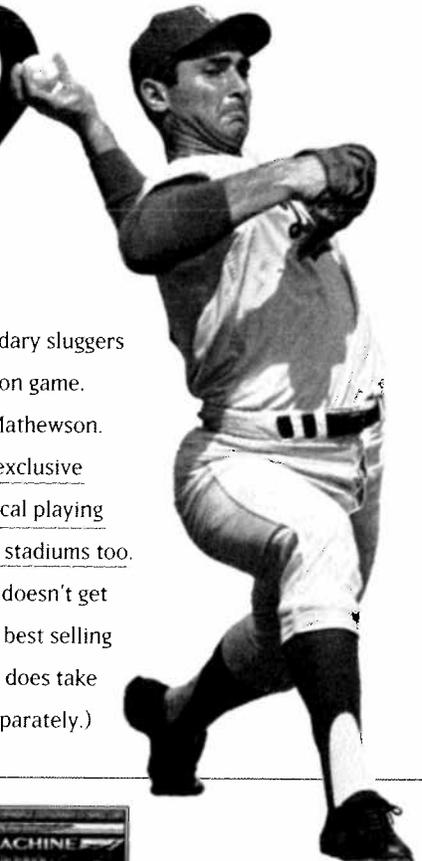
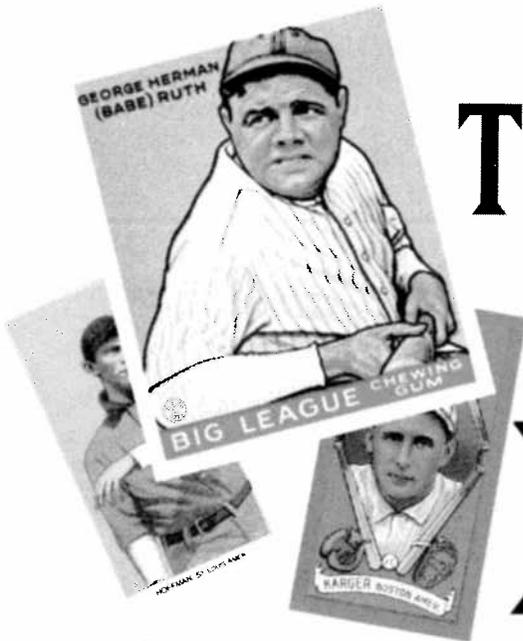
Kansas City should prove to be another excellent SABR convention. Save room for lots of baseball and barbecue.

May you have a Happy New Year!

David Pietrusza



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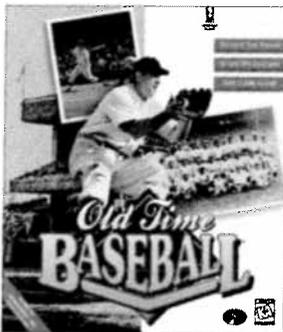
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Bibliography

Andy McCue reports that the Baseball Online database has grown again, but more help would still be appreciated (write to McCue at 4025 Beechwood Place, Riverside CA 92506, or at agmccue@pe.net by e-mail). He and Ted Hathaway are trying to put Online online and would like you to contact Ted if you have any good ideas about where a foundation or similar group interested in supporting this project may be found. Contact Ted at 5645 Fremont Ave., South Minneapolis MN 55419, or by e-mail at hathac@msus1.msus.edu.

Frank Phelps is making substantial progress in the index to *The Sporting News' Baseball Register* (1940-1994) project, with a lot of computer help from John Green.

Books reviewed in the October Newsletter include *October 1964, The Man in the Dugout, July 2, 1903, Separating the Men from the Boys, The Annotated Baseball Stories of Ring W. Lardner, 1914-1919*, and *Cracking the Show*.

Biographical

Committee member Jack Dougherty won the "Find of the Month" award for finding Frank West. West pitched one game for Boston in 1894. Jack found Frank West in a cemetery in Johnstown, Pennsylvania, after discovering that the pitcher had married a girl from Johnstown.

The October newsletter attached a list of 247 rookies from the 1995 season. This rookie class was the largest since 1884, and included several relatives to major league players (Alan Benes and Carlos Perez) and several interesting names (Steve Wojciechowski and Arquimedez Pozo).

Cliff Kachline has cleared up the mystery of William James Irvin Adams. Cliff heard from Adam's son who confirmed that he did play in St Louis ('12-13), Pittsburgh ('14) and Philadelphia ('18-19). The son also advised that Adam's correct name was James Irvin, and that William was added by a sportswriter.

Fundamentals, Anyone?

David Martin, Assistant Baseball Coach at Eastern Michigan University, wishes to hear from other members interested in researching the teaching and playing of baseball. Emphasis on baseball fundamentals, strategy and coaching styles is proposed. Contact David at 313-487-0303 (work), or 313-844-2307 (home).

Business of Baseball

The latest issue of *Outside the Lines*, the committee's newsletter, notes the 75th anniversary of the Office of the Commissioner of Major League Baseball and reviews the development and evolution of the office, especially from 1920 to 1952. Also noted are five ownership changes (Braves, Angels, Royals, Athletics and Pirates) and three imminent new stadiums (Detroit, Milwaukee, Seattle). The committee's database of player salaries now includes over 11,000 salaries. Other topics covered include public sentiment toward baseball, the status of The Baseball Network, the new package to telecast major league games, the United League, Major League Baseball territories, and the proposed new park in Seattle in an article by John Pastier.

Minor League

The Fall newsletter takes a look at the proposed realignment of the National Association. With the Major Leagues expanding into the West, the time seems right to bring Double-A level teams into the West (The closest current team being El Paso) through realignment and the creation of two new leagues in California.

The newsletter also briefly updates the 19th Century Project. The response has been good so far, but more involvement is needed. Included in the newsletter is a data sheet which can be used for this project.

Books reviewed in this newsletter include *The Two-Eyed League: The Illinois-Iowa League of 1890-1892* by Ray Schmidt and *Sacramento's Senators and Solons: Baseball in California's Capital, 1886 to 1976* by John E. Spalding.

Nineteenth Century

The Spring 1995 issue of *Nineteenth Century Notes* reviews *Strikeout, Fleet Walker's Divided Heart, White's History of Colored Base Ball, with Other Documents of the Early Black Game 1886-1936* and *The Fix is In: A History of Baseball Gambling and Game Fixing Scandals*.

John Husman has compiled a roster of Vinatge Baseball Clubs and includes a few team profiles. A continuation of "When was the First?... delves into the catcher's mitt, "krank," team nicknames, the catcher's mask, and the curve ball.

Finally, the complete version of "The Base Ball Fever" by H. Angelo is reprinted.

Oral History

The latest Top Ten List:

Name	Age	Residing in
Ray Berres	88	Twin Lakes WI
Guy Cutright	83	Sun City Center FL
Harry Davis	87	Shreveport LA
Les Fleming	82	Reno NV
Lee Grissom	88	Corning CA
Oscar Judd	87	Ingersoll, Ontario, Canada
Newt Kimball	80	Las Vegas NV
Pinky May	84	San Antonio TX
Hugh Mulcahy	82	Beaver PA
Jimmy Outlaw	82	Jackson AL

Anyone interested in helping can contact Rick Bradley, Box 572, Lorain OH 44052, or notify the SABR office.

SABR UK

Mike Ross gives some insight into the mysterious whereabouts of the Spalding Cup which disappeared around 100 years ago. This trophy was presented to the champions of British baseball by A.G. Spalding. Mr. Ross reports that one man has one of the trophies, having discovered it in a safe in a burned down hotel, which was handed out.

Barry Winetrobe's article "Starting from Home" examines the possible origins of baseball in England. Based on the language used in the orders of the Parliamentary Rolls during Edward III's reign, older dictionary definitions, and the writings of Joseph Strutt, Winetrobe contends that it is plausible that baseball was derived from the combination of running and ball-and-stick games.

It was estimated that 90,000 people attended Major League Baseball's International Fan Fest in London from August 5-7. Attractions at the Fan Fest included a speed pitch machine, a baseball card booth, batting tees, a baserunning booth, and a video batting cage.

Committee Newsletters Available from the SABR Office

Name	Issue	Pages	Cost
Bibliography	October	4	\$1.50
Biographical	October	10	\$3.00
Business of Baseball	Fall	8	\$2.00
CBP	Fall	5	\$2.00
Minor League	Fall	10	\$3.00
Nineteenth Century	Spring	10	\$3.00
SABR UK	Oct 95	8	\$3.00

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To join a Research Committee, contact the Committee Chair
(a list can be found in the Membership Directory)

The SABR Season

Jan. 17:	Hall-Ruggles Chapter Meeting, Contact Howard Green, 817-535-0058
Jan. 19-21, 1996:	SABR Executive Board Meeting, Oakland, California
February 3:	Halsey Hall Hot Stove Meeting; Contact Stew Thornley, 612-378-9189 Ted Williams Chapter Meeting, Contact Bob Boynton, 619-481-0263
February 11:	Fred T. Smith Chapter Meeting, Contact David Mamuscia, see <i>Detroit</i> below
February 18:	Emil Rothe Chapter Meeting, Contact Bill Slankard, see <i>Chicago</i> below
February 24:	Casey Stengel Chapter Meeting, See <i>New York City</i> below
April 20:	Halsey Hall Spring Meeting

Regionals

New York City: Whet your baseball appetite! The next meeting of the Casey Stengel Chapter will be Saturday, February 24, 1996, at the Brooklyn Hts Branch of the Brooklyn Public Library at 10am.

Among the activities will be research presentations, a Jeopardy-style baseball trivia contest and a book raffle. There is no admission charge but reservations must be made in advance. To make a reservation, please call Ross Adell (718-359-2033) during evening hours. If you wish to make a presentation, please call Al Blumkin (718-339-5483).

The library is located at 280 Cadman Plaza West and is easily accessible by both car and public transportation. For directions to the library, please call **Burt Bloom** (718-891-8396).

London, England: The 1995 Annual General Meeting was held on May 6, 1995. After official business was completed (Mike Ross' chairman's report, Andy Parkes' Treasurer's Report and Patrick Carroll's report on Research Projects), the group watched the "Fifties" portion of Ken Burns' *Baseball*, a section of the silent film *Speedy*, and then took part in a baseball quiz administered by Tony Darkin and won in a tie-breaker by Patrick Carroll's team over Martin Hoerchner's team.

Durham, North Carolina: On Saturday, October 21, a small but enthusiastic group of SABR Carolina members met at Satisfaction's Restaurant. Former major league pitcher Mike Caldwell held court as the featured speaker. In a free-wheeling question-and-answer session that lasted nearly two hours, he discussed many of his experiences during his years with the Brewers, Reds, Padres and Giants and his memories of the 1982 ALCS and World Series appearances; and offered his candid opinions of many of his former teammates and managers. Currently a minor league pitching coach in the Brewers' organization (he spent 1995 at Beloit in the Midwest League), he also talked about the type of talent he sees today, some of the problems baseball is facing, and the many good points the game can still point to with pride.

The next meeting will probably be in January or early February at a central North Carolina location yet to be determined. For more information, contact **Marshall Adesman** at 919-382-8319.

New Orleans, Louisiana: On June 10, 1995, twelve members and guests of the Art Schott/Pelican Chapter gathered at the University of New Orleans Lakefront Arena, where they were treated to presentations by: Jack Hebert—"Major League Career Extra Base Hit Leaders" and "Total Run Production-1994"; Jay Gauthreaux—"Managing By Positions"; Skeeter Theard—"Records of Walter Johnson"; Bill Catalanello—"55 Brooklyn Dodgers"; Karl Grapes reviewed *Life That Ruth Built*; Mel Leavitt—"Moonlight" Graham and other one game Hurlers"; Art Schott—"Babe Ruth Conference at Hofstra"; and Joe Liss—"Great Pitchers on Bad Days". American Association Official Scorer J.L. Vanglider was a special guest.

Sacramento, California: The Sacramento Chapter held a meeting "doubleheader" for its one year anniversary on November 18, 1995. First, on a balmy morning, Frances Pendleton provided a spirited baseball enthusiast's walking tour of the City's Old Cemetery. The historic graveyard, located opposite the ballpark site (no longer standing) of the old Sacramento Solons of the PCL, dates back to the Gold Rush era. During the second part of the meeting, twenty-six members and friends attended a lunch featuring pitcher Jim Barr (Giants and Angels, 1971-1983) who won 101 games in his career, including 20 shutouts. Jim spoke not only of his major league career, but also of his experience as a college baseball coach and pitcher in the Men's Senior League. Bill Iliff provided a statistical rundown on Cal Ripken (along with a comparative analysis of his peers). With all the hype over the "streak," some have forgotten just how good a player he has consistently been. Chris Rogers from the Lefty O'Doul Chapter provided an update on efforts to bring the SABR Convention to the Bay Area in 1998. He also strongly encouraged members to get involved in interviewing former players living in the region. Chris Wait developed a survey questionnaire to determine the desires of the local membership, including the possibility of electing officers. Chris also developed a sheet on possible names for the Chapter which include "Stan Hack," "Dusty Baker," "Tony Freitas," and "Edmonds Field." The trivia quiz was won by Ross Corbett. John Moist, Chris Wait, Greg King and Woody Wilson continue to act as the steering committee, aided by many other members.

Detroit, Michigan: The Fred T. Smith Chapter meeting on October 22 included Dave Martin's portrayal of Ty Cobb, Warren Wilbert on one-game major leaguers, and Chuck Stein on old time baseball enactments. Updates were provided by Larry Katz on his book *Baseball in 1939* and Alex Bensky on saving Tiger Stadium. David Mamuscia, President of the chapter, reports a high level of interaction among the 17 attendees at the meeting. The next meeting will be February 11.

Chicago, Illinois: Twenty-six members and guests showed up at the University of Illinois on Sunday, November 19, 1995, for the third Chicago SABR meeting of the year. Bill Cummings led off with a history of the Polo Grounds in New York. Ray Schmidt talked about early Chicago semi-pro baseball, from late 19th century to the mid-1900s. A graphical analysis by Steve Wang tested the question "Are Modern Teams Less Consistent?" The first half of the program ended with the trivia quiz by Jon Daniels. Dave Zeman once again finished first, with Walt Wilson, John Plywaczewski, and Dave Shiner close behind. Following a break, Rich Hansen discussed the Bill James Encyclopedia on CD-ROM. Dave Shiner presented a paper on how the value of Ty Cobb as a player has been reassessed in light of his personality and in comparison with the power hitters who followed. Eddie Gold was next up with a rebuttal to a chapter in Rich Lindberg's forthcoming book, *The Quest for Baseball Survival in the Windy City: The History of the Chicago White Sox*. The meeting closed with Dave Stevens talk on the Brotherhood War, detailing one of the early attempts at union organizing in baseball.

The next meeting is scheduled for Sunday, February 18, 1996, at the same location. Call Bill Slankard (708-415-1476) for details.

Los Angeles, California: Over 50 members of the Allan Roth Chapter met December 2 at the Amateur Athletic Foundation Library. Pacific Coast League official historian Bill Weiss and Baseball America publisher Miles Wolff told stories and answered questions. Both see a contentious future between the majors and the minors. After Joe Slap's trivia name-game quiz, Russell Wright, author of *The Best of Teams, the Worst of Teams* showed some of his research, focussing mostly on how the great Yankee teams of the 1930s and 1950s stacked up against Russ' favorite Philadelphia A's of the era around 1930. Steve Roney updated his home run research with the data from the last two years of boom-boom. Joe Naiman spoke on the Padres' record for most consecutive games without a rainout. The chapter will try to hold three meetings a year instead of the current two and to have its spring meeting in conjunction with a minor league game.

NAMES IN THE NEWS

This past summer, Mark Vatauk served as associate team physician for the Class A Erie Seawolves...Bill Dunstone and his collection of over 6,700 baseball books, yearbooks, magazines and guides were featured in an article in Sarasota's *The Pelican Press* (Aug. 31, 1995)...The Indiana Historical Society has awarded Noblesville author William Madden a Clio Grant to write a magazine article on the history of Indiana baseball. The focus of the article will be on the history of youth baseball throughout the state...Francis Kinlaw recently addressed a large group of senior citizens at Abbotswood Retirement Center in Greensboro, NC. His speech focused on baseball's rich history and SABR's role in making the past come alive...The October 1995 issue of *International Baseball Rundown* includes articles by Dick Case, Roland Hemond, and Jan Bagin, and a letter from J.R. Smith...Nominees for the 1995 Casey Award include Dan Gutman, Greg Rhodes, Charles Alexander, Henry H. Thomas. The judges for the 1995 award are Jim Charlton, Steve Cummings, and Ernie Harwell (see page 2 for Awards Dinner information)...*The Braves Encyclopedia* by Gary Caruso has been published by Temple University Press which will soon publish *The Indians Encyclopedia* by Russ Schneider. Russ also has a new book called *The Incredible Indians Summer of 1995*... "Who's A Bum" -40th anniversary collector's edition publication about the 1955 Brooklyn Dodgers published by *Daily News* features a comprehensive section of statistics compiled by David Smith and Retrosheet and an article about Smith and Retrosheet...Rob Edelman's latest book, *Angela Lansbury: A Life on Stage and Screen*, co-authored with his wife Audrey Kupferberg, will be published in the spring by Birch Lane...Mark W. Cooper's book *Baseball Games: Home Versions of the National Pastime 1860s - 1960s* with Douglas Congdon-Martin was published by Schiffer Publishing...Barbara Oremland, Director of SABR's Kentucky Chapter, was interviewed on WHAS-TV (ABC) on September 6, 1995, for a story on Cal Ripken and Lou Gehrig, comparing the players and examining how the record breaking event helped bring baseball back to the American people...Steve Bennett was acknowledged in *The Grinnell Herald-Register* (June 22, 1995) as a presenter at the 1995 SABR National Convention and for reaching the finals of the individuals bracket of the trivia contest...Deane's List by Bill Deane is a regular feature of *Baseball America*...Dennis Tuttle contributes to the feature "TSN Classic" in *The Sporting News*.

RESEARCH NEEDS

Troy Soos of 93 Jackson St., Cambridge MA 02140 is looking for information on baseball union activities in 1919-1920 and the activities of John Montgomery Ward and Dave Fultz during those years. He can also be reached by e-mail at TroySoos@aol.com

K.C. Priest, 921 Upton Drive, South Charleston WV 25309, is looking for copies of two *Baseball Digest* articles. They are: "The Series Ump was Right, Rules Need Rewording." Hal Lebovitz. XXV (Jan 1976) pgs 27-28, and "Should The Rules Be Changed?" Charles Maher, Joe Falls & Robert L. Burns. XXVII (March 1969) pgs 53-58. He is willing to pay for copying and postal expenses.

Carroll R. Tenney, 1 Dogwood Lane, Brookfield CT 06804, seeks any information on Fred Tenney who played with the Boston Nationals (1894-1907, 11) and the NY Giants (1908-1910). Any written articles from newspapers, books, etc. and any pictures or photocopies would be greatly appreciated.

Bob Daniels, 805 South Main Street, Fairfield IA 52556, 515-472-9036, seeks the names of, and/or anecdotal information on the careers of those who were both pitchers and legitimate position players during a portion of their career. Already has Babe Ruth, Hal Jeffcoat, and Eddie and Johnny O'Brien listed, but needs the names of others.

Andrew Brown, Lakehead Univ. Residence, Box T-104, Thunder Bay ONT Canada P7B 5E1, 807-344-2624, Email: ALBROWN@ice.lakeheadu.ca. Seeks any information on the history and development of Japanese Professional Baseball for an undergrad research project. In particular, information on the 1934 All-Star tour which included Ruth and Gehrig would be greatly appreciated. Would gladly reimburse postal expenses.

Jim Kaplan, 20 Langworthy Road, Northampton MA 01060, 413-586-3394, seeks anecdotes and personal information about Lefty Grove, plus phone numbers and addresses of people who knew him.

Ed Hoke, 1336 Covent Rd., Troy OH 45373, 513-339-3688, seeks any info/stats on Gale Blakeley, his uncle. Blakeley played for Pittsburg, KS of the KOM in 1949 and for Lima OH of the OH-IN League in 1950. Photo copies from TSN Guides would be helpful.

Joan F. Thomas, 1323 S. Jefferson, St. Louis MO 63104, 314-664-0193, is looking for any information on Harry Eggy, a native of Allentown PA who may have played semi-pro baseball in the 1880's.

Daniel Price, 20 Capt. Shankey Dr., Garnerville NY 10923, 914-429-0557, seeks information on lifetime passes to ballparks that were given to ballplayers who couldn't continue their careers due to WWII. These passes were given to Major and Minor Leaguers who were wounded or who served too many years to continue their careers. Of the 14 supposedly given out, only two are accounted for. One pass is in the Hall of Fame's "Baseball Lives" exhibit and Price's father had one.

Alan C. Atchison, 409 E. William Cannon #128, Austin TX 78745, seeks any information pertaining to the Big State Baseball League which operated in Texas from 1947 to 1957.

Bob Boehm, 81 Rivercliff Road, Lowell MA 01852-1434, seeks play-by-play from other sources than *USA Today* or *USA Today Baseball Weekly* for the four postseason games between Atlanta and Cincinnati.

Mike Blake, 1124 Grand Canyon, Brea CA 92621, 714-529-9601, seeks help in finding old, living Minor Leaguers with good stories to tell for an Oral History on the subject. Players in their 70s-100s are golden. I'll also take 20-60 year-olds with good tales to tell. Any SABR member who gives me a contact phone number of these old-timers will receive a mention in the Acknowledgments Section.

Chip Atkison, 10856 Summerset Way, Parker CO 80134, 303-841-0354, seeks information about pitching styles and how they changed circa 1870, give or take 10 years. Any info about Bobby Mathews, Jim Creighton and/or Candy Cummings would be helpful. At what point did hurlers begin adopting an aggressive attitude about letting the striker put the ball in play?

Aviva Kempner, The Ciesla Foundation, 3721 Jenifer Street NW, Washington DC 20015, is seeking photographs, film footage, anecdotes, letters or memorabilia from Hank Greenberg's early playing in the Bronx to his professional career with the Tigers and Pirates and his management of the Indians and White Sox for completion of a documentary film on Greenberg entitled "The Life and Times of Hank Greenberg." She also seeks photographs or film footage from the late 1910's through early 1930's of children, especially Jewish and immigrant youth, playing stickball or baseball in an urban setting, such as The Bronx.

RESEARCH EXCHANGE

The SABR Research Library includes more than 2,200 articles ranging in length from 1 page to 100+ pages. Many of the articles are originals written by SABR members; others are culled from various publications and placed in the library because of their value to SABR members. A complete list of articles is available for \$3.00 from Len Levin, 282 Doyle Avenue, Providence RI 02906.

—: Hollywood comes to bat. 1 page. Rates 24 baseball movies available on videotape.

Adell, Ross, assisted by **William Ruiz** and **Ken Samelson**: 1994 home run happenings. 5 pages. Lists lead-off and game-ending home runs, homers hit by pitchers, other categories.

Ballew, Bill: Bill Campbell was the first big-name free agent to sign with Boston. 1 page. Copy of article in the August 1995 issue of *Dichard*, a Red Sox fans' magazine.

Bjarkman, Peter C.: Those fabulous Whiz Kids. 6 pages. Copy of article in *The Diamond*, January/February 1994.

Bjarkman, Peter C.: Vic Power: The first flashy Latin big league hero. 5 pages. Copy of article in *Ragtime Sports*, May 1995.

Carlson, Jack: Index to "The Pittsburgh Pirates" by Frederick J. Leib. Compiled for the SABR Bibliography Committee. 12 pages.

Paid Intern To Help With Archives

Philip Suchma (BA, St Louis University, 1995) has been added to the SABR staff as a paid intern.

Phil's duties beyond help with daily operations will be to help sort and catalog SABR's existing archives and help develop policy for future uses and additions.

Phil's internship with SABR will be through August 1996. He has also interned with *The Sporting News* working with Steve Gietschier.

Dugout Magazine No Longer Publishing

Russell Field regrets to announce that *Dugout* magazine has ceased publication. He said, "Despite our best efforts to re-organize the magazine's finances, we have been unable to find a workable solution at this time. I am proud of what *Dugout* has accomplished and continue to believe in the importance of its approach to baseball past, present and future." Russell appreciates the support of many SABR members who have responded to ads for *Dugout* in *The SABR Bulletin*.

Cavanaugh, Jack: Pete Gary recalls his wartime season in the majors. 4 pages. Copy of article in *The New York Times*, June 1994.

Eddleston, Oscar: A chronological listing of major league parks, 1901 to date. 5 pages. Lists all ballparks and provides other descriptive material.

Field, Russell: In the Babe's footsteps. 4 pages. Places associated with Babe Ruth. Copy of article in *Dugout*, Vol. III, No. 2, June/July 1995.

Fulton, Bob: The boys of winter. 2 pages. Copy of article in *Pittsburgh* magazine, March 1994, about the Pirates' wartime spring training in 1944.

Gregorich, Barbara: Jackie Mitchell and the Northern Lights. 5 pages. Copy of article in *Timeline* magazine, May-June 1995, about Jackie Mitchell in Cleveland.

Hugo, William: Index to "The Cincinnati Reds" by Lee Allen. Compiled for SABR Bibliography Committee. 19 pages.

1995 Indians Third-Best Team of All-Time?

According to **Harry Hollingsworth**, author of *The Best and Worst Baseball Teams of All-Time*, the 1995 Cleveland Indians are the third best team of all-time, trailing only the 1927 and 1939 New York Yankees. Following the Indians in the top five are the 1929 Philadelphia Athletics and the 1906 Chicago Cubs.

The 1995 Braves are the best Braves team of all-time, beating out the 1957 Milwaukee Braves.

Spring Break to Feature Jackie Robinson Conference

Bethune-Cookman College is holding "Breaking the Color Line: Jackie Robinson and Fifty Years of Integration," March 15-17, 1996, at Treasure Island Inn at Daytona Beach, Florida.

Jules Tygiel, author of *Baseball's Great Experiment: Jackie Robinson and His Legacy* will be the keynote speaker. Conference sessions will be held the 16th and 17th, concluding with a baseball game at Jackie Robinson Ballpark on Sunday (Bethune-Cookman vs. Florida A&M). Contact Leonard Lempel, Bethune-Cookman College, 640 Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune Blvd., Daytona Beach FL 32114 for more information.

Regionals, continued from page

Greenville, Rhode Island: About 65 attended one of SABR's longest running regionals at St. Philip's on November 25. Organizer **Len Levin** opened with a remembrance of **Jim Feeney**, a member who left us this past summer.

SABR President **David Pietrusza** and SABR Executive Director **Morris Eckhouse** were in attendance. David commented on the history of the regional and the work we are doing. SABR Publications Director **Mark Alvarez** told us that an index of SABR publications is in the works.

Guest speaker **Tom Grant** (Cubs, 1983) showed us a video of his first major league hit (single to center off Seaver—yes, he got some chin music the next at bat). Tom recounted his baseball experiences and fielded questions from the audience. **Tom Zocco** won **Dick Thompson's** always challenging trivia contest: "MVP Oddities."

Dale Collett gave us his list of the best batters and hitters of the 20th century, decade by decade. **Jack Kavanagh** excerpted from his book on **Grover Cleveland Alexander**, recounting Alexander's role in the major-league-player-rostered municipal series between Attleboro and North Attleboro, Massachusetts in 1919 at the end of the season. **Seamus Kearney** reported on SABR's presence on the Internet: SABR-L and **John Gregory's** SABR-like Baseball Web Page. SABR-L acts like an electronic version of the *SABR Bulletin* promoting baseball research and collegiality among members. John's page holds SABR information, is home of the SABR Research Library and is one of the largest baseball web pages on the Net. **Steve Lawrence**, in "Great Performance by a Pitcher for a Losing Team" told us of the phenomenal 1947 season of Reds' pitcher **Ewell Blackwell** ("The Whip"). Blackwell went 22-8 with a 16 game winning streak for the 73-81 Reds. **Steve Krevisky** presented "Trades Which Changed the Course of Baseball History." **Frank Geishecker** informed us in "Team Batting Average versus Team Earned Run Average" that teams with the highest BA and the lowest ERA usually win their league (21 since 1920). **Paul Wendt** explained in "Short Schedules Caused by 1994-1995 Strike: Which Teams Benefited?" how the short schedule adversely affected teams in the pennant race. **Clarence Burley** showed a video presentation on **Connie Mack's** legacy to his hometown of North Brookfield, Massachusetts. **Seamus Kearney** presented "Bill Thompson, Pioneer, 1911" his claim that **Bill Thompson** (Bellows Falls, Class D Twin State League, 1911) was the first black American to play in organized, white baseball in the 20th Century. Thompson's pioneer season exhibited a lengthy, straightforward performance at star level. His season should be viewed as an example of good racial tolerance, unusual for the times.

Rogers Hornsby

by Charles Alexander
Henry Holt (366 pp, hardcover)
\$27.50

The long awaited biography of the Rajah is presented in Alexander's usual exhaustively researched style. The story of a man with no tact, many jobs and great batting skills is chronicled from his early days in Texas to his last position with the 1962 Mets.

Hornsby's penchant for the horses along with his complete devotion to the game are some of the subjects covered. The abrasive manner with which Hornsby went through life also is exhibited in recalling his clashes with owners and players. What seems ironic is that Hornsby died soon after cataract surgery despite avoiding motion pictures in an effort to protect his batting eye.

Order from Henry Holt & Co., Inc., 115 West 18th Street, New York NY 10011 or your local bookstore.

**African-American Sports Greats:
A Biographical Dictionary**

Edited by David L. Porter
Greenwood Press (480 pp, hardcover)
\$59.95

The vital role of the African-American athlete in the sports world is explored in this important work. Forty-four sports historians are the guides for this look at 166 athletes in eleven different sports. Personal background information and career accomplishments are complemented by a selection of photographs.

A total of 40 baseball players are profiled, including 10 of whom made their mark in the Negro Leagues. The exploits of memorable diamond stars such as John Henry Lloyd and Satchel Paige are presented by, among others, longtime SABR Negro League Committee members Merl Kleinknecht and Jim Riley.

To order by credit card, call 203-226-3571, ext. 391.



During the 1949 Appalachian League season, the Bluefield Blue-Grays ran off a string of 34 consecutive wins in their home park. The streak came to an end on August 26th with a 11-7 loss to Pulaski.

Source-Sporting News 1950 Guide and Record Book

A Complete History of the Negro Leagues 1884 to 1955

by Mark Ribowsky
Birch Lane Press (332 pp, hardcover)
\$24.95

This narrative history of baseball apartheid attempts to fit 72 years worth of memories into 319 pages of text. The end result is an interesting but brief look at the forgotten greats of the Negro Leagues. To do justice to this aspect of the game, the reader must supplement Ribowsky's book with others on the subject.

Included in the book are 17 photos spanning from the 1930's to the 1971 induction of Satchel Paige into the Baseball Hall of Fame. Hence, no photos of 19th Century stars Fleet Walker and Bud Fowler, nor Negro League founder Rube Foster. These omissions are part of the problem in proclaiming this book as the "complete" history of the Negro Leagues.

Order from Carol Publishing Group, 120 Enterprise Avenue, Seacaus NJ 07094 or check your local bookstore.

**Ted "Double Duty" Radcliffe:
36 Years of Pitching and Catching in Baseball's
Negro Leagues**

by Kyle P. McNary
McNary Publishing, (277 pp, softcover)
\$14.95, retail

This biography of one of the stars of the Negro Leagues looks at the life of a man who won more games in his career than Dizzy Dean and Bob Feller combined. Radcliffe, who got his nickname from legendary writer Damon Runyon, remains the oldest living Negro Leaguer.

The book begins with Radcliffe's early days living in Mobile, Alabama and concludes with Double Duty's retirement years in Chicago. In between, almost four decades of playing baseball are remembered by the man many people consider to be worthy of enshrinement in Cooperstown. The book, illustrated with black & white photos, includes an index, bibliography and appendices detailing as many statistics as can be found on Radcliffe.

Order from McNary Publishing, PO Box 62421, St. Louis Park MN 55426.

Names in the Newsletters

The dissemination of baseball information is carried out in great volume by many SABR members who edit and/or produce newsletters, journals, and magazines. To contact any of these editors, send the SABR office a SASE for a list. We have recently heard from...

Baseball's Active Leaders, edited by Dan Heisman, a trove of information and commentary about major league baseball's current top achievers... *The Diamond Angle*, edited by James Floto, "An Eclectic Baseball Magazine From Hawaii" filled with nostalgia, trivia, interviews, columns, and more... *Milestones and Memories*, edited by Jim Fredlund, offers a variety of lists and nostalgia based on the milestones of the game. Jim's 1995 season-in-review special has detailed data on home runs, RBI, 4, 5, and 6-hit games, double-digit strikeout games (pitching), 1-0 games, and games by position leaders... *Braunstein's Met & Yankee Minor League Reporter* offers detailed information on the farm clubs of New York's two major league teams... *Charles Kaufman's Sweet Spot*, covers the world of autographed sports memorabilia... *BGI Update* from Bill Goff Inc provides up-to-date information on Goff's latest baseball art offerings... *Bill Catalanello's Bleacher Creature* offers coverage of the New Orleans Zephyrs and other baseball nostalgia. Contributors include Arthur Schott and Jay Gauthreaux... *Unobstructed Views*, The Tiger Stadium Fan Club Newsletter, has continuously provided information related to saving the current home of the Tigers and efforts to replace it... *Marty Adler's* newsletter for the Brooklyn Dodger Baseball Hall of Fame recounts the institution's activities... *Norman Kurland's The Flatbush Faithful* revives baseball memories from the 1950s with a slant toward Brooklyn and New York... *Joe Phillips' The Glove Collector* covers the hobby of vintage glove collecting and provides unique insight to the history of the defensive tool... fans of international baseball should be aware of *The Pitch* which reports activity from the International Baseball Foundation and *International Baseball Rundown*, a magazine of news and commentary with detailed coverage of the international baseball scene, edited by Jeff Elijah... *International Association of Sports Museums and Halls of Fame Newsletter*, edited by Al Cartwright, keeps readers abreast on inductions and activities of these institutions, large and small... *Baseball Parent* is designed for parents of youth baseball players... *Silhouettes* is the official newsletter of the Negro Leagues Baseball Museum.

Several SABR regional groups issue newsletters, including the those in Minnesota, Chicago, Arizona and London, England.

If you edit, publish, or know of a baseball-related newsletter not listed here, let us know.

Longtime Members Pass Away, continued from page 1

Baseball was Dutch's primary passion. He grew up in the Baker Bowl neighborhood and wound up writing four books on baseball. Included were *Forty Years a Fan* and *The Only One*, a biography of Babe Ruth. He led a forceful and ultimately successful campaign to have Chuck Klein enshrined at Cooperstown. Dutch made numerous presentations at the SABR national and regional meetings, and captivated audiences with his distinctive voice and forceful delivery. He was also well known as an after-dinner speaker in the Philadelphia area. He is survived by his wife Arabelle and three daughters.

How to Use the Internet for Baseball Research

To use the Internet for baseball research one must have: a computer, a modem and an internet account that include as many of the following as possible: FTP, TELNET, GOPHER, WWW, E-MAIL. 'Net accounts can be obtained from the major national providers of access (Compuserve, America On-Line, Delphi, Genie, Prodigy, et.al.) as well as smaller, local companies. Local companies are usually cheaper—but not as stable as the biggies.

With full access, a researcher can use FTP to download Billy Barron's library file ("ftp ftp.utdallas.edu") that explains access methods to hundreds of private and public libraries in America. Using TELNET, the researcher can then access and search individual libraries or system libraries for its holdings: newspapers, special collections and manuscripts. Some libraries offer search engines for periodicals (unCover, ERIC, IStSearch), and some articles (but only from the last ten years or so) can be electronically ordered and delivered.

Researchers can also use GOPHER (via ARCHIE and VERONICA) to search FTP archives for baseball items. Then use FTP to download usable files.

But, the easiest, friendliest method now available is the World Wide Web (WWW or the "Web"). The Web offers browsers (Mosaic, Lynx,

Joe Mellerski, 62, died of a heart attack November 15, 1995, while snowing-blowing his driveway in Elma, New York.

Joe, who joined SABR in 1985, was a veteran of the Korean conflict and a retired New York State prison guard. He was an avid fan of the Buffalo Bisons, serving for many years on its Diamond Club, which promoted the team and helped with the sale of season and book tickets. He was also a great fan of the New York Yankees. He is survived by his wife Theresa.

Netscape) that can get us there faster. Not all 'Net accounts have WWW capability but for those that do, the Web allows automatic! FTP, TELNET, GOPHER and other functions via hypertext documents containing interconnected links. One can access a single Web address (URL) and have concurrent, automatic access to other, Web-wide addresses. Site files are down-loadable.

One of the most versatile tools on the Internet is E-MAIL. It is a sometimes interactive electronic method, that is quick and flexible, to communicate with others on the 'Net. Whereas FTP, TELNET, GOPHER & the Web communicate with sites, E-MAIL can talk to humans AND sites.

Many people lack full 'Net access but wonders can be performed using only an E-MAIL account. They are everywhere—maybe even where you work. One of the best uses of E-MAIL is a mail list. Mail lists are groups of e-mail accounts jointly subscribed for a common purpose to a machine called a listserver. Subscribers can share information, collaborate with research, post and answer questions, explore historical topics, help others find information and a host of other socially interactive activities.

Seamus Kearney (SABR-L Moderator)
seamus@cs.umb.edu

Jim Feeney, 71, a SABR member since 1985, passed away this past summer. Born in Londonderry, Ireland, Jim was an active member of the Lajoie/Start chapter of SABR and a member of the Southeast New England Brooklyn Dodgers Fan Club.

Thanks to Bob Davids, Frank Phelps, Joe Dittmar, and Jack Kavanagh for contributing.

How to Join SABR-L

Dave Pietrusza mentioned SABR's mail list last month. SABR-L offers access to all SABR members. To join, do the following:

1. address a mail message to:
listserv@mail.eworld.com
2. skip the subject line
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Call for Papers for SABR 26

Those who would like to give an oral presentation at the 1996 SABR National Convention should write an abstract and brief description of their 15 minute talk and send it to Michael Wells, KC SABR, PO Box 5853, Kansas City MO 64111. Time and space for oral presentations are limited, but all papers will be published in their entirety in a conference papers booklet after the convention.

Anyone wishing to donate items for goody bags, write a 1,000 word article for the Kansas City History booklet, purchase advertising in the history and convention booklets, or to ask a question concerning the 1996 Convention should contact Lloyd Johnson at 205 West 66th Terrace, Kansas City MO 64113, or phone 816-822-2516.

Baseball Briefs Inside

Along with being the last year in which members of the Baseball Writers Association of America BBWAA did not vote anyone into the National Baseball Hall of Fame and the first year of SABR, 1971 marked the debut of *Baseball Briefs*, a newsletter citing unique baseball accomplishments edited by Bob Davids, SABR's founding father. Bob's publication was part of related efforts that led to the formation of SABR on August 10, 1971. Like SABR, *Baseball Briefs* has continued to thrive and to advance the same objectives that SABR has championed for almost 25 years.

For the eighth consecutive year, *The SABR Bulletin* is proud to publish *Baseball Briefs*, which can be found on pages 5-8 of this issue.

Coming in March!

- SABR 26 Registration Forms
- Ordering information for SABR Presents...*The Home Run Encyclopedia*
- Ordering information for the 1996 Sporting News books

Laptop Computer Donated

SABR recently received a donation of a laptop computer from Dr. David W. Vincent of Woodbridge, Virginia.

Donations from the renewal drive are up over last year. As of December 31, 1995, SABR had received \$7,450 in donations from the renewal campaign, with Stephen Milman of Connecticut leading the way at the Hall of Fame Donor Level. A complete list of donors will be printed in an upcoming *Bulletin*.

If you are able to make, or facilitate a donation, or if you are interested in sponsoring a SABR event or project, contact SABR Executive Director Morris Eckhouse. SABR is a 501-c-3 not-for-profit corporation and donations are deductible to the extent allowed by law.

SABR thanks these and all donors who have contributed and/or helped SABR with their time and efforts.

Great Events in Kansas City Baseball History

Kansas City has been the site of the formation of the Negro National League (1920) and two World Series (1980 and 1985). Professional baseball in Kansas City dates back to 1884. It is Casey Stengel's birth place and Satchel Paige's final resting place. And, from June 6-9, 1996 Kansas City will be the site of the 26th SABR National Convention.

Since 1969, the Royals have been adding to the list of great baseball events in Kansas City. Members of the Kansas City Chapter of SABR have chosen the following top ten events in Kansas City Royals history:

Rank Event

- 1) Game Seven win in 1985 World Series
- 2) Ewing Kauffman buying the franchise
- 3) Brett reaching .400 late in 1980
- 4) Brett's 4-for-4 to reach 3000 hits
- 5) Brett's HR off Goose Gossage to win in 1980
- 5) Steve Busby's two no-hitters
- 7) Brett's pine-tar home run
- 8) Brett's 4-for-4 in Game 3 of the 1985 ALCS
- 9) Dennis Leonard's comeback game
- 9) 1980 World Series

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The SABR BOOKSHELF

What's New in Baseball Book Publishing

The Glorious Indian Summer of 1995

by Russell Schneider

Russell Schneider Enterprises (260 pp, soft)

\$16.95, see SABR discount



Schneider's years as a newspaper reporter (including 14 covering the Indians on a daily basis) are evident in this thorough account of the 1995 American League Champions. Details, from the beginning of "replacement player" spring training final game of the World Series, are enhanced with more than 40 black and white photos, including a nine page section of historical pictures and listings of 1995 day by day results, batting and pitching statistics, how the '95 Indians were built, transactions, injuries and ejections.

Also included is a recap of awards and honors, profiles of key management members, and a foreword by Mike Hargrove.

To order at the SABR member discount price, send \$19 postpaid to SABR, Indian Summer, PO Box 93183, Cleveland OH 44101.

The Braves Encyclopedia

by Gary Caruso

Temple University Press (533 pp, hard)

\$59.95

Second in Temple's "Baseball Encyclopedias of North America" series edited by Richard Westcott, the Braves edition chronicles team history in three cities from 1871 to 1994 (the 1995 World Series). A prologue briefly covers the 1995 regular season until August. There's a narrative recap with individual player and team statistics for each season from 1876 to 1984, profiles of 150 of the most prominent players plus each manager, club president and each general manager (since 1945) in club history and a complete all-time roster.

Additional chapters cover ballparks, hall of famers, and great moments. Post-season action from 1914 to 1993 is covered in detail with game-by-game narratives, box scores, and final series statistics. Also included are sections on oddities and a records section. Dale Murphy contributed the foreword. A highlight of the book is more than 600 photographs, including a 16-page color insert showing unique artifacts and images from 1914 to 1995.

Available at book stores, or contact Temple University Press, Broad and Oxford Streets, Philadelphia PA 19122.

NINE: A Journal of Baseball History and Social Perspectives, Volume 4, No. 1

edited by Bill Kirwin

Canadian Scholars Press & BK Publishers (197 pp)

Subscription Price \$50 (see ad on page 10)

The latest *NINE* (Fall, 1995) includes seven articles and 17 book/software/film reviews. Topics include a historical perspective on scientific management and baseball by D. Christopher Risker, the evolution of the Canadian and American Baseball Halls of Fame by Robert K. Barney, the baseball writings of Arthur J. Daley by Jim Harper, the scapegoating of sportswriter Joe Williams by his peers by Peter Williams, Billy Sunday's 1914 Denver campaign by James Warnock, Walter Johnson's debut by Frank Fortunato, and anti-semitism and the Black Sox scandal by Daniel Nathan.

Books reviewed include *Chasing October: The Dodgers-Giants Pennant Race of 1962*, *October 1964, Stranger to the Game*, *Paul Molitor: Good Timing, Pay Dirt*, *Cooperstown Is My Mecca*, *The Southern League, Baseball: The President's Game*, *Baseball Memories 1930-1939*, *The Greatest Team of All Time*, *Great Baseball Films*, *Cobb: A Biography*, *I Ain't No Athlete Lady...*, *You Know Me, Al*, *The Baseball Anthology*, and *Big Leagues*. The "Elysian Fields" article is Dan Gordon's "Baseball In Cuba Is Not Professional: One Cuban's Family's Take On Baseball" and the "Tales From The Dugout" offering is "The Number Of The Beast" by Luke Salisbury, a fiction about Ty Cobb, Negro League Baseball, and plots to kill Jackie Robinson and alter Cobb's lifetime batting average. To subscribe, see the ad on page 10.

Fan: A Baseball Magazine (No. 20)

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THE PRES BOX

Recently, while online I saw a person ask the question, "Can one really do baseball research online?"

The answer to that is yes - for now a tentative yes - but in time, a resounding yes.

Since seeing that question posed, I've had a volunteer come forward from half a continent on line to help me research in a far-off historical society. I've made contacts in a local genealogical society which led me to some interesting findings about the family of a significant baseball figure. I've found newspaper accounts online which helped me write accounts of the recent playoffs and World Series.

So my answer is far from theoretical.

Doing research on the web is sort of like going to your local library. You'll find some of what you're looking for. You'll have to go elsewhere to find the rest - but its a useful tool and shouldn't be ignored.

But unlike your local library the information on the net is growing exponentially. It would be unrealistic to expect that baseball will be the one aspect of the human endeavor which will not be a part of that exponential growth.

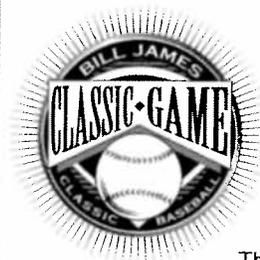
SABR is already a part of that growth, thanks to such dedicated volunteers as John Gregory, Seamus Kearney and Ted Hathaway. Already an unofficial SABR home page exists, providing an excellent list of over 500 links to other baseball related sites. One temporary feature of the unofficial SABR home page (running through January 31) was access to SABR's Baseball Online project. Baseball Online has cataloged over 30,000 baseball books and articles, and the list is growing each day.

Another feature of his site is a listing of the SABR Research Papers Collection (which Len Levin does an excellent job of maintaining). Here's a tip on how to better use this list. Download it into a standard word processing format. Then you can run a search for whatever topic or individual you are researching - and you'll quickly know whether Len has something in his files that can help you in your work.

We expect to have an even more ambitious SABR site running within the year, retaining the many fine features John Gregory has instituted and making additional data available not only to SABR members but also to the world at large - fulfilling SABR's mission to "facilitate the dissemination of baseball research information" in ways the founders of SABR never dreamt of a quarter century ago. All of which is a lead to the fact that 1996 will mark the 25th anniversary of SABR's founding at the National Baseball Library in Cooperstown by Bob Davids. Morris Eckhouse and I have met with officials in Cooperstown regarding appropriate ways to mark the occasion, and we'll have details to report to you in the next few months.

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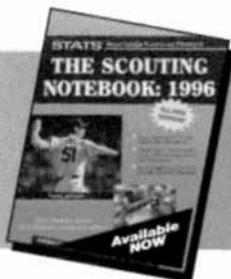
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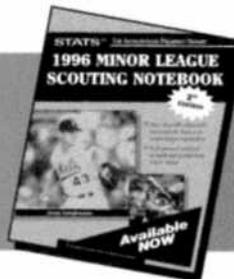
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BASEBALL NEWS FROM SABR'S RESEARCH COMMITTEES

Ballparks

The September/December Ballparks Committee newsletter notes the chairs for committee projects: 19th Century Parks, Bob Bailey; Minor League Parks, Ted Lukacs; Ballparks in TV & Movies, Francis Kinlaw; Committee Photo Collections, Mike Dempsey. Also included are lists of Minor League Current Events and Articles (including Diagrams/info on new Durham, NC park), Major League News From the Past (including Yankee Stadium sold to Chicago firm for \$4.8 million), and Major League News and Articles (including 27-page description of Phoenix's Banc One Ballpark).

Brad Sullivan's list of Ballpark Anniversaries for 1996 includes the 5th Anniversary of New Comiskey's first game, the 20th Anniversary of Jarry Parc's last game, and the 50th Anniversary of Braves Field's Wet Paint Opener. Don Coffin challenges committee members to find worse seats in a major league ballpark than Tiger Stadium, Section 213, Row S, Seats 3 & 4. Don says that they are behind two side-by-side pillars.

Baseball Records

The December 1995 Baseball Records Committee newsletter notes Dan Levitt's argument for Ferdie Schupp as the NL 1916 ERA champ with a 0.90 ERA (140 IP, 8 CG). The record books give Grover Alexander the title with a 1.55 ERA based on the ten complete game rule (1917) and/or the one inning per game rule (1950).

Jim Smith uncovered a game where Atlanta scored all 13 of their runs in the second inning of their 13-6 win over Houston on September 20, 1972. William Ruiz notes that Pat Rapp's (Florida) one-hitter, a 17-0 victory over Colorado on September 17, 1995, was the third 17-0 one-hitter in history. Ted Lyons of the White Sox against Washington on September 19, 1925, and Bruce Kison of the Angels against Minnesota on April 23, 1980 were the other two.

Bill Deane, former Senior Research Associate at the National Baseball Library and Archive, offers his help with baseball research at the library for anyone who finds it inconvenient to get to Cooperstown. Bill specializes in major and minor league statistical work. You can reach him at PO Box 47, Fly Creek NY 13337.

David Vincent contributes Most Homers in a Season, All off Right Handed Pitchers (Duke Snider, 1957, 40) and Most Home Runs in a Season, All At Home (Fred Pfeffer, Chicago, 1884, 25).

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Biographical Research

The December Biographical Research Committee Report highlights the Find of the Month by Bob Richardson of William Henry Winslow, a former catcher at Brown University, as the "Rollinson" who caught the June 17, 1884, Washington Unions game. A *Sporting Life* note of June 18, 1884, stated that "Tenney and Winslow, the well-known pitcher and catcher, graduates of Brown University, have signed with the Washington Nationals and will play against the Bostons on Tuesday." Bob followed up with confirmation of Winslow playing at Brown (class of 1880), and was able to talk to Winslow's son to further verify the information.

A list of the ten short-term players who lived the longest (Years-Months):

Chet Hoff	104-7
Robert Wright	101-7
John Daley	101-3
Paul Otis	100-11
Charles Emig	100-5
Edward Gill	100-2
Ralph Miller	100-1
John Hollison	99-3
George Winkelman	98-11
Ollie O'Mara	98-7

The November Monthly Report points out that two 1995 Rookies were left off the list in the October Report, Timothy Jay Mathews, son of Nelson Mathews and Matthew Lawton, brother of Marcus Lawton were also 1995 Rookies. Finally, Edgar Caceres was 1995's Oldest Rookie, not Ron Rightnowar. Jay Sanford won the *Find of the Month* for finding Lyman Drake, the two-game outfielder for the 1884 Washington (AA) club. The catalyst was a clue found while Jay was perusing the March 15, 1886, *Denver Tribune*.

Latin America

The latest Latin America Committee newsletter contains a summation of Puerto Rico's contribution to Negro baseball (left out by Burns).

The Caribbean Baseball Series Hall of Fame's first inductions will be held at Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic during the 38th Series to be played there, February 3-8, 1996. Four players will be elected yearly.

New publications dealing with Caribbean baseball include *Puerto Rico Baseball, Third Edition*, *Boricuas En Las Grandes Ligas* and *Series Del Caribe*. Also, Nicaraguan baseball history is given an overview in *A Short History of Nicaraguan Baseball*.

Pictorial History

The latest issue of the Pictorial History Committee newsletter features an article on the research process to determine all the men pictured in "The Play at The Plate," the famous picture of a man sliding home under Mickey Cochrane's diving tag by Tom Shieber, with much thanks to the late Dutch Doyle. It has been determined that the three men in the picture are Cochrane, Pinkey Whitney and Umpire John Quinn.

Also included are reviews by Neal McCabe of *DiMaggio: An Illustrated Life*, *Lou Gehrig: An American Classic*, and *The Sports Photography of Robert Riger* as well as an interview with Pat Kelly, Photo Collections Manager at the National Baseball Library and Archive.

Umpire and Rules

The December 1995 issue of *The Right Call* updates the annual rosters project (majors and minors) and Doug Pappas' ejections progress, lists a bibliography of recent umpire related-articles, and more. Crew Chief Larry Gerlach also mentions his New Year's Resolution to step down.

Other notes include Clark Hunsinger completing the umpire roster for 1927 and Greg Beston discovering another "substitute" umpire-Hank Soar, who retired after the 1973 season subbed for Meryl Anthony, August 8-10, 1975.

Rich Puff notes a game in the New York State League in 1899 (Albany's 9, Schenectady 2): "the contest was forfeited to the Albany club 9-0 by Umpire Hall at the beginning of the fifth inning owing to the visitors objecting to his decision that Ganley had only one strike when pretty nearly everybody present knew that he had two. The decision started a big row the outcome of the squabble being that the umpire was not allowed to officiate during the rest of the contest, Donovan and Rafter umpiring the remainder of the game. They filled the bill all right."

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BASEBALL BRIEFS

SOME INTERESTING AND UNUSUAL HAPPENINGS IN THE MAJOR LEAGUES IN 1995

FOR THE FIRST TIME in major league annals, a father and son both rank high in a career-record category. There are numerous examples of a father or a son excelling but seldom does each achieve a high level of performance. Bobby and Barry Bonds have both done that in the power-speed combo of home runs and stolen bases. Bobby Bonds belted 332 homers and stole 461 bases, which is the second highest level in these two categories (Willie Mays hit 660 home runs and stole 338 bases). After only ten years in the majors, Barry Bonds has hit 292 fourbaggers and swiped 340 bases, good for fourth place. As can be seen in the chart below, Barry has an excellent chance to move past his father and also his godfather (Mays). Barry already has more steals than Mays, and he should hit enough home runs in the next couple of years to pass the 338 level. Here are the players with 250+ roundtrippers and thefts.

<u>Player</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>SB</u>
Willie Mays	660	338
Bobby Bonds	332	461
Andre Dawson	436	314
Barry Bonds	292	340
Don Baylor	338	285
Joe Morgan	268	689
Vada Pinson	256	305
Kirk Gibson	255	284
Robin Yount	251	271

LANCE JOHNSON, the current player most likely to hit three triples in one game, did so for the White Sox at Minnesota on September 3. Lance, who led the AL in threebaggers in 1991-92-93-94, had his biggest batting day, going six-for-six, with three singles, three triples, four runs, and four RBIs. Ironically, he did not lead the AL in triples, being by-passed 13 to 12 by Kenny Lofton of Cleveland on the last day of the season. Here are the last ten players, most of them less than household names, to hit three triples in a game.

Sep. 15, 1960	Willie Mays, Giants vs Phils at Phila.
June 11, 1966	Ernie Banks, Cubs vs Astros at Houston
June 29, 1967	Bert Campaneris, A's vs Indians at KC
Sep. 22, 1973	Al Bumbry, Orioles vs Brewers at Mil.
July 3, 1980	Ken Landreaux, Twins vs Texas at Texas
Aug. 5, 1980	Doug Flynn, Mets vs Expos at Montreal
May 16, 1981	Craig Reynolds, Astros vs Cubs at Hous.
July 28, 1990	Shawon Dunston, Cubs vs Expos at Mont.
Aug. 15, 1990	Herm Winningham, Reds vs Cards at StL.
Sep. 3, 1995	Lance Johnson, ChiSox vs Twins at Minn.

GARY GAETTI, who hit a home run in his first at bat Sep. 20, 1981, belted his season-high 35th homer for the Royals on Oct. 1. It came at the end of his 15th season at age 37. Gary had hit 34 with the Twins in 1986. His career total is now up to 292, the highest number for any of the 67 players who hit a fourbagger in their first major league at bat.

Briefs are compiled by Bob Davids, 4424 Chesapeake St. NW Wash. DC 20016. Tel. 202/362-6889. SABR assistance by Bill Deane, Lyle Spatz, and others.

THE "RECORD THAT WILL STAND FOR ALL TIME" finally fell to a worthy successor in Cal Ripken. Lou Gehrig had held the consecutive game mark for 62 years, succeeding Everett Scott in 1933. Although the Yankee first baseman's durability has been surpassed, his productive play during the streak merits a mention. A study of the 31 players who compiled streaks of 500+ games confirms the extent of his domination of stats, both in percentages and numbers. Fielding records are not included here because of the different positions played and the lack of comparative data on the oldtimers.

Gehrig batted .340 during his 2130-game streak. Next came early Baltimore Oriole Steve Brodie (.332), whose 574-game string fell in the heavy-hitting 1890s. Charlie Gehringer compiled averages of .330 and .328 in his streaks of 504 and 511 games. Stan Musial also batted .328 in his 895 games. The lowest streak bat-mark was compiled by Joe Carter, who hit .247 in his 507 games. Shortstop Roy McMillan hit .248 in 585 games. Everett Scott, who led AL shortstops 8 straight seasons in fielding average (1916-23), batted .255 in 1307 games, the third longest streak. The low bat mark for the power-hitting Carter dropped him out of the slugging competition topped by Gehrig at .632. Musial finished second at .583, and Billy Williams was third.

In the numbers categories, Ripken leads in games played, at bats, and strikeouts. Gehrig led in the others, except for stolen bases. Omar Moreno of the Pirates swiped 241 sacks in 503 games, and old-timer Clyde Milan stole 240 in 511 contests. In the exotic categories, Gehrig led with 15 steals of home to 4 for Milan; and 23 grand slams to 5 for Musial and 4 for Ripken. One other streak note of interest: When Joe Sewell played 1103 consecutive games from 1922 to 1930, he struck out only 55 times! Joe Carter fanned more than 320 times in his 507-game streak. Here are the streak stats of Ripken & Gehrig:

	<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>BB</u>	<u>SO</u>	<u>BA</u>	<u>SA</u>	<u>SB</u>
Cal	2153*	8444*	1262	2337	440	40	325	1251	897	937*	.277	.454	34
Lou	2130	7938	1879*	2700*	529*	162*	492*	1984*	1503*	779	.340*	.632*	102

ROBIN VENTURA of the White Sox became the 8th player and the 1st in 25 years to hit two grand slam home runs in the same game. On September 4, the third-sacker connected in the 5th and 6th innings and also hit a double in the 14-3 romp over Texas. Seven of the eight sluggers were from the AL and the sole Senior Circuiter was pitcher Tony Cloninger of the Braves! The bottom half of the batting order was well represented as one hit 6th, one 7th, two 8th, and Cloninger 9th. Tony Lazzeri, batting 8th and the first to hit two slams in a game, had the biggest bat day with three homers and a triple for 15 total bases and 11 runs batted in. Here are the eight players most envied by such sluggers like Glenn Davis and Ron Kittle, who never hit even one grand slam in their careers, say nothing of two such blows in one game.

<u>Date of Game</u>	<u>Player, Team and Opposition</u>	<u>Innings</u>	<u>TB-RBI</u>	<u>Score</u>
May 24, 1936	Tony Lazzeri, NY AL vs Phil	2nd & 5th	15-11	W 25-2
July 4, 1939(2)	Jim Tabor, Bos AL vs Phil	3rd & 6th	12-9	W 18-12
July 27 1946	Rudy York, Bos AL vs StL	2nd & 5th	9-10	W 13-6
May 9, 1961	Jim Gentile, Balt vs Minn	1st & 2nd	8-9	W 13-5
July 3, 1966	Tony Cloninger, Atl vs SFran	1st & 4th	9-9	W 17-3
June 24 1968	Jim Northrup, Det vs Clev	5th & 6th	8-8	W 14-3
June 26 1970	Frank Robinson, Balt vs Wash	5th & 6th	8-8	W 12-2
Sep. 4, 1995	Robin Ventura, Chi vs Texas	4th & 5th	10-8	W 14-3

ROYALS ROOKIE Jon Nunnally had some memorable season performances. On April 29 he led off the game against the Yankees with a homer in his first at bat. On May 18 the utility outfielder hit a fourbagger in the 14th to give KC a 3-2 win over Seattle. At Toronto on May 24 he tripled in the go-ahead run in the fifth and then stole home. On July 29 at Detroit, he stole home in the 5th and eventually won the game with a homer in the 16th. Ironically, Nunnally had only six steals for the season, far below that of teammates Tom Goodwin and Vince Coleman, but four of them were steals of home. That is the most in a season since Rod Carew had seven thefts of home for the Twins back in 1969. There follows the players with the highest season SOH totals since 1930.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Player and Team</u>	<u>SOH</u>	<u>SB</u>
1946	Pete Reiser, Bkn	7	34*
1969	Rod Carew, Minn	7	19
1931	Ben Chapman, NY AL	5	61*
1948	Jackie Robinson, Bkn	5	22
1949	Jackie Robinson, Bkn	5	37*
1951	Monte Irvin, NY NL	5	12
1942	George Case, Wash	4	44*
1995	Jon Nunnally, KC	4	6

THERE WERE SOME good base stealing performances in 1995. Barry Larkin of the Reds was 51-5; Lance Johnson of the White Sox 40-6; Roberto Alomar of Toronto 30-3; and Rich Amaral, Seattle, 21-2. Although the Blue Jays were an AL-East dormat, they had a great record running the bases. They stole 75 and were caught only 16 times. Alomar at 30-3 was followed by 39-year-old Paul Molitor, 12-0; Joe Carter, 12-1; and Devon White, 11-2. Molitor was last caught stealing on August 21, 1993. Since then he has not been thrown out in 36 consecutive attempts. This is not a record, however, as Tim Lincecum had a run of 40 straight, which ended Sep. 1 against Toronto.

AL BATTING CHAMP EDGAR MARTINEZ rewrote the Designated Hitter season record book in 1995. In 138 games as Seattle's DH he led in nine of ten categories. More importantly, he set new standards for batting average (.360), slugging average (.640), runs scored (115), doubles (50), and bases on balls (108). Carried below are the top season leaders in the 23-year history of the DH.

<u>Batting Ave.</u>		<u>Slugging Ave.</u>		<u>Hits</u>	
1995	Edgar Martinez .360	1995	Edgar Martinez .640	1982	Hal McRae 189
1995	Eddie Murray .344	1977	Jim Rice .613	1983	Hal McRae 183
1994	Paul Molitor .339	1991	Frank Thomas .570	1974	Tommy Davis 180
				1979	Willie Horton 180
<u>Doubles</u>		<u>Triples</u>		<u>Home Runs</u>	
1995	Edgar Martinez 50	1977	Jim Rice 13	1984	Dave Kingman 35
1983	Hal McRae 46	1991	Paul Molitor 10	1986	Dave Kingman 35
1977	Hal McRae 41	1982	Hal McRae 8	1983	Greg Luzinski 32
				1985	Gorman Thomas 32
<u>Runs Scored</u>		<u>Runs Batted In</u>		<u>Bases on Balls</u>	
1995	Edgar Martinez 115	1982	Hal McRae 133	1995	Edgar Martinez 108
1993	Paul Molitor 107	1978	Rusty Staub 121	1982	Andre Thornton 102
1982	Hal McRae 91	1995	Edgar Martinez 110	1983	Ken Singleton 99

In Stolen Bases, Paul Molitor led with 24 in 1992; 23 in 1987; & 20 in 1993.

EACH LEAGUE HAD AN OUTSTANDING STRIKEOUT HURLER. Veteran Randy Johnson of Seattle dominated with hard stuff in the AL, and rookie Hideo Nomo put a different spin on the ball in the NL. Johnson fanned 294 batters in 214 innings, the best percentage ever for a starting hurler. This means he struck out an average of 1.37 batters per inning. Nomo whiffed 236 in 191 frames, which puts him at 1.24 batters per inning and fifth best on a season basis. Here are the top ten based on 200+ strikeouts in a season. Note that all are of the last 34 years. No Rube Waddell, Walter Johnson, Lefty Grove or Bob Feller on this list dominated by Randy Johnson and Nolan Ryan.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Hurler and Team</u>	<u>SO</u>	<u>IP</u>	<u>K/IP</u>
1995	Randy Johnson, Seattle	294	214	1.37
1987	Nolan Ryan, Houston	270	212	1.27
1984	Dwight Gooden, NY NL	276	218	1.26
1989	Nolan Ryan, Texas	301	239	1.26
1995	Hideo Nomo, LA NL	236	191	1.24
1993	Randy Johnson, Seattle	308	255	1.21
1965	Sam McDowell, Cleveland	325	273	1.19
1994	Randy Johnson, Seattle	204	192	1.18
1973	Nolan Ryan, California	383	326	1.17
1962	Sandy Koufax, LA NL	216	184	1.17

KEN VANDER WAL, a former weak-hitting outfielder/first baseman for Montreal, apparently found his niche as a pinch hitter for Colorado. The 29-year-old lefthanded batter collected a record 27 hits to surpass Jose Morales' mark of 25 pinch hits in 1976. Thanks to 7 doubles, 1 triple, and 4 homers, Ken also set a new record with 48 total bases. This is well beyond the 41 of Vic Davalillo in 1970. In his 89 games and 69 official at bats as a substitute batter, Vander Wal batted .391 and had 12 bases on balls and 18 runs driven in. Here are some of the season pinch hit records he didn't achieve.

Games 94, and At Bats 81 -- Rusty Staub, Mets in 1983
Doubles 8, and Triples 3 (tie) -- Vic Davalillo, Cards in 1970
Bases on Balls 18 -- Elmer Valo, Yankees-Senators in 1960
RBI 25 -- Joe Cronin 1943; Jerry Lynch 1961; Rusty Staub 1983
Home Runs 6 (in 29 AB) -- Johnny Frederick, Dodgers in 1932
Bat Ave (40+ AB) -- Frenchy Bordagaray, Dodgers in 1938

SWITCH-HITTERS had another good year, particularly when it came to hitting home runs. Eddie Murray raised his career total to 479, second to the late Mickey Mantle's 536. Chili Davis upped his total to 270, good for fourth place after Reggie Smith at 314 home runs. However, it was Ken Caminiti of San Diego who provided the season highlight by switch-hitting homers both left and right in three games in four days. He connected twice on September 16 and 17, was blanked the next day, and hit two more on the 19th. He is the only player to have three SH-HR games in a season, say nothing of four days. A week later, on Sep. 25, he became the 25th switch-hitter to reach the century level in career fourbaggers. Carlos Baerga, the only player ever to switch-hit home runs in the same inning (April 8, 1993), is next in line with 93. Frank Frisch was the first in 1933, followed by Rip Collins in 1936 and Roy Cullenbine in 1947. Now there are ten over the 200-level.

The SABR Season

February 3:	Halsey Hall Hot Stove Meeting; Contact Stew Thornley, 612-378-9189 Ted Williams Chapter Meeting; Contact Bob Boynton, 619-481-0263 Larry Gardner Chapter Meeting; Contact Tom Simon, 802-862-9024
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February 18:	Emil Rothe Chapter Meeting; Contact Bill Slankard, see <i>Chicago</i> below
February 24:	Casey Stengel Chapter Meeting; See <i>New York City</i> below
March 16:	Orlando; See right hand column
April 20:	Halsey Hall Spring Meeting; Contact Stew Thornley, 612-378-9189
May 11:	Philadelphia Regional Meeting; See <i>Reading</i> below
June 6-9:	SABR 26, Kansas City, Missouri; Registration Forms Coming Next Month

Regionals

Denver, Colorado: On December 16, the Frank Haraway Chapter met at Rounders Restaurant in Coors Field. The end of the year get-together attended by 20 members featured 1995 Rochester Red Wing Hall of Fame inductee Joe Cullinane who announced minor league games in the 1960s and Dave Campbell, television voice of the Rockies and of ESPN. Tom Altherr received a complete set of 1995 major league team media guides as winner of the trivia contest. Prizes were provided by the Rockies and awarded to the best five finishers. The chapter's next meeting will be in March, specific time and date to be determined.

New Orleans, Louisiana: On November 4, 1995, 19 members and guests gathered at Jesuit High School Gym for the seventh meeting of the Art Schott/Pelican Chapter. The meeting included lunch and presentations by Jay Gauthreaux (Christy Mathewson's 1905 Series), Arthur Schott (World Series Lead-off Batters), Lenny Yochim (The state of baseball expansion, Ryne Sandberg's comeback), Rick Dempsey (1912 Series, Fred Snodgrass' muff), Ray Yochim (Bob Feller), Mel Leavitt (Nig Clarke, Bob Feller, Milt Gaston, Johnny Vander Meer, '44 Browns), Joe Liss (Retrosheet numbers on Duke Snider and Jackie Robinson), Gary Higginbotham (A. J. Heinemann, New Orleans Pelicans president and owner). Former major leaguer George Strickland and Lenny and Ray Yochim were in attendance, along with former minor leaguer and 1955 Diamond Club Hall of Fame inductee Moe Panko.

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Cincinnati, Ohio: Members of the Lee Allen/Waite Hoyt chapter turned out in record numbers on December 2, 1995, to hear and question a panel of former Negro League Players, all members of Seniors With a Purpose (SWAP), a local group dedicated to the support of youth amateur baseball. The panel included Chuck Harmon, Don "DJ" Johnson, Ron "Bunny" Warren, and Sonny Webb. David Ball spoke of the Cincinnati "Reserves" of 1884, a taxi squad of the Reds that played in a league of similar clubs. The next chapter meeting is planned for Spring 1996.

Orlando, Florida: Regional activity returns to Florida with a meeting on Saturday, March 16, at Osceola County Stadium in Kissimmee. The event will include the game between the Dodgers and Astros. For more details, contact Rod Caborn at 407-363-1574 (home) or 407-682-1717 (work) or write to 6032 Sand Pines Est Blvd, Orlando FL 32819-7760.

The regionals section of *The SABR Bulletin* often notes the attendance and participation of current and former baseball players, media, and management personnel. These individuals have taken time to share their baseball experience and enthusiasm with us, adding to our enjoyment of the game.

One such individual was Saul Rogovin, an eight year big leaguer with the Tigers, White Sox, Orioles and Phillies from 1949 to 1957. In 1978, at age 56, Rogovin was a rookie again, teaching in the English department at Charles Evans Hughes high school in Manhattan. Rogovin retired 12 years later as a teacher of English and literature at Eastern District high school.

Burt Bloom of the Casey Stengel Chapter, who met Rogovin when starting his own teaching career in 1984, writes, "Saul appeared at several of our early regional meetings back during the middle eighties. His emotional, tear-filled remembrances of his pitching days were unforgettable."

Rogovin passed away in January, 1995, at age 72. His obituary in *New York Teacher* relates that he was proudest of his decision at age 51 to enter college, earn a degree and become a public school teacher. His wife Evelyn said, "He was a scholar at heart, always had a desire to learn, and loved to work with kids."

Bloom correctly notes that SABR members should know of Rogovin's passing. As well, we should value all the opportunities that SABR and SABR members provide to share our enjoyment of baseball.

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NAMES IN THE NEWS

Norman Macht's latest book is *Sundays at 2:00 with the Baltimore Colts*. Written with Vince Bagli, the book is published by Tidewater Publishers (1-800-638-7641)...Bill Williams, head of public relations for Louisville Slugger, has been named Executive Director of the new Louisville Slugger museum. The museum is scheduled to open in July at Hillerich & Bradsby's new corporate headquarters in downtown Louisville, Kentucky...U.S. Army veteran Tom Eakin was one of 27 Ohioans inducted into the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame on November 2 in Columbus...Bob Carson publishes *Minor Trips* (A Traveler's Guide to Minor League Baseball) and an annual newsletter. You can contact Bob at PO Box 360105, Strongsville OH 44136...David W. Smith, Joe Donner, Peggy Beck and Joe Simenic were featured in an article about SABR by Bob Dolgan in *The Plain Dealer* (December 27, 1995).....the photos of George Brace, especially those of the 30s, 40s, and '50s, will receive a substantial forum in *The Game That Was: The George Brace Baseball Photo Collection* by Richard Cahan and Mark Jacob, to be published in March by Contemporary Books. Brace has visually profiled almost every major league player since 1929.

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How can you do this? Simple. If you see a new face at a Regional meeting, walk up to that person and welcome him/her into the Society. It only takes a little of the personal touch to cement the relationship between that person and the Society and make that person a committed member. (Editor's note: See page 5 for "The SABR Season", a list of upcoming regionals).

And there's a bonus in it for you: the odds are that the new person is already knowledgeable about baseball and has a lot to offer. As we well know, there are millions of baseball fans in the country, but the number of truly knowledgeable fans is far fewer. And each one we meet is a treasure.

Speaking of new members, SABR Executive Director Morris Eckhouse and Manager of Membership Services John Zajc report that new membership is significantly increased this year (451 this year vs. 310 last year). As you may recall, because of the strike, new membership dipped greatly last year. Although the full effects of the strike have not yet been crased, we are clearly beginning to recover from the strike's effects.

Other indications of SABR health include reports from several recent regionals, where very healthy - and even record - turnouts were reported; the issuance of *SABR Presents The Home Run Encyclopedia*, one of the most significant publications in SABR history (see ordering information to the left); and reports from the Kansas City Marriott that we are quickly filling our room allotment for the convention (see pages 10 and 11 to register for SABR 26).

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BASEBALL NEWS FROM SABR'S RESEARCH COMMITTEES

Biographical Research

The January Biographical Research Committee Report awards the Find of the Month to the SABR office staff. After a recent article on SABR in the *Cleveland Plain Dealer*, the great-nephew of Marshall Locke wrote in with not only the birth and death date of the seven-game outfielder for 1884 Indianapolis, but also the information that Locke was a songwriter who wrote the lyrics to "The Big Rock Candy Mountain."

Also noted is an article by Dick Thompson on Cy Morgan (1-1 W-L record, 7.39 ERA) published in the *Middleboro (MA) Gazette*, mention of the AP article on Milt Gaston's 100th birthday which used Biographical Committee Report information, and a rundown of the number of players named after U.S. presidents. The Mystery of the Month is James McDonald of the 1902 New York Giants.

Minor Leagues

In the Winter 1996 issue of the Minor League Committee newsletter, Dick Beverage reviews *Runs, Hits and An Era: the Pacific Coast League, 1903-58; Nuggets on the Diamond: Professional Baseball in the Bay Area from the Gold Rush to the Present; and Pacific Coast League Stars: One Hundred of the Best* (reprinted from *Cooperstown Review*). Also reviewed is *Pent-Ups: Minor League Baseball in Utica, New York, 1878-1892*.

Included are articles by Carlos Bauer (estimated ERAs), Willie Runquist (inadequacies of ERA), Cliff Kachline (corrections to league averages) and Marc Okkonen (thoughts on the Minor League Committee's 19th Century project). John Spalding presents information on *John Spalding's Guide to Baseball Guides, Record Books and Registers, 1869-1995*. The committee's new research publication was also announced (see page 12).

Negro Leagues

The February 1996 Negro Leagues Committee newsletter contains a recap of award winners at the 2nd Annual Negro Baseball League Celebrations (co-chair Larry Lester received the *Keeper of the Flame Award*), lists over 20 Negro League-related articles, and notes new Negro League-related books and merchandise.

New information on Negro League players includes confirmation that Skinner Belfield is the 5'2" catcher for the 1948 Newark Eagles, Bill Carter actually happens to be James Carter, and "?" Mincey turns out to be Purnell Mincy.

Nineteenth Century

The Summer/Fall issue of *Nineteenth Century Notes* contains two excerpts from David Nemeč's *The Beer & Whisky League* on Pete Browning and Tony Mullane; Bob Tiemann's team vs. team records for each season of the American Association, 1882-1891 (authoritative data and commentary not available elsewhere); and Bob Bailey's update of the American Association History Project.

Also included is Martin Payne's submission of an 1884 interview with Bill Barnie, manager of the Baltimore Orioles (AA), Art Schott's submission of the box score and commentary for an 1884 no-hitter by Columbus' Frank Mountain against Washington, a listing of American Association articles available in the SABR Research Library by Len Levin, reviews of *The Beer and Whisky League* and *Ernest Thayer's Casey at the Bat* and John Husman's report on the continuing explosion of interest in vintage baseball.

The "When was the First...?" feature continues with discussions of the first player agent, the first "pump" glove, the first pitching machine, the first called shot, the first World Series triple play, and the first tarpaulin, coach's signs, player holdout, and doubleheader.

Umpire and Rules

The February 1996 issue of *The Right Call* features a report on the Annual Rosters project, which enjoyed a banner off-season with Ralph Horton finishing the 1885 NL and AA umpires, Douglas Ziegler completing the 1948 AL and NL season, Steve Johnson finishing the 1928 season (although there are 27 "discrepancies and omissions" that need to be resolved, and are included in the newsletter), and Brad Sullivan compiling lists for 1926, 1932, 1947, and 1953-57.

The bibliography section includes over forty articles on umpires or umpiring throughout the years. In the Minor League Rosters department, Paul Leslie completed an alphabetical listing of umpires from the Evangeline League, 1934-57, and Marc Okkonen completed many 19th century leagues, including the Northwestern League (1883-84, 1891), Northern Michigan League (1887), Ohio State League (1887), and Western League (1894-99).

Women in Baseball

The January 1996 issue of the Women in Baseball Committee newsletter includes a bibliography (over a dozen items), committee happenings, research needs, and special notes.

Gai Berlage presented a paper on Toni Stone, Connie Morgan and Peanut Johnson at the NASSS conference in Sacramento. The committee now has a list of players that the AAGPBL is trying to locate. Send Leslie Heaphy a SASE and she will send you the list. Committee information can be found at a website developed by Michael Hazen. It's address is:

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Clarification

The review of *A Complete History of the Negro Leagues* (Feb. *TSB*) overlooked a section of photographs on early black baseball. We regret this oversight.

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The SABR Season

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 May 11: Philadelphia Regional Meeting; Contact Joe Dittmar, 610-584-5988
 May 18: Emil Rothe Chapter (Chicago); Contact Bill Slankard, 708-415-1476
 May 19: Fred T. Smith Chapter (Michigan); Contact David Mamuschia, 313-537-6060
 June 6-9: SABR 26, Kansas City, Missouri; Registration Form on Page 11

Regionals

Greensboro, North Carolina: North Carolina has had a long and rich minor league history that continues to this day (11 franchises), but a group of businessmen are attempting to add to that mix by securing a major league expansion franchise, possibly beginning play in 2001. This was the message of Mike Solomon, Executive Director of North Carolina Sports, to the assembled members and friends of SABR CAROLINA when they met in Winston-Salem on Saturday, January 21.

Solomon released statistics which showed that central North Carolina - which includes Greensboro, Winston-Salem, Burlington, High Point and Thomasville - compares favorably with most areas currently mentioned as candidates for future major league teams, and also with a couple currently in "The Show." He says they have identified five potential sites for a ballpark, have spoken with many major companies in the state and, most importantly, have begun laying the groundwork with current major league owners for their formal bid, which should be ready within the next two years. While Solomon admitted they would not currently be considered front-runners for a new franchise, he expects that in the next two years they will be able to make up the necessary ground. He offered to speak to the group again in the fall, when he believes they will have a much better idea of where they stand.

SABR CAROLINA will be instituting their Game of the Month program again this year, with college games to be selected, and the next meeting will be held in the spring, at a site yet to be determined. For more details, please contact **Marshall Adesman** at 919-382-8319.

Houston, Texas: Twenty members and guests of the Houston Chapter represented SABR at the 1996 Houston Baseball Dinner on February 9. The chapter sponsored two tables at the 1,200-person affair. Among the honorees was **Larry Dierker**, who received the Fred Hartman Award for Long and Meritorious Service to Baseball. A guest at one of the tables was former major leaguer and Houston Buff favorite, **Jerry Witte**. Research work distributed to SABR attendees included "A Buff Stadium Memory" by **Dr. Bill McCurdy**, "Franchise Regular Season Won-Lost Records" by **Harold Jones** and "J.R. Richard - 1980 - The Year that Might Have Been" by **Bill Gilbert**.

Colchester, Vermont: Twenty members of the Larry Gardner Chapter gathered at the studio of baseball artist **Lance Richbourg** on Saturday, February 3. New Officers were selected: **Tom Simon**, President; **Guy Waterman**, VP; and **Mark Dobson**, Secretary. Chapter business included a SABR Film Festival proposal; the announcement that the Enosburg Falls American Legion is erecting a state historic marker in that town denoting the birthplace of Larry Gardner and a suggestion that the Gardner Chapter should contribute; and a suggestion that the Chapter collectively write and research a report for all 33 Vermonters who played in the major leagues. The second Chapter Directory is forthcoming.

Elizabeth Burnham presented an entertaining slide show on her experience as the starting catcher for the Colorado Silver Bullets. She emphasized that the women wanted and expected the male opposition teams to play their best. One of the highlights of her time was catching a no-hitter the first time she was allowed to call the game herself.

Pete Palmer fascinated everyone with his story on the development of his method of statistically measuring player performance. He emphasized that season, cumulative stats are the best way to determine the effectiveness of a player, and the best way to determine luck is through binomial distribution. **Chip Hart** gave his analysis on why today's players are UNDERPAID! He asserts MLB teams hide their real income and has determined that their profits result from the only illegal monopoly in the US. His analysis is based on public, official, admitted salaries. **Seamus Kearney** presented his paper on **Bill Thompson**, the first Black American to play in organized, white baseball in the 20th century. New batting data on Thompson's 1911 season in the Twin State League indicates a higher average than previously thought. **John Bennett** won the trivia contest (compiled by **Brad Bosley**). The next Chapter meeting is in June at a Vermont Expo home game.

Browns' Dinner to be Held

The St. Louis Browns Fan Club "Gala Browns Roundup II" will take place May 23 in suburban St. Louis. For details, contact **Erv Fischer**, 1921 Riverwood Trails Dr, Florissant MO 63031. The dinner event is \$40 per person and discount hotel room rates are available.

Executive Board Report,

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Recommendations regarding SABR archives made by SABR Archives Committee Chairman **John Pardon** and **Philip Suchma** were approved, pending the Board's approval of guidelines for dispersement of material.

The status of SABR awards was reviewed and a proposed award to honor use of technology in baseball research was considered.

Barry Mednick and **Chris Rogers** provided terrific assistance to the Board during its Bay Area visit and spoke about preliminary plans for the 1998 convention. Rogers arranged for a dinner meeting on January 20. A large turnout joined the Board for dinner, including **Jim Bloom** representing the Oakland Athletics and **Sherry Davis** representing the San Francisco Giants.

The next SABR Executive Board meeting will take place March 15-17 at the Sheraton Crescent Phoenix in Phoenix, Arizona.

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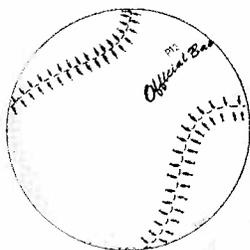
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reports a new commemorative postmark honoring Ned Garver. For more information, contact Steve at 220-14 Parkway Blvd, Urbana OH 43078 ...Howard Green was feted on his 75th birthday at the Legends of the Game Museum in Arlington, Texas, on January 24. More than 250 people attended the event. David Pietrusza, John Thorn, and Keith Olberman were interviewed in the January 21, 1996, *San Francisco Examiner* on the issue of interleague play. David also appeared on WKNY radio (Kingston, NY) on January 29...Bill Clark is the international scouting director for the Atlanta Braves and writes a monthly column for *International Baseball Rundown*. Bill is interested in joining forces with other SABR members interested in both scouting and international aspects of baseball's past. Call 314-474-4510, fax 314-474-1449, or write to 3906 Grace Ellen Drive, Columbia MO 65202-1796. Bill has been a full-time scout for 28 years and is also a champion weightlifter in the 110.0-kg class of the 60-63 age group...Tom Knight devoted the majority of his January 10 column in the *Brooklyn Spectator* to SABR's *Home Runs in the Old Ballparks*. Tom noted the information on Ebbets Field and the Polo Grounds and Stan Musial's success at both parks.

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David H. Kilmer, 2401 Pennsylvania Ave, Apt 10-A-7, Philadelphia PA 19130, seeks information on the baseball career of Joe Tepsic who played in 15 games for the 1946 Brooklyn Dodgers as an outfielder, pinch hitter, and pinch runner. Did he play in the minor leagues? If so, for what teams and in what years?

Michael Cowart, 11730 Mossy Creek Ln, Reston VA 22091, 703-556-5294 (wk), 703-476-6343 (hm), seeks any information, articles, periodicals on the socio-economic feasibility of a minor league and amateur baseball complex in a suburban community for an undergraduate research project and future considerations. Expenses will be reimbursed.

Howard Pollack, 531 Ashmead Rd, Cheltenham PA 19012, 215-742-8683, 215-663-8167, fax, would like to identify the two players depicted in Thomas Eakins' painting "Baseball Players Practicing" (which appeared on the cover of the first issue of *The National Pastime*). Has anyone ever seen an article or story on this?

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Barry Popick, 225 E 57th St, Suite 7P, New York NY 10022, 212-308-2635, Barry@panix.com, seeks any information on Ren Mulford, Jr., a popular Cincinnati sportswriter who is featured in the 1889 Reach Guide. While on the *Cincinnati Times-Star* in the late 1880's, Mulford invented a word called "fan." Also, any early "fan" or "crank" cartoons from early publications would be helpful to tell this story.

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Birthday Party:

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Other Attractions:

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12:00-12:30		Jazz Lunch With Buck O'Neil	Negro League Baseball Museum Tours & Panel		12:00-12:30
12:30-1:00			Ballpark Committee at HOK		12:30-1:00
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2:30-3:00		Baseball Research Panel			2:30-3:00
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3:30-4:00		Committee Meetings			3:30-4:00
4:00-4:30			Player Panels & Tailgate at Kauffman Stadium		4:00-4:30
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7:30-8:00			SABR Night at Kauffman Stadium Mariners vs. Royals		7:30-8:00
8:00-8:30					8:00-8:30
8:30-9:00				Schedule Subject to Change	8:30-9:00
9:00-10:30					9:00-10:30
10:30-???		TRIVIA Semi-Finals			10:30-???

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#			
_____	SABR 26 Banquet	\$35	\$ _____
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- 1.) Complete the form to the left and mail to SABR, Dept SABR26, PO Box 93183, Cleveland OH 44101. Photocopies are acceptable.
- 2.) Registration must be postmarked by May 15, 1996, to receive the early registration discount. Registration includes: SABR 26 Convention packet (program, convention publication & other "goodies)," access to player panels, trivia contests, committee meetings, and all research presentations. Super Registration includes above and 1 ticket for Banquet, Jazz Lunch, NLBM Tour, Saturday night's Royals game and transportation.
- 3.) If you wish a confirmation, you **MUST** send us a SASE.
- 4.) Cancellations & Refunds: A full refund is available if cancellation is received by May 17, 1996; 50% if received between May 17 and May 24. No Refunds will be given if cancellation is made after May 24. **To cancel registration, call SABR at 216-575-0500.**
- 5.) On-Site registration will be available from June 6-8th at the higher rate.

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Executive Board Meets, Chooses San Mateo; Approves Minor League Publication.

SABR's Executive Board considered and acted on many items during its meeting January 19-21, 1996, in Oakland, California. Membership, finances, technology, conventions, publications, archives, awards, and potential litigation were discussed.

Year-end 1995 membership and finances were reviewed. Membership dropped slightly, but a break-even or better financial status was anticipated when SABR's 1995 year-end balance sheet is completed. Treasurer Paul Andresen reported on the development of a formal SABR investment policy.

Vice President Dick Beverage reviewed the status of SABR's research committees and regional groups, including Cappy Gagnon succeeding John Mocek as chair of the Collegiate Committee and Larry Gerlach's plans to step down as chair of the Umpire & Rules Committee. Committee chairs have been advised to print rebuttals to any controversial material in their newsletters if such rebuttals are received.

There was extensive discussion about technology and SABR Web Sites possibilities.

During its West Coast visit, the Board gave extensive consideration to the choice of a specific 1998 convention site. The Board voted unanimously to hold the 1998 convention in San Mateo, California. Plans for the 1996 convention and general convention issues (including budgeting, publication of proceedings, and the needs and wants of members attending the convention) were reviewed. A budget for the 1996 convention was approved as submitted.

On-going efforts to revise two past SABR publications, the *Index to SABR Publications* and *The Baseball Research Handbook*, were discussed. Publications Director Mark Alvarez reported progress made by Joe Murphy on the *Index*. Commercial interest in the *Handbook* was also addressed.

The board unanimously approved a publication proposed by Minor League Committee chairman Carlos Bauer which would contain lengthy articles (not suited to *Baseball Research Journal* or *The National Pastime*) on minor league history and statistics.

Classifieds

Buying and selling old baseball memorabilia, books and publications. Especially want early Cleveland items. Yannigan's, 29217 Center Ridge Road, Westlake OH 44145. 216/899-2678.

Charlie Vascellaro: Former researcher at The Diamond Magazine, available for free lance assignments or full-time employment as a writer/researcher. Excellent knowledge of baseball history and current events/issues. (602) 837-2761.

Quality Baseball Books at Realistic Prices. For catalog of used and out-of-print books, send \$2 to Warren Anderson's EXTRA INNINGS, PO Box 808, Lancaster PA 17608-0808.

John Bowman and Jim Kaplan would like to help SABR members with their articles and book projects. Bowman, who has written and edited many baseball books, co-authored Spitball Award finalist, *Diamonds in the Rough*. Kaplan, formerly an SI writer and BRJ editor, has written eight baseball books. Rates negotiable. Call Bowman (413-584-4730) or Kaplan (413-586-3394).

WANTED: Baseball Blue Book for 1963 (offering \$100). Also interested in Minor League Digest for 1937-41, 1943, 1948-51, 1953-54, 1982. David Wyman, 61 Columbia Drive, Amherst MA 01002. 413-256-6455 any day from 1 to 10 PM.

HARDCOVER BASEBALL BOOKS for sale. Nonfiction, fiction, other publications. New Spring list. Send large SASE to John Allen, PO Box 2453, Duxbury MA 02331.

Only 9 signed copies remain of Rex Barney's Orioles Memories 1969-1994 at \$17 including postage. Send check to Norman Macht, 5910 Smith Avenue, Baltimore MD 21209.

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Pat McDonough Helped Found SABR

Pat McDonough, 89, one of the founding members of SABR, passed away on March 2.

Pat was born in Fargo, North Dakota, March 11, 1906. His baseball interest stemmed from the Rawlings Baseball Guide and St. Paul Saints games.

Pat started work as a copy boy for the *New York Telegram* on July 1, 1925. He joined the sports department in 1926 and provided statistics on relief pitching and one-run games to writers like Fred Lieb and Dan Daniel. His comparisons of the relief pitching achievements of Firpo Marberry and Wilcy Moore were used in the *Telegram*. Lieb identified Pat in print as the "Al Munro Elias of Copy boys."

Pat became a member of the Baseball Writers in 1932, writing for the *World-Telegram*. He also contributed to *The Sporting News* which used Pat's information to add a new dimension to game reports or weekly averages. Pat provided year-end lists of shutouts or 1-0 games, team won-lost records vs. each club, and various other information absent from regularly published averages such as caught stealings, grounding into double plays, wild pitches and passed balls. He was a pioneer in preparing "probable pitchers" for the next day's game in the 1930s. "Figger Filbert," his round-up of statistics about World Series teams and players, appeared annually at Fall Classic time. Relief pitching statistics remained his primary interest.

In 1967, Pat took charge of the *Sports Reporter*, a weekly bowling paper covering the greater New York city area. He was a founder of The Metropolitan (NY) Bowling Writers Association and received many honors for his contributions to bowling coverage.

A recipient of the SABR Salute in 1988, Pat attended SABR's 20th anniversary celebration in Cooperstown in 1991. SABR founder Bob Davids said, "[Pat] responded quickly to the invitation to join SABR in 1971. The Society was enhanced by this friendly pioneer baseball researcher."

Klinefelter Helped Sacramento Chapter

Vince Klinefelter, 79, of Loomis, California, passed away on February 17, 1996. Vince helped launch the Sacramento Chapter by mailing meeting notices to local papers. He was especially interested in baseball nicknames. For many years prior to moving to the Sacramento Valley, he was a sportswriter in the Santa Clarita Valley.

Meet Stars of '46 at SABR 26

Fifty years ago, Bob Feller, Buck O'Neil, and Hank Bauer made important strides on the road to baseball immortality. In 1946, Feller had perhaps his greatest season with the Cleveland Indians, O'Neil helped the Kansas City Monarchs win the Negro Leagues World Series, and Bauer hit a career best .323 at Quincy (III League) which helped earn his promotion to the Kansas City Blues in 1947.

Bauer, who played in nine World Series with the New York Yankees, also celebrates the 30th anniversary of managing the Baltimore Orioles to a Series sweep against the Los Angeles Dodgers.

Feller, O'Neil, and Bauer are scheduled to take part in events at the 1996 SABR National Convention June 6-9th in Kansas City. O'Neil will be the featured guest at a luncheon on June 7th, and Feller and Bauer will speak at the SABR Awards Banquet that evening.

Find SABR 26 Registration Forms in the March Bulletin or call the SABR office.

The Minor League Baseball Research Journal Debuts

The Minor League Baseball Research Journal, edited by Carlos Bauer and Bob Davids Award-winner Bob Hoie (with an editorial board consisting of Bob McConnell, John Pardon, and David Nemeec), will contain some of the best historical writing ever done on the minors. The premier issue will be approximately 100 pages. Articles include:

- Ron Selter with a short history of the West Texas-New Mexico League,
- Larry Zuckerman on Los Angeles ballparks, including 22 ballpark diagrams,
- Ed Brooks on the life and travels of Bill Sisler, including his most complete career record, based on research done by Hoie & Ray Nemeec,
- Carlos Bauer on the formation of the Pacific Coast League and its first year of existence.

Also, there is a statistical section that includes Lloyd Johnson's compilation of pitching records for the 1905 Western League, Western Association and Missouri Valley League, and Joe Wayman and Art Cantu's recent rediscovery of complete stats for the 1879 National Association.

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Vote

Since 1991, all active SABR members (1996 dues paid) have had the opportunity to elect SABR officers and directors via mail ballot. The SABR nominations committee (Jim Overmyer-chair, Andy McCue and Dick Thompson) has submitted the slate of candidates found on pages 13-15 for the offices of Vice President, Secretary, and Director in accordance with nominations received and the SABR Constitution and By-Laws. Members may also vote for candidates not on the ballot by using the write-in spaces provided.

The SABR Executive Board has also voted to again place before the membership proposed By-Laws changes in the requirements for Secretary and Treasurer, as well as to clarify limitations regarding length of service and to specify that no officer can hold more than one board position at one time.

Please take time to read the candidate statements, proposed By-Laws changes, and the voting instructions, and vote.

You can further help direct SABR's future by filling out and returning the publications survey along with your ballot.

Last Bulletin for Some

This is the last *SABR Bulletin* for members whose 1996 dues have not been received by April 1, the end of the grace period for non-renewed members. Payment of 1996 dues at any time after April 1, 1996, will reinstate your membership immediately. To determine if you have paid your dues, check the date on your mailing label. If it reads 12/31/1995 and you haven't paid your dues in the past month, your membership has expired. You can also call the SABR office if you have questions regarding your membership.

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The SABR BOOKSHELF

What's New in Baseball Book Publishing

SABR Presents *The Home Run Encyclopedia*
 edited by Bob McConnell and David W. Vincent
 Macmillan (1,310 pages, hardcover)
 \$40.00 US, \$55.95 Canada, retail
 See order form below



The home run is baseball's big blow, worthy of this new volume packed with a wide variety of four-bagger information culled from SABR's John Tattersall-Bob McConnell Home Run Log.

Like many SABR publications, *The Home Run Encyclopedia* offers unique, fun information wherever you turn; from essays on the history of the home run, lost home runs, players who homered in their last at-bats, and long homers to the comprehensive Hitter's Register.

The All-Time Home Run Records section goes well beyond the basics with lists including homers by day of week, by position, as a teenager, in consecutive seasons, by initial of last name, by state of birth, by ballpark, and more.

A section of Yearly Home Run Totals by Team and League track the evolution of round-trippers hit and surrendered from 40 in the National League in 1876 (all off RHP, none hit consecutively in an inning) with George Hall (5) hitting the most and Bobby Mathews surrendering the most, to the 4,081 hit in 1995 (2,360 off RHP, 123 hit back-to-back in an inning, four hit back-to-back-to-back) with Albert Belle (50) pacing the hitters and Brad Radke and Kevin Foster (32) leading the pitchers. All-Time totals for current teams are also included.

The Hitter's Register lists seasonal details for every player who homered in the majors from 1876 to 1995, including the date and opposing pitcher for his first home run, totals for home and road, men on, multiple home run games, lead-off, extra innings, and off right or left handed pitchers. Totals for parks homered in, post-season and All-Star Game home runs and the pitcher most victimized are also included.

Total Braves



edited by John Thorn, Pete Palmer, Michael Gershman, David Pietrusza and Dan Schlossberg
 Penguin Books (240 pages, softcover)
 \$18.95 retail

Total Braves includes stats and stories about 1995's World Champions and a franchise history (by Schlossberg), post-season accomplishments, baseball in Atlanta, profiles of nearly 50 Braves' greats, an index of all players, complete statistics of everyone who played for the Braves from 1871 to 1995, the annual rosters and the all-time leaders.

Total Braves' Player and Pitcher Registers use the *Total Baseball* format. Statistics for each Braves' season and career totals (both Braves and major league) are included. The Annual Rosters (not found in *Total Baseball*) list who played in each given year, how many games at each position and player movement to and from the franchise. These sections in particular make *Total Braves* a valuable single volume resource about the club.

Order at a 25% discount using the full page ad in the March *Bulletin* (page 9).

Total Indians



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Total Indians has everything that *Total Braves* has, but for the Indians (a shorter post-season section, of course). The 1995 summary and franchise history is written by Hoynes.

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The Pres Box
 is closed this month.

Ron Shandler's Baseball Forecaster: 1996 Annual Review

edited by Ron Shandler
 Shandler Enterprises (126 pages, softcover)
 \$23.95

In this issues are essays on "Finding Normalcy in an Abnormal World", on changes to his formulas, and on playing time projections. But the best part is the batter and pitcher projections for 1996 with the past five years performance trends.

To order, send \$23.95 to Shandler Enterprises, PO Box 20303. You can also get the Player Ranking History on disk for \$9.95 (Lotus 1-2-3 or compatible spreadsheet programs for IBM or compatible systems only).

This Side of Cooperstown

by Larry Moffi
 University of Iowa Press (262 pages, hardcover)
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This Side of Cooperstown: An Oral History of Major League Baseball in the 1950s includes the stories of 17 "blue-collar, hard-working players" like Marty Marion, Virgil Trucks, Gene Woodling, Vic Power, Roy Sievers, Bob Cerv, Cal MacLish, Tito Francona and similar non-Hall of Famers. Each player's chapter leads off with a photo and date and place of the interview. An index of names is included.

To order, see ad on page 7.

Creating the National Pastime: Baseball Transforms Itself, 1903-1953

by G. Edward White
 Princeton University Press (368 pages, cloth)
 \$24.95

G. Edward White examines the fifty-year period when the AL and NL each eight teams and no franchise shifts, to understand the special role of baseball in America through its structure as an enterprise and the larger culture in which baseball is played. More than a history and more than a look at the legal/business aspect of baseball, White examines baseball's intertwining with technology, business and changing attitudes toward race and ethnicity with chapters on the ballparks, the rise of the Commissioner, the Negro Leagues, the coming of night baseball, baseball journalists, baseball on the radio, and ethnicity and baseball. Daniel Okrent calls it "an ideal introduction on how the sport came to be what it is." Illustrated with 25 photos, it includes notes and an index.

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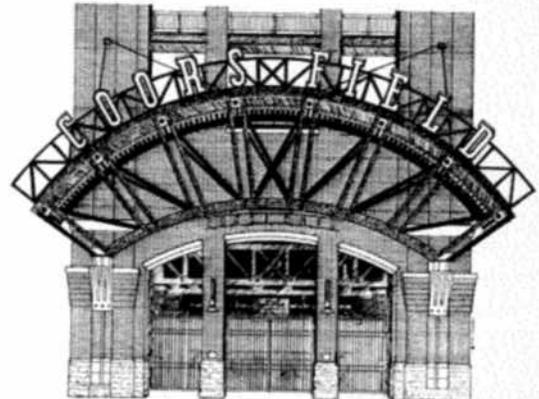
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BASEBALL NEWS FROM SABR'S RESEARCH COMMITTEES

Baseball Records

The February 1996 issue of the Baseball Records Committee newsletter reviews the mixed reaction to the proposal that Ferdie Schupp be recognized as the Earned Run leader in 1916.

David Nemec is nearing completion on an encyclopedia devoted entirely to the nineteenth century. It will look more like *The Sports Encyclopedia: Baseball* by Neft and Cohen than *Total Baseball* or *The Baseball Encyclopedia*. Among the lists also included in the book are players who hit under .200 while playing in at least 100 games. Joe Gerhardt in 1885 leads the list with a .155 BA in 112 games for New York (NL).

Frank Williams, Ralph Horton and Jim Smith have revised the list of fastest starts printed in the August Records Committee newsletter. The 1888 Boston NL club (winners of their first 9 games), the 1884 New York Giants (first 12 games) and the St. Louis 1884 UA club (first 20 games) are now appropriately listed.

Bibliography

The January 1996 issue of the Bibliography Committee newsletter includes an update on Baseball Online, which has grown by over 31% in the past year. There are now over 35,000 books, book sections and magazine and newspaper articles input into the database. Bernie Esser, Joe Murphy, Ron Replogle and Steve Milman have done yeoman's work in cataloging. Anyone interested in helping (a form on a book can, after practice, take as little as five minutes) should contact Ted Hathaway (5645 Fremont Ave S, Minneapolis MN 55419) or Andy McCue (4025 Beechwood Place, Riverside CA 92506).

Also included is an update on the Book Indexing Project (contact Skip McAfee for more information on how you can help) and Terry Smith's review of *Diamonds are a Girls' Best Friend*.

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Business of Baseball

The Winter 1996 issue of Outside the Lines, the SABR Business of Baseball Committee newsletter, features the committee's e-mail survey on Interleague Play.

Only 37% of respondents favor Interleague Play. Comments include the question of where do the stats belong (NL or AL or neither?); one set of rules is a must; and the reduction of intraleague rivalry.

The second question dealt with the implementation of interleague play and no clear-cut opinion was expressed. The third question asked whether MLB would see a net revenue gain from Interleague play, and 70% thought so in some aspect.

The fourth question asked if they thought the owners' decision was impulsive or well-thought out and 50% felt the owners' decision was impulsive. The last question asked what the respondent would do to increase MLB revenues. Not surprisingly, reaching a labor settlement received the most votes with revenue-sharing and better marketing also receiving strong support.

Also featured in this issue is "Why Teams Won't Build New Stadiums - and Why Cities Shouldn't" by Donald Coffin. Larry Hadley has two new papers available. "The Luxury Tax Proposal for Major League Baseball: A Partial Equilibrium Analysis" (with Elizabeth Gustafson) reviews the likely effect of the owners March 1995 "luxury tax" proposal on payrolls and competitive balance, and "Technical Efficiency in Major League Baseball" (with John Ruggiero and Elizabeth Gustafson) is a highly mathematical attempt to evaluate the quality of teams' managers (1982-93).

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Publications Director Alvarez Gives Tips for Computer Users

More members are accompanying their hard copy with computer disks. This is a good thing. It makes the editorial process more efficient and it saves SABR the cost of having to pay a typist to enter the articles onto a disk. But it's created a few problems I'd like to address with these requests:

- Please don't send a disk only. I need to do the first reading of your article on paper.
- It's much easier for me to keep track of things if you name your file using your last name, not the topic name or some other abbreviation. Use SMITH.xxx rather than RBI.xxx.
- The plainest form is the form that's easiest for me to work with. Please don't use fancy fonts, lots of italic or bold text. Don't center or flush-right anything. Simple is always best.
- When you create tables, please, please, please use tabs, never spacebars to line things up. Don't worry if that makes things look one space (or more) out of place. If you just use tabs, all will be well when I flow your manuscript into SABR's layout application. If you use spacebars, you can easily double or triple the time it takes to edit and layout your article.
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Whether you use a computer or not, remember to include your name and address on your cover letter and the first page of your manuscript, and see that your last name appears on every page.

Send a SASE to me at PO Box 736, Woodbury CT 06798 if you'd like copies of SABR's "Tips for Computer Users" and our other two information sheets for SABR writers.

Mark Alvarez, Publications Director

Committee Newsletters Available from the SABR Office

Name	Issue	Pages	Cost
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Bibliography	January	4	\$1.50
Current Baseball Publications			
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Business of Baseball	Winter	8	\$3.00

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The SABR Season

April 19:	Hall-Ruggles Chapter Rogers Hornsby Centennial Luncheon, Contact Howard Green, 817-370-2503, work; 817-535-0058, home
April 20:	Halsey Hall Spring Meeting; Contact Stew Thornley, 612-415-0791
May 4:	Jack Graney Chapter (Cleveland); Contact Bill Shlensky, 216-751-6680
May 11:	Philadelphia Regional Meeting; Contact Joe Dittmar, 610-584-5988 Allan Roth Chapter (Los Angeles); see below
May 18:	Emil Rothe Chapter (Chicago); see below right
May 19:	Fred T. Smith Chapter (Michigan); Contact David Mamuscia, 313-537-6060
June 6-9:	SABR 26, Kansas City, Missouri; Registration Form in March Bulletin, page 11

Regionals

Los Angeles, California: The Allan Roth (Los Angeles area) Chapter, in cooperation with the Ted Williams San Diego chapter, will be holding a regional meeting plus ballgame affair on May 11. We will spend the afternoon listening to research presentations and speakers in the meeting facility of The Diamond, home of the California League's Lake Elsinore Storm, then stay for a game between the Storm and the Modesto A's.

For more information, please contact **Andy McCue** at 909-787-4954, home or 909-782-7505, work. Or, e-mail at agmccue@pe.net.

San Diego, California: On February 3, thirty-one SABR members and three guests met at Jack Murphy Stadium for the Winter Meeting of the chapter. Eddie Epstein, Director of Baseball Operations for the Padres, led a discussion of the 1993 team and its prospects. After lunch, following a trivia contest (won as usual by Dick Beverage), former major-league hurler and SABR member **John Curtis** discussed "The history and consequences of going to a five-man rotation." Beverage and **Andy McCue** brought us up-to-date on the latest baseball books, and the meeting concluded with **Jim Smith's** presentation of "Baseball history through cards and autographs" (displaying an impressive collection going back to Harry Wright). Before the meeting and during lunch, **Mike Wickman** conducted a book exchange and sale.

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania: A whopping turnout of more than 60 people attended the February 10 meeting of the Forbes Field chapter in Pittsburgh. The special guest was Lanny Frattare, the Pirates' play-by-play announcer. Jason Rosenstock was announced as the winner of last season's pick-the-standings contest and there were presentations by **Marky Billson** (Brooklyn's Hy Myers), **Neal Traven** (selecting a Pirate SABRmetric all-time team), **Sage Berlin** (an interview with Satchel Paige), **Dan Bonk** (slides of Forbes Field), and **Dennis and Jeanne De Valeria** (their *Baseball Weekly* award-winning talk from last year's convention). In addition, **Paul Adomites** reviewed the chapter's efforts to assist the mayor's ballpark taskforce, and **Joe Elinich** and **Ed Luteran** discussed the work of the chapter on behalf of Bill Mazerowski.

St. Louis, Missouri: Fifty-two people came in from sub-zero weather and into the Hall of Fame room at Mike Shannon's Restaurant for the 1996 Hot Stove League Meeting of the Bob Broeg Chapter.

Guest speaker **Mark Lamping**, President of the St. Louis Cardinals, discussed the remodeling of the stadium, reduction of terrace and general admission ticket prices for kids under 15, and the change of philosophy of the ball club to win now to bring the fans back, which has caused the free agent signings.

Questions asked of Mark concerned the retirement of additional player numbers, minor leaguer Aaron Holbert (should he play second or short?), the Ozzie Smith and Royce Clayton situation at short (will be resolved during Spring Training), and restocking the minor league system.

Roy Sievers, former Browns' outfielder, talked about Clint Courtney, Satchel Paige, and Mickey Mantle's home run power as well as Calvin Griffith and Richard Nixon, plus his hot September with the Senators in 1964, after being cut by the Phillies.

Joe Cunningham, former Cardinal outfielder, talked about his different batting stances for each pitcher, plus his work in the Drug Prevention Program that he did for the Cardinals. He pointed out to a 15 year-old who is planning on playing high school baseball, "that he can do anything he wants if he tries."

Research presentations were given by **Jim Rygelski**, The 1973 Cardinals; and **Harry Brunt**, The 1961 Spring Series: Cardinals vs. Yankees. Trivia contest winner was **Bob Tiemann**, **Dennis Stegmann** was second and **Norm Richards** was third.

Sporting News Reprint Guides were donated by **Ralph Horton**, and were available for pickup at each of the tables. Memorabilia of Stan Musial was being sold by **Jerry Vickery**, **Ozzie Smith** memorabilia by **Scott Rovack**. **Bob Broeg** autographed copies of his autobiography and his other books.

Farmington Hills, Michigan: On February 11, 1996, twenty-five members of the Fred T. Smith Chapter enjoyed a dinner meeting at the Family Buggy Restaurant. SABR Executive Director **Morris Eckhouse** reported on current events and gave an outlook on SABR's future. **Bob Ruland** reported on SABR National board activities. Updates on research, books and old-time baseball were given by **Jeff Samoray**, **Larry Katz** and **Chuck Stein**. **Doug Puz**, attending his first meeting, won the trivia contest. Everyone enjoyed an excellent meal and the lively discussion of baseball.

The next meeting will be on May 19 at 5:30 pm at the Family Buggy in Livonia. For more information, please call **David Mamuscia** (313-537-6060, home; 810-448-7330, work).

Brooklyn, New York: Seventy-three members and friends attended the Casey Stengel Chapter Meeting at the Brooklyn Public Library. **Tom Knight** emceed and there were three special guests: **Eddie Layton**, Yankee organist, who told some interesting stories about Mickey Mantle and George Steinbrenner; baseball historian **Eliot Knipsel**, who gave a slide presentation called "The Neighborhood of Baseball;" and former major leaguer **Billy Sample**. Besides his playing days in Texas, Sample spoke about a current project he is involved with as a resource advisor for the Rookie Career Development Program.

Presentations included: "Mickey Mantle Remembered" by **Al Blumkin**; "Don Larsen—Beyond the Perfect Game" by **Steve Krevisky**; "Breakable: Nolan Ryan's Seven No-Hitters" by **William Ruiz**; and "The Origin of the Fan" by **Barry Popik**.

Another highlight was a written trivia quiz prepared by **Scott Flatow**, with the four highest scores moving on to a Jeopardy-style match. The four finalists were **Doron Goldman**, **David Nemec**, **John Shostrom** and **Richard Thompson**, with Nemec and Thompson emerging as co-champions. The Jeopardy-style segment was hosted by Alex Trebec wanna-be's **Scott Flatow** and **Burt Bloom**.

Burt Bloom also received the Meritorious Service Award, presented by **Anne** and "Cookie" **Tomczyk**.

Chicago, Illinois: The next meeting of the Emil Rothe (Chicago) chapter is scheduled for Sunday, May 19, 1996, at 1:00pm, at the University of Illinois at Chicago, 750 South Halsted St, in Room 713. The cost is \$10. There are still spots open for presentations. For more information, call **Bill Slankard** at 708-415-1476.

KC SABR Pins Available

KC SABR, host chapter for the 1996 SABR National Convention, has commissioned a commemorative pin for this year's gathering. The handsome lapel pin features the SABR logo superimposed over KC in the middle of a green baseball diamond with 1996 noted beneath crossed bats. The pins were designed and produced by Jeff Suntala and Tony George, respectively.

The pin can be purchased at the convention or by mail for \$6.25 (postpaid) from Sharon Lundy, PO Box 13221, Kansas City MO 64199.

Hornsby Exhibit Open at Legends of the Game Museum

One hundred years ago this April 27th, Rogers Hornsby (1896-1963), perhaps the greatest player to come out of Texas, was born. To celebrate the centennial of his birth, the Legends of the Game Baseball Museum at The Ballpark in Arlington will feature an exhibit on his fabulous baseball career. The exhibit begins on the Texas Rangers Opening Day, Monday, April 1, 1996. The exhibit, which displays photographs and artifacts of his years in the majors and his years as a manager in the Texas League, will run through August 1996.

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For more information, call the Museum at 817-273-5600. For a copy of the two page press release, send a SASE to the SABR office.

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The Champion Indians of '95

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Capital Publishing (91 pages, GBC bound)
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John Phillips takes his day-by-day style to the most exciting Indians' season in a generation. The look is cleaner than his earlier works and entries include much historical reference and do not skimp on non-Indian happenings in baseball.

Cleveland Baseball Transactions of the 1990s

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Indians' fans (and Astros' fans, too) know that December 10, 1991, brought Kenny Lofton to Cleveland, but you'll need this book to remember who replaced the other Astro included in the deal on the Indians' 40-man roster (Thomas Howard replaced Dave Rohde on April 14, 1992). This comprehensive listing is arranged in chronological order and is useful to see how John Hart and company rebuilt the Indians.

Uncle Nick's Birthday Party

edited by John Phillips
Capital Publishing (128 pages, GBC bound)
\$15.95

Phillips refers to Nicolas Young, National League president from 1885-1902, as "a pleasant figurehead, popularly known as 'Uncle Nick'." This book attempts to capture the flavor of the era through quotations (often-times lengthy) in turn-of-the-century newspapers from major league players, managers and reporters. Explanatory notes and a brief consideration of quotations before the days of tape recorders and laptops are included.

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NAMES IN THE NEWS

Congratulations to Bob Potts, SABR member #81, who has received the Distinguished Achievement Award from the Bergen County Department of Parks. The Distinguished Achievement Award is given to outstanding individuals who have rendered dedicated and devoted service to Bergen County (New Jersey) in the area of recreation, parks and/or conservation ...James Overmyer, author of *Effa Manley and the Newark Eagles* spoke on Sunday, March 10 at the Lenox Historical Society on "The History of Baseball in Berkshire County." Appearing with Overmyer was SABR President David Pietrusza ...Rev. Gabriel B. Costa, Ph.D. is offering a Senior Project mathematics course on sabermetrics at the United States Military Academy...Bob Tiemann provided a publication about the day-by-day achievements of the 1946 St. Louis Cardinals as part of the attendance-give-aways at the 1996 Baseball Writers Dinner that was held in St. Louis on February 6...Dick Beverage and Pulitzer Prize winning columnist Jim Murray discussed old Los Angeles ballparks in a recent television documentary on station KCET in Los Angeles. The show, titled "Things that aren't here anymore," presented landmarks of greater Los Angeles that no longer exist and featured a segment on Wrigley Field and Gilmore Field, the city's Pacific Coast League ballparks.

Names in the Newsletters

Ed Maher edits and publishes *The Rotunda Report*, devoted solely to the Brooklyn Dodgers. Subscriptions are \$12 per year (six issues, eight pages each) from SNEBDFC (Southeastern New England Brooklyn Dodger Fan Club), c/o Ed Maher, Ebbets Field Estates, 6 Wingate Lane, Attleboro MA 02703....*Harlem RBI Report* is the newsletter of Harlem RBI (Rebuilding Baseball in Inner-Cities) written and produced by the student athletes of Harlem RBI. For more information, write Harlem RBI, PO Box 871, Hellgate Station, New York NY 10029...Tom Kayser edits *The Texas League Newsletter* (see below)

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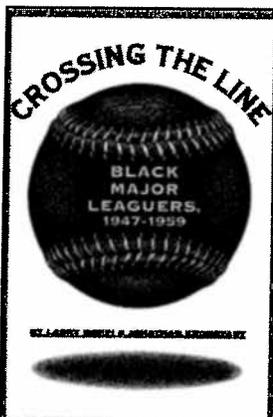
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BASEBALL BRIEFS

ALBERT BELLE had a remarkable power season for the Indians. He became the first player in 47 years to collect 100+ extra-base hits in a season and the 8th overall. While all the other century-sluggers played in 152+ games and had 200+ hits, Belle banged out 173 hits in 143 games. Yet he became the first player to hit 50 doubles and homers in the same season. However, he hit only one triple and his .317 BA was the lowest of the ten entries, achieved twice by Lou Gehrig and Chuck Klein. Belle's slugging average of .690, outstanding in this modern generation, is in the lower half of the century extra-base hit achievers shown below. Asterisks indicate leaders.

Year	Player and Team	Hits	2B	3B	HR	XBH	BA	SA
1921	Babe Ruth, New York AL	204	44	16	59*	119	.378	.846
1927	Lou Gehrig, New York AL	218	52*	18	47	117	.373	.765
1930	Chuck Klein, Phil NL	250	59*	8	40	107	.386	.686
1932	Chuck Klein, Phil NL	226	50	15	38*	103	.348	.646
1937	Hank Greenberg, Det AL	200	49	14	40	103	.337	.668
1948	Stan Musial, StL NL	230	46*	18*	39	103	.376	.702
1995	Albert Belle, Clev AL	173	52	1	50*	103	.317	.690
1922	Rogers Hornsby, StL NL	250	46*	14	42*	102	.401	.722
1930	Lou Gehrig, New York AL	220	42	17	41	100	.379	.721
1932	Jimmie Foxx, Phil AL	213	33	9	58*	100	.364	.749

GREG HARRIS OF MONTREAL pitched both right and left in the 9th inning of a 9-7 loss to the Reds Sep. 28. Using a special six-finger glove, he faced two righthanded batters and two left, giving up only a base on balls. The only other times this ambidextrous feat was tried was in the 19th century and no special glove was needed. Those hurlers, like Harris, normally threw right.

July 18, 1882 - Tony Mullane, Louisville AA vs Baltimore, hurled the last six innings left against left and right against right. He gave up a homer in the 9th and lost 9-8.

June 16, 1884 - Larry Corcoran, Chicago NL vs Buffalo. The only regular hurler available, he pitched although with a painful right index finger. He lasted only four innings, hurling alternately right and left. Shifted to shortstop, he hit two triples and a single in a 20-9 loss to the Bisons.

May 9, 1888 - Elton (Icebox) Chamberlain, Louisville AA vs Kansas City. Enjoying a big lead, he pitched from the port-side the last two innings. He gave up no runs and won 18-6.

July 14, 1893 - Tony Mullane, Baltimore NL vs Chicago. He threw left the last inning and gave up three more runs in a 10-2 loss.

ROB DEER came back from Japan to set another strike-out record. He fanned 87 times for Vancouver and Las Vegas in the PCL, giving him 1041 whiffs in the minors and 1379 in the majors. He is the only player ever to reach the 1000-mark in both classifications. Does this give him the O.B. record as well? No, a player named Reginald Martinez Jackson fanned 2597 times in the majors and 168 in the minors for a total of 2765 trips back to the water fountain. Otis Nixon was another 1995 player who upped his major/minor career totals to a record, this one in stolen bases. He swiped 50 for the Rangers this year, giving him 440 in the Big Time and 459 in the Bushes.

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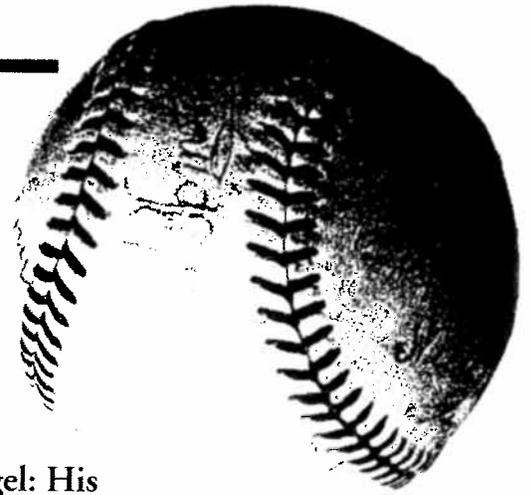
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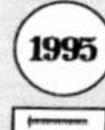
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For Vice-President

Richard Beverage

SABR Experience: Member since 1980. SABR Vice President 1994-present. President, Allan Roth Regional Chapter (1989-1995). Member of the Minor Leagues and Umpire and Rules Committees. Contributor to *Baseball Research Journal*, *The National Pastime*, *SABR Review of Books*, *SABR Guide to Minor League Statistics*.

Education: B.A., History-Colgate; M.B.A., Financial Management, Golden Gate University.

Occupation: Management Consultant.

Baseball has weathered some troublesome times during the last two years, and our Society has been caught in the wake to some extent. Nevertheless, we remain strong with a solid, steady membership in the face of a perceived declining interest in the game.

During my term of office we've made important progress in the areas of long range planning, renewed activity in research committees and regional growth-witness the convention planning efforts, the enthusiastic rebirth of the Minor Leagues Committee along with the creation of three new committees and a continuing increase in regional chapters. There is much more to be done as we rapidly approach the new century.

We must continue to address the long term goals of our Society and chart a path for the next several years. Clearly, the focus must be upon research; that's what SABR is all about. How can we improve our product? What can we do to encourage new members to engage in research? What additional tools can we provide to make the research efforts more productive? What is our membership goal for the year 2000 and how will we achieve it? These are questions that will be asked in one form or another. They are all interrelated, and the answers will inevitably lead to a stronger organization.

I have been privileged to serve as a member of the Executive Board and believe that I have contributed in a meaningful way to the decision making process. I am grateful for your past support; I respectfully ask for it once again.

Richard Puff

SABR Experience: Member since 1981; SABR Board of Directors, 1989-1993; Bob Davids Award Committee, 1994-1995; chairman, Publications Committee, 1989-1991; chairman, 1989 National Convention Committee; Vice-President Northeast New York Chapter, 1985-1989; member, Umpire & Rules, Nineteenth Century, Pictorial History, Biographical, Negro Leagues and Minor Leagues committees.

Occupation: Assistant Director of Public Relations, Albany Medical Center, Albany, New York

It was an honor to have served SABR as a member of its Board of Directors and in various other positions during the past several years. I once again look forward to helping the Society reach its full potential.

During my four years on the Board, I gained valuable experience in helping the Society forge ahead during somewhat difficult times to increase its membership and strengthen its financial stability. Joining this experience with my professional experience, which also includes association management, I believe I can help the Society to continue on a path of improvement and growth.

First and foremost, the Society should make every attempt to continue to expand its publication and research services for members. The heart of the organization is the work of those members performing and compiling research while the soul of the Society is those members who enjoy the fruits of these labors. Additionally, the Board should continue every effort at promoting the Society through the Internet and the World Wide Web, which can provide additional member services, assist in research and committee activities and provide additional forums for dissemination of research.

Other areas in which I feel I can contribute include the continuing development and revitalization of regional chapters, the further improvement of National Conventions, locating and obtaining new funding, and the further improvement of SABR publications.

Thank you for your confidence in the past, and for your consideration today.

By-Law Revisions

At its March 1995 meeting in Cincinnati, the SABR Executive Board voted unanimously to recommend changes in the requirements for Secretary and Treasurer, as well as to clarify limitations regarding length of service and to specify that no officer can hold more than one board position at one time. Voting on the three proposals last year was null and void due to incorrect wording of the third revision and an insufficient number of votes.

The Board proposes that terms for Treasurer and Secretary be lengthened to four years and that only individuals who have been SABR members the preceding four years may be eligible for the positions. Also proposed is a limit of two successive full or partial terms as a member of the Board and legislation to prohibit one individual from holding more than one office at the same time. For continuity, the new by-law, if passed, would become Article 3 G 8 and the current Article 3 G 8 would become Article 3 G 9.

Revision #1

Current:

Article C - Secretary

2. Shall be elected in even-numbered years for a term of two years and may serve one additional consecutive term if re-elected.
3. Must have been a member of the Society for the preceding two years before being eligible for election to this office.

Proposed:

Article C - Secretary

2. Shall be elected in even-numbered years for a term of four years and may serve one additional term if re-elected.
3. Must have been a member of the Society for the preceding four years before being eligible for this office.

Revision #2

Current:

Article D - Treasurer

3. Shall be elected in odd-numbered years for a term of two years and may serve one additional consecutive term if re-elected.
4. Must have been a member of the Society for the preceding two years before being eligible for election to this office.

Proposed:

Article D - Treasurer

3. Shall be elected in odd-numbered years for a term of four years and may serve one additional term if re-elected.
4. Must have been a member of the Society for the preceding four years before being eligible for this office.

Revision #3

Current:

Article G - Executive Board

7. No member of the executive board may serve more than two successive full or partial terms in any elective position, or more than eight successive years.
8. All decisions of the executive board shall be made by majority votes except where specified otherwise in this document.

Proposed:

Article G - Executive Board

7. No member of the executive board may serve more than two successive full or partial terms in the same elective position and no more than eight (8) successive years.
8. No one person may fill two positions on the board simultaneously.
9. All decisions of the executive board shall be made by majority votes except where specified otherwise in this document.

A yes vote will change the current wording to the proposed wording, effective July 1, 1996

For Secretary

Carlos Bauer

SABR Experience: Chair of Minor League Committee; two terms SABR Nominating Committee; on San Diego Regional Steering Committee; member, Los Angeles regional; former Chicago Regional member; contributor to the *Minor League History Journal*; Editor of *SABR Guide to Minor League Statistics*; editor of the *Minor League Baseball Research Journal*.

Other Research: Near completion of a biographical encyclopedia of the Pacific Coast League, 1903-1957, including players, managers and umpires.

Occupation: Translator of books, including those of Federico Garcia Lorca, Henry Miller and Lawrence Ferlinghetti.

Education: Undergraduate, Columbia University; graduate, Universidad Complutense de Madrid

The Secretary's mission is to take timely and accurate notes, so that important issues facing SABR can be communicated to the membership as a whole. Therefore, I view the position of Secretary as *extremely* important.

SABR experienced its greatest growth, and was most productive, when research was of primary importance. It's time to redouble our efforts in promoting research, both individual and done by research committees.

Additionally, we should direct our efforts into the following areas:

1. We must recruit younger members, make them feel part of the organization, and be able to provide them with access to basic research materials.

2. The board must lead the way in preserving archives, both members' own research and older baseball publications that are near to being lost forever. SABR has to form alliances with other baseball organizations to preserve these irreplaceable resources, many printed on acid-treated paper.

3. SABR loses between 1,000 and 1,500 members a year, or 50% of our membership is gone within two years. We have to find out why this is happening, and to remedy it.

Finally, every member should be viewed as a researcher, or potential researcher; and the Baseball Research Handbook should be updated, and given to every member joining SABR. SABR should take a pro-active role in reminding members how rewarding baseball research is. Once a member begins to research baseball, he's a SABR member for life.

I'll make a difference—the same way I made a difference in revitalizing the Minor League Committee.

Howard Green

SABR Experience: Member since 1981. Founder and President, Hall-Ruggles Chapter-Dallas/Ft. Worth Metropolitan area.

Occupation: Renewal Specialist, American Automobile Association

My experience includes eight years as a sportswriter and columnist for the Abilene Reporter-News, 11 years in organized baseball as club owner, general manager, league president (four leagues, two of which I was the architect of the organization), 22 years in public office (two terms as Tarrant County Judge, five terms as state legislator).

Since leaving public office, I have had extensive experience in marketing and also been active in fund-raising for baseball programs at Dallas Baptist, McMurry and Texas Wesleyan Universities.

I was a lieutenant to Arlington's Mayor Tom Vandergriff in making Texas Rangers out of Washington Senators, arranging the sale of the county-owned Turnpike Stadium to the City of Arlington for expansion into a playing facility acceptable to major-league baseball. Much of our chapter's success has been due to hand-in-glove work with the Texas Rangers. I would encourage every chapter to develop a mutually beneficial relationship with its major league club.

In 1991, I became the founding president of the Hall-Ruggles Chapter of SABR. Our chapter enjoyed phenomenal growth, and I was convention coordinator for SABR 24. By training, experience and enthusiasm for the success of any and all responsibilities, I feel qualified to serve as Secretary. SABR members have a right to accurate accounts of actions by the Board. As secretary, I would recognize my responsibilities to convey that information.

I would recommend efforts to ascertain a significant growth in membership with special emphasis on renewals and would deem it a privilege and honor to serve as Secretary.

Norman Macht

SABR Experience: Member since 1985. Founding chair of Oral History Committee. Former Treasurer (1992-1995). Member, Scouts Committee and Convention Committee. Contributor to *Baseball Research Journal* and *Nineteenth Century Stars*.

Other Research: Author of more than 20 books, including 15 baseball biographies; contributor to *The Ballplayers*, *The Baseball Chronology*, and other anthologies. Currently (still) researching Connie Mack for an eventually biography.

Education: Ph. D. University of Chicago; M.A. in Political Science, University of California, Sonoma.

Occupation: Writer/Editor

After serving as SABR Treasurer for three years (SABR's by-laws prevented me from serving longer in the same office) I left with the organization in excellent financial shape, a condition I had inherited, and which was maintained by the collective prudence of the entire Executive Board.

During that time I saw the Board become more harmonious and productive with each passing year. In addition to overseeing the bookkeeping and investment of surplus funds, perhaps my biggest contribution was ideas. Some succeeded; some sank. One of the most important was the creation of the Convention Committee, which has taken much of the burden off the regional groups who wish to host a national convention. With the results of our surveys, and the innovations we are planning, we hope future conventions will be more attractive and interesting than ever.

Other housekeeping suggestions have helped SABR to operate more efficiently.

During the past year I have been pursuing possibilities for establishing SABR archives and research centers in conjunction with museums in various parts of the country. This would be one of my top priorities as a member of the Board.

I would appreciate the opportunity to carry out this and other ideas as a part of the excellent Executive Board that now represents us. While charged with keeping the minutes of meetings and updating the policy manual, the secretary is primarily one of eight voting Board members, working together to foster the interests of the membership.

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For Director

Frederick Ivor-Campbell

SABR Experience: Member since 1982. Chair of Nineteenth Century Committee. Editor, *More Nineteenth Century Stars*.

Occupation: Baseball Historian

In recent years SABR has gained new stature in the baseball world. We are now seen less as fringe lunatics and more as the heart of what true baseball fandom is all about. Our research committees are doing work that has brought to baseball new standards and levels of statistical accuracy, and broadened and deepened our understanding of the game's history. Our regional groups have increased and flourished, and our publications have brought into print the research of more members than ever before.

SABR is now a widely recognized leader in preserving and promoting all that is good about baseball, but we haven't become all we can be. There are many thousands who would love SABR but who have never heard about us, or have heard too little to know us for what we are. Although we have grown to over 6,000 members, I believe that by the turn of the century we could number 10,000 or more; we need to spread the word more forcefully. And strong as our committees, regionals and publications are, they will become stronger as more members are drawn into active involvement.

I am honored to have served on the SABR Board for the past four years. My service to SABR includes writing for several SABR publications in the past dozen years, and chairing the Nineteenth Century Committee since 1992. I am currently editing *More Nineteenth Century Stars*, a project involving some 50 SABR researchers/writers, which you will receive later this year.

James A. Riley

SABR Experience: Member since 1979. Member of Negro Leagues, Latin American, Nineteenth Century and Biographical Committees; served on Publications Committee; contributed to SABR publications; winner of Macmillan-SABR Baseball Research Award 1990 and 1993.

Other Research and Related Experience: Author of six books including *The Biographical Encyclopedia of the Negro Baseball Leagues*, *Monte Irvin: Nice Guys Finish First*, and *Back Leonard: The Black Lou Gehrig*. Contributed to many compilations and periodicals, including *The All-Star Game Official Program*.

Education: B.S. & M.A., E. Tennessee St U; Ed. S. Nova U

Occupation: Writer

The essence of SABR is baseball research. Our efforts over the last quarter century has helped preserve a complete and accurate record of the National Pastime. As we approach our Silver Anniversary, our organization is being recognized as an integral part of baseball's infrastructure. Membership is growing and as we approach the end of the century, SABR is continuing to move in a positive direction.

The objectives on which our Society was founded - the collection, organization and dissemination of information about baseball - should remain our primary focus. To this end, we should continue to expand the Society's archival resources and make them readily available to facilitate members' research. Our publications should maintain a high quality of production and content, adhere to a timely delivery, and serve as a vehicle for publishing members' original research.

Two other areas meriting a high priority is the continued assistance to committees in their ongoing research projects and the encouragement of regional chapters that serve as source of developing camaraderie among those members unable to attend the national convention.

The ethical integrity of our organization should be preserved. In evaluating the needs and criteria for expanded membership services, SABR objectives should be determined by what constitutes the best interests of the membership.

I am confident that my background and experience will enable me to fulfill the responsibilities of Director for our Society as set forth in the SABR by-laws, and I will represent the best interests of all SABR members.

Steve Sillen

SABR Experience: Member since 1981

Education: B.A., Lehman College; M.B.A., Pepperdine U

Occupation: High School History Teacher

I am very excited about running for SABR Board of Directors. My name is Steve Sillen and I live in Davis, California, and I am married with two children. I am a High School History teacher with past experiences in the business world. I have been a SABR member for over ten years and have had the good fortune to attend three national conventions. I received my B.A. in History from Lehman College and my M.B.A. from Pepperdine University. I feel my experience running divisions of major corporations like Hertz and E.D.S. makes me an ideal candidate for the Board.

I am an active member of the new Sacramento area chapter. While not actively involved in any committees, I have followed the development of the new SABR list on the net and am excited about the future of it. I read it daily. I am the perfect candidate because I have the time, energy, and commitment to bring SABR into the new millennium and keep SABR doing what it does best: research and publish. Thanks for your time.

Voting Instructions for 1996 Elections

Ballot Printed on page 15.

- 1.) Vote for only one candidate for each position.
- 2.) Only votes submitted on official ballot (printed to the right) will be counted; reproductions are not acceptable.
- 3.) Ballots must be placed in an envelope and your name must appear on the outside of the mailing envelope. If you wish to ensure the confidentiality of your vote, place your ballot inside a blank envelope and place both inside the mailing envelope. Only members who have paid 1996 dues are eligible to vote.
- 4.) Ballots must be received by midnight May 23, 1996. (SABR cannot be responsible for any ballots not received as indicated.)
- 5.) Ballots must be sent to: Tellers Committee, c/o SABR, PO Box 93183, Cleveland OH 44101.
- 6.) Be sure to affix proper postage when mailing your ballot.

Results will be announced at the National Convention in Kansas City and published in the August SABR Bulletin.

Publications Survey

We need your help in planning the future of SABR's publications program. If you could take a few minutes to read through and answer the following questions, you can help make SABR a better organization for all. You can return the survey with your SABR Election Ballot (be sure to

follow all the rules) or you can mail it separately. Photocopies of this survey are acceptable, although photocopies of the ballot printed below are not. If you are mailing the survey separately from your ballot, mail to SABR, PO Box 93183, Cleveland OH 44101.

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c.) Worthless</p> | <p>8.) Based on the 1995 issues of <i>The National Pastime</i> and <i>Baseball Research Journal</i>, do you feel the copyediting and proofreading are:</p> <p>a.) Excellent b.) Good
c.) Fair d.) Poor</p> | <p>13.) What do like least about SABR publications? How important to you is it on a scale of 1 to 10 (1 being NOT important, 10 being VERY important).</p> |
| <p>2.) With regard to the entire SABR publications program, are you:</p> <p>a.) Very satisfied
b.) Generally satisfied
c.) Moderately dissatisfied
d.) Very dissatisfied</p> | <p>9.) Would you prefer to continue to receive separate issues of <i>The National Pastime</i> and <i>Baseball Research Journal</i>, or would you prefer to receive a larger, combined publication, plus two other publications every year?</p> <p>a.) Separate b.) Combined</p> | <p>14.) What do like most about SABR publications? How important to you is it on a scale of 1 to 10 (1 being NOT important, 10 being VERY important).</p> |
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b.) Yes, if it covered a topic I am moderately interested in
c.) Yes, regardless of what it is
d.) Probably not</p> | <p>15.) If you have any other feelings about SABR publications, pro or con, please make them here. Use another sheet of paper if necessary.</p> |
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b.) Yes, if it covered a topic I am moderately interested in
c.) Yes, regardless of what it is
d.) Probably not</p> | |
| <p>5.) Do you feel the cover, interior design, and layout of <i>The National Pastime</i> is:</p> <p>a.) Excellent b.) Good
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c.) Yes, regardless of what it is
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c.) Fair d.) Poor</p> | | |
| <p>7.) Would you enjoy <i>The National Pastime</i> and <i>Baseball Research Journal</i> more if they were reserved for serious research only and contained no reminiscences, verse, etc.?</p> <p>a.) Yes b.) No</p> | | |

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Members Get Discount for Tenth Edition of The Baseball Encyclopedia

The advent of *The Baseball Encyclopedia* was an important factor in SABR's creation in 1971. Seven of SABR's 16 founding members were acknowledged in the first edition (1969) of the Encyclopedia. A major topic in the initial issue of *The SABR Bulletin* was the coordination of SABR member efforts to provide new and corrected information for future editions of the Encyclopedia.

Publication of the tenth edition of *The Baseball Encyclopedia* coincides with SABR's 25th anniversary. SABR members can receive a 25% discount off the cover price (\$59.95 US, \$83.95 Canada) by using the coupon on page 2.

As with its previous editions, the tenth edition of the Encyclopedia will include player and pitcher

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Celebrate with SABR

Following the 1996 SABR National Convention in Kansas City, SABR's 25th Anniversary celebration moves on to the birth place of the Society, the National Baseball Hall of Fame Library, to commemorate the actual anniversary of SABR's founding on August 10, 1971. A two day anniversary celebration is scheduled to begin at 1pm on Saturday, August 10th and conclude at 1pm on August 11th. Events of the weekend are scheduled to include opening remarks and introductions, a report on the renovation of the Library and its resources, a tour of the facility,

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Getting Started

In this month's Pres Box, President David Pietrusza speaks about SABR's future members and leaders. To help us inspire future SABR members and leaders, please let us know how you got interested in baseball, baseball research, and SABR. See page three for the survey form.



Fehr to be at SABR 26

Steve Fehr, player agent, researcher, and brother of Major League Baseball Players Association Executive Director and General Counsel Donald Fehr, has been added to the list of speakers at the annual SABR Awards Banquet. Fehr will provide his insights about baseball today at the 1996 SABR National Convention on June 7th at the Kansas City Marriott Downtown.

If you have not already made plans to attend SABR 26, use the registration forms in the March Bulletin or call the SABR office.

Registration Bonus

Thanks to the generosity of Diamond Library Publishers, all registrants for the SABR 26 convention will receive a free copy of *Baseball's Top 100-The Best Individual Seasons of All Time* by John Benson and Tony Blengino. John and Tony will also be available in the registration area at SABR 26 on Thursday afternoon, June 6, to autograph copies of the book.

All members not attending the convention will be able to purchase copies of the book at a special price. Watch for more details in a future issue of *The SABR Bulletin*.

SABR 26 Travel

As of April 15, a limited number of rooms remained available at the Kansas City Marriott Downtown for the 1996 SABR National Convention. If you wish to make reservations, call 1-800-548-4782. If rooms are no longer available at the Marriott, call or fax the SABR office or check SABR-L for information regarding other lodging options for SABR 26.

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SABR 26 Research Committee Meeting Schedule

At press time, the Research Committee meeting schedule for SABR 26 had not yet been finalized. If you wish to receive the schedule in advance of the convention, please contact the SABR office by phone or fax or check SABR-L.

Get an Early Start at SABR 26

Vintage Baseball Exhibition

Two versions of vintage baseball (Massachusetts and New York rules) will be displayed at Case Park, a short walk from the Kansas City Marriott Downtown, to get the 1996 SABR National Convention rolling on June 6.

Additional Awards Honor Researchers

On Thursday evening, June 6, SABR's 25th anniversary year convention will host the debut of The Seymour Medal and its first awarding in honor of the best book of baseball history or biography published in 1995. Mrs. Dorothy Mills (a.k.a. Dorothy Z. Seymour), who collaborated with Dr. Harold Seymour on his landmark trilogy of baseball history, will be on hand for the presentation.

The Awards Banquet on Friday evening, June 7, will feature presentation of the 9th Macmillan-SABR Baseball Research Awards, the 12th Bob Davids Award, and another new entry, The Sporting News-SABR Baseball Research Award.

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The SABR BOOKSHELF

What's New in Baseball Book Publishing

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by Dennis and Jeanne DeValeria
Henry Holt (320 pages, hardcover)
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The research is excellent, turning up his birthplace as Chartiers, Pennsylvania, not Mansfield, and well documented in both a general bibliography and a chapter by chapter bibliography. It is illustrated with 32 black and white photographs and contains an index.

SABR members can order *Honus Wagner* by sending \$24 postpaid (a 20% discount) to SABR, PO Box 93183, Cleveland OH 44101.

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The Cleveland Indians Encyclopedia

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Temple U Press (574 pages, hardcover)
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There are also sections on team executives, managers, and general managers, ballparks, Hall of Famers and great moments, complete with boxscores, plus a feature on the Indians of 1951-1956. The Milestones, Honors and other Facts chapter includes "Indians in Pro Football" and "Local Boys Who Made Good." The 1995 season is covered separately in a 12-page final section.

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THE PRES BOX

The three years that I have served as SABR president have reinforced for me the dedication that the membership, committee and regional chairs, board members, and staff have for the organization.

Most SABRites work selflessly for baseball and for the cause of baseball research. And it is refreshing to see new blood come into the organization and move SABR into the future.

I'd like to take this opportunity to salute two of SABR's younger chairs - one a committee chair, one a regional chair. Tom Shieber has done tremendous work in not only chairing but founding SABR's Pictorial History Committee, filling a void which has long existed in the baseball research continuum. He is also a crackerjack researcher and the winner of the 1994 *USA Today Baseball Weekly* Award for best research presentation at the national convention.

In regard to regional organization, Tom Simon has performed the admirable job of creating a vibrant SABR chapter in an area many might have believed was too small to support a chapter - Vermont. Tom's Larry Gardner chapter has initiated a wide variety of activities and has proven that SABRites need not be located in a major league venue to possess a major league chapter.

Many ask where the SABR members - and leaders - of the future are. I tell them to look at the younger members who are already part of SABR. They point the way to the future. Just as a Rey Ordonez comes on the scene as an Ozzie Smith moves into the twilight, SABR's mission will continue with excellent new researchers coming into the fold each year.

David Pietrusza

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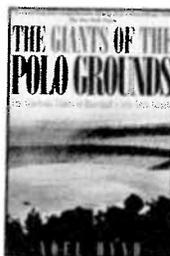
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BASEBALL NEWS FROM SABR'S RESEARCH COMMITTEES

Biographical Research

The February issue of the Biographical Research Committee Monthly Report leads with the Find of the Month being awarded to Dennis DeValeria for the discovery that Honus Wagner's (and his brother Butts) birthplace is actually in Chartiers, Pennsylvania, rather than Mansfield, which is on the other side of a creek. The DeValeria's biography of Wagner is available at a discount to SABR members (see page 2 for details).

Larry Lester seeks help with finding complete death data on Negro League players. If you can help, drop Larry a line.

The Mystery of the Month, brought to you by Rich Bozzone, is Michael Muldoon (CLE-NL 1882-84; BAL-AA 1885-86). Rich traces him through 1889, with stops in Jersey City (1887), Hot Springs, Allentown and finally in Atlanta. Unfortunately, Rich and Tom Hufford's search of Atlanta has turned up nothing. It appears he died sometime between 1890 and 1906.

Changes Announced in Research Committee Leadership

Collegiate

Members interested in joining the SABR Collegiate Committee should contact its new chair, Cappy Gagnon, PO Box 509, Notre Dame IN 46556-0509.

Minor Leagues

The chair of the Minor League Committee is currently vacant due to Carlos Bauer's resignation from the Society. Discussion of filling the vacancy will be held at the Minor League Committee meeting at SABR 26. In the meantime, any questions or correspondence related to the minor league committee should be addressed to the SABR office. *The Minor League Baseball Research Journal* is on hold until further notice.

Statistical Analysis

Both current co-chairs are forced to step down due to other commitments. The main goal of the committee is to locate new leadership. If you are interested in becoming a chair (or co-chair) of the committee, please contact the SABR office.

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Negro Leagues

The April issue of the Negro Leagues Committee Newsletter congratulates the family of Bill Foster for his election to the Hall of Fame. Also included are listings of Negro League materials in Cyberspace, with ten home pages listed. Upcoming Negro League events include a Philadelphia Stars card show on Saturday, May 25th. On June 8, the Detroit Tigers will hold their second annual Negro Leagues Day.

The Marketplace highly recommends *Nice Guys Finish First*, the Monte Irvin autobiography with Jim Riley. Also mentioned are the Missouri Historical Society reprint of *20 Years Too Soon*, the Quincy Troupe book and John Holway's *Black Diamonds* on audio cassette, narrated by Willie Harris.

Over 15 Negro League-related articles are listed as available, including five recent biographical articles from *Sports Collectors Digest*.

Baseball Photo Exhibit Flies High In Cleveland

Photos of professional and amateur baseball in Cleveland are on display in the Community Portrait Gallery at Cleveland Hopkins International Airport through October.

Special guests at the April 2 opening included Cleveland Mayor Michael R. White, drummer John Adams, and 1949 flagpole sitter Charlie Lupica. SABR assisted in photo selection and captioning for the exhibit, sponsored in part by Continental Airlines.

Other Memorable 1971 Debuts

SABR's was not the only memorable debut in 1971. Several prominent major league careers were launched the same season. In honor of SABR's upcoming 25th anniversary, here's a 25 man roster of players who made their major league debut in 1971 that might fare reasonably well.

Pos	Name	Debut
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Committee Newsletters Available from the SABR Office

Name	Issue	Pages	Cost
Biographical Research	February	4	\$1.50
Negro Leagues	April	5	\$2.00

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To join a Research Committee, contact the Committee Chair
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The SABR Season

May 4:	Jack Graney Chapter (Cleveland); Contact Bill Shlensky, 216-751-6680
May 11:	Philadelphia Regional Meeting; Contact Joe Dittmar, 610-584-5988
May 19:	Allan Roth Chapter (Los Angeles); Contact Andy McCue, 909-787-4954
	Emil Rothe Chapter (Chicago); see below
June 6-9:	Frank Haraway Chapter (Colorado); Contact Chip Atkison, 303-841-0354
	Fred T. Smith Chapter (Michigan); Contact David Mamuscia, 313-537-6060
June 29:	SABR 26, Kansas City, Missouri; Registration Form in March Bulletin, page 11
July 6:	Bob Broeg Chapter Meeting/Game (see below)
	Ted Williams Chapter (San Diego); Contact Bob Boynton, 619-481-0263

Regionals

Chicago, Illinois: The next meeting of the Emil Rothe (Chicago) chapter is scheduled for Sunday, May 19, 1996, at 1:00pm, at the University of Illinois at Chicago, 750 South Halsted St, in Room 713. The cost is \$10. For more information, call **Bill Slankard** (708-415-1476) or e-mail 72722.3473 @ compuserve.com

Saint Louis, Missouri: The Bob Broeg Chapter will be at the ballpark for the Cardinals vs. Pirates game on June 29th. Contact **Mark Stangl** (314-961-6550) for more information.

Orlando, Florida: A small cadre of Central Florida SABR members gathered at Kissimmee's Osceola Stadium on March 16. *Houston Chronicle* writer Allan Truax led a discussion on the Houston Astros past and present and plans were set to hold a larger gathering in October preceding a Florida Instructional League game. Houston Astros' publicist Rob Matwick deserves thanks for providing a meeting room facility. For Fall meeting information, contact **Rod Caborn** (407-682-1717 day, 407-363-1574 evening).

San Diego, California: The Ted Williams Chapter was requested by the San Diego Padres to develop a list of the 60 Favorite All-Time Padres as part of the 60th Anniversary celebration, 60 being the number of years of professional baseball in San Diego (33 in the Pacific Coast League, 27 in the National League). For a list of the 60 players chosen, send a SASE to the SABR office.

Cooperstown, New York: Keep in mind that Hall of Fame Induction weekend, which typically includes a SABR table and a Sunday night meeting regional meeting, will be August 2-4, 1996. If you are planning to attend the inductions and want more information about SABR activities or if you can assist at a SABR table, contact the SABR office.

Be sure to notify the SABR office of any upcoming regional activity in your area.

Consult page 7 of the Membership Directory for a listing of regional groups.

Also, if you wish to start regional activity in your area, please notify the SABR office.

Japan: Sixteen Japanese SABRites attended the fifth Japanese-SABR regional meeting at Kikusuitei Hotel on January 20-21, 1996. The hotel is close to the Seibu Lions Stadium--the home of the Pacific League team, Seibu Lions. The Lions stayed in this hotel while they played the Japan Series. A highlight of the meeting was the auction of baseball items. Among them were Hideo Nomo's limited edition baseball from the All-Star Game in Arlington and baseball caps autographed by Frank Thomas and Cecil Fielder.

For more information on SABR regional activity in Japan, contact Professor **Masaru (Massy) Ikei**, Political Science, Keio University, 2-15-45, Mitaj, Minatoku, Tokyo, Japan 108 (phone 03-3453-4511, from the USA, 011-81-3-3453-4511).

Burlingame, California: On February 24, 1996, the Northern California Chapter of the Major League Baseball Players Alumni hosted its first annual "Salute to the Pacific Coast League." The evening was a resounding success as there were over 500 attendees, including 65 SABR members, 58 former Coasters and 14 major leaguers. Charlie Silvera, Leo Righetti, Ernie Broglio, Barney Serrell and Bill Renna were a few of the PCLers and Charlie Fox, Rich Morales, Bob McClure, Dave Righetti and Gus Triandos were some of the major leaguers. Other baseball personalities in attendance included columnists Bob Stevens, **Leonard Koppett**, broadcaster Lon Simmons, PCL Historical Society President **Dick Beverage**, minor league statistician **Bill Weiss** and Giants' PA announcer Sherry Davis.

The program, opened by MLBPA chapter president **Frank Zupo**, honored seven PCL greats: Bill Raimondi, Frank Crosetti, Gus Suhr, Dolph Camilli, Harry Rosenberg, Mario Pieretti and Billy Martin. Each was presented with a plaque, a photo collage of his career (done by **Doug McWilliams**), and a list of their major league home runs from the Tattersall-McConnell Home Run Log.

Bernie Esser, Dick Dobbins, and Chris Rogers assisted in organizing the event, which also kicked off the Lefty O'Doul Chapter season. The next Lefty O'Doul Chapter meeting will likely be this month. Contact Chris Rogers (510-724-0398) for more Lefty O'Doul Chapter information.

Cleveland, Ohio: About fifty-five members and friends attended the Winter meeting of the Jack Graney Chapter on February 24, 1996. The meeting led off with a discussion of the best Indians' team of all-time, moderated by chapter president **Bill Shlensky, Morris Eckhouse** and **Dick Derby**. The issue was not resolved but many felt that the 1996 team had the potential to be the best Indians' team ever.

Mark Winegardner, author of *The Veracruz Blues*, *Prophet of the Sandlots* and *The Twenty-Sixth Man* read a selection from *The Veracruz Blues* and answered questions regarding his research and experiences writing the novel.

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A complete list of the Research Library articles is available from Len Levin (address above) for \$3.00

Bennett, Gregg: Top of the 1st: Baseball from Reconstruction through the 1890s at four Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference colleges. 31 pages. A graduate essay by a student at Auburn University.

Bjarkman, Peter C.: Forgotten Americans and the national pastime: Literature on baseball's ethnic, racial and religious diversity. 18 pages. Copy of article in MultiCultural Review, Vol. 1, No. 2.

Boynton, Bob: Index to "The St. Louis Cardinals: The Story of a Great Ball Club," by Frederick G. Lieb. Compiled for the SABR Bibliography Committee. 13 pages.

Cataneo, David: Boston's other ball club. 6 pages. About the Boston Braves in the seasons before they moved to Milwaukee. Copy of article in the Boston Herald Sunday Magazine, May 4, 1986.

De Rosa, Peter: Baseball on ERIC. 2 pages. About the Educational Resources Information Center.

Gauthreaux, Jay: Jimmy Foxx the youngest hitter to hit 500 home runs. 3 pages. Includes 500-HR hitters, their age when they hit #500 and other statistics.

Gauthreaux, Jay: "Hey Catfish! We was robbed!" 6 pages. About a controversial call by Bill Klem in the 1928 pennant race.

Geishecker, Frank J.: Teams that led their league in both team batting average and team earned run average. 2 pages. A list.

Gilbert, Bill: Who was the best offensive player in a big offensive year? 3 pages. Analyzes 1995 season in terms of Bases per Plate Appearance.

Kearney, Seamus: SABR on the Internet. 2 pages. SABR's presence on the Internet as of November 1995.

King, David: 1950 and 1960 teams with the most future managers. 3 pages.

Levin, Leonard: Babe Ruth in Providence. 6 pages. Copy of article in the Providence Journal-Bulletin, August 1995, about Babe Ruth's six weeks as a member of the Providence Grays in 1914.

Levitt, Daniel R: Projecting batting ability from minor league statistics. 22 pages. Includes projections for all 1,037 minor leaguers with at least 250 at-bats in full-season minor leagues in 1995.

Lieb, Frederick G.: Ten outstanding games of major league history. 17 pages. Copy of article in Sporting News Baseball Register, 1945.

McConnell, Bob: Index to "The Chicago White Sox" by Warren Brown. 6 pages. Compiled for the SABR Bibliography Committee.

Murden, Robert A.: Most home runs in their final season. 2 pages.

Yellon, Al: 19th annual major league baseball Bottom-of-the-Heap Awards. 5 pages. The worst performances in 1995.

RESEARCH NEEDS

Robert Coates, 201 Clairborne Way, Sewell NJ 08080, would appreciate information on the history of the Bushwick Baseball team. He believes that the team played in Dexter Park in the Cypress Hills part of Queens, New York from between the 1920's to the 1950's.

K.C. Priest, 921 Upton Drive, South Charleston WV 25309, is looking for audio of any regular season game of the Cincinnati Reds during 1960 with Waite Hoyt doing the play-by-play. Also, seeking video of the Washington Senators with Clint Courtney playing.

Fumihiko "Fu-chan" Fujisawa, 2-12-115, Fujimicho, Higashi-Murayama-shi, Tokyo 189 JAPAN, phone & fax (0423)95-4507 (from the USA 011-81-423-95-4507), seeks information about baseball stories in school textbooks for students, and movies including baseball scenes & episodes like "French Connection 2" and "Sleepless in Seattle" (not "pure" baseball movies). Copies of lessons in textbooks and the titles of movies would be greatly appreciated.

Mike Patchen, 1700 Knollwood, Gillette WY 82718, (307-687-0030), is looking for information on the following players: Ralph Glaze, Art Weaver, Jim Scott, Bill L. Evans, George Milstead, Jim Bluejacket, George Zabel, and Rolla Mapel.

Allan Wood, 200 Bennett Avenue #6E, New York NY 10040, seeks any information (baseball or otherwise) on Archibald "Moonlight" Graham, who played one inning for the 1905 NY Giants. Also any trivia, articles, player information on the 26-inning tie between Boston and Brooklyn on May 1, 1920.

Norman Bolotin, Laing Communications Inc., 16250 N E 80th St, Redmond WA 98052 (206-869-6313, 206-869-6318 fax) seeks information on the Pacific Coast League in general, and on the Seattle Rainiers in particular, from approximately 1959-1964. He seeks research suggestions, memorabilia, contacts with former players and anecdotes.

SABR, PO Box 93183, Cleveland OH 44101, seeks information on how you became interested in baseball and baseball research. See the form on page three for details.

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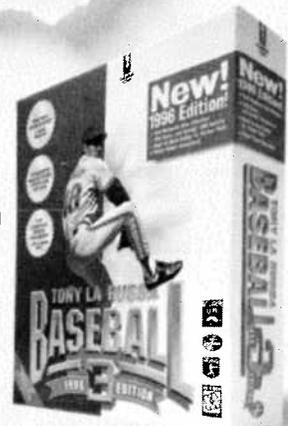
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discussion of SABR present and future, discussion of the Library present and future, and general discussion of baseball research. Also scheduled is a Saturday night reception and time for use of the Library facilities and/or a look at the museum.

Many of SABR's founding members and other members plan to attend the Cooperstown event. If you wish to join the festivities in Cooperstown on August 10th and 11th, please let us know. We will be happy to help as much as possible with your travel plans. Accommodations can be tough to find in Cooperstown in the summer, so please let us know as soon as possible if you wish to attend.

And, don't miss the start of the celebration at SABR 26 June 6-9 in Kansas City. A special 25th birthday celebration is planned and the founding members will be honored at the Annual Banquet. If you have any questions regarding any of these events, please call the SABR office.

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SABR Business Reviewed at March Board Meeting

Many aspects of SABR business were reviewed and acted on at the latest meeting of the SABR Executive Board March 15-16 at the Sheraton Crescent in Phoenix, Arizona. All Board members (David Pietrusza, Dick Beverage, Bob Ruland, Paul Andresen, Frederick Ivor-Campbell, David Vincent, Rick Salamon) were present except Director Larry Gerlach who was unable to attend the meeting due to a previously scheduled commitment. All votes were 7-0-1 unless otherwise noted.

The Board accepted reports on membership (see the membership report at right), research committees, regional groups, and Internet, and from the Treasurer, Executive Director, Secretary, Publications Director, Conventions Committee, and Nominating Committee.

Progress was reported on the development of a SABR investment policy, including an endowment fund and a long-term fund.

Several potential publications were considered for possible inclusion on SABR's future publication schedule, including works on Hal Chase, Addie Joss, triple plays, great games and statistics. In the works are a new SABR pictorial and an updated index to SABR publications.

Along with reviewing current convention plans, the board also reviewed its role and that of the convention committee in considering and selecting convention destinations.

Topping research committee matters was the new publication from the Minor League Committee. The board voted to allow the publication to proceed under the title *Minor League Baseball Research Journal* (see page 4).

Consideration of regional activity included discussion of various regional group meeting formats which range from very formal to very informal and from a high percentage of research presentations to a minimum of research. Efforts to attract and welcome new participants were also discussed. No conclusions were drawn.

Following a lengthy discussion of electioneer policy, the board voted to table action to create a policy until the next meeting. (Ed. Note: Between the Winter and Spring Board meetings,

the board voted by telephone poll (5-1-2, Ruland against; Gerlach and Andresen abstained) to advise Minor League Committee chairman Carlos Bauer that his placement of a campaign statement in the Winter 1996 Minor League Committee newsletter was inappropriate and should be so noted in the next issue.)

The Board voted to participate in National History Day (see page 10) by sponsoring an award for outstanding baseball research despite some questions over the logistics of sponsoring the award this year (4-3-1, Pietrusza, Beverage and Ivor-Campbell against; Gerlach absent). Also considered were proposals from *Spitball Magazine* (for baseball poetry) and Stormfront Studios (for

baseball technology) for new awards to be presented at the SABR National Convention. The Board voted to decline the *Spitball* proposal (1-6-1, Andresen in favor) and defer action on the Stormfront proposal until observing the effect of the new awards on the

1996 SABR National Convention and considering its impact on current awards.

SABR's presence on, and use of, the Internet was again a significant topic of discussion. The Board voted to change the ad-hoc Internet Committee into a formal, standing committee. Board members Andresen and Vincent were appointed liaisons to the committee. Immediate goals were to help the committee define its mission and to establish a formal SABR presence on the internet.

The Board voted to commend local area members who provided hospitality and assistance for the meeting in Arizona. ASABR President Rodney Johnson was especially helpful in facilitating transportation and assisting Board members in assessing the Phoenix area for possible future SABR events.

The next meeting of the SABR Executive Board is scheduled to take place at the Kansas City Marriott Downtown on Thursday, June 6, starting at 9 am. The newly-elected Board will meet on Sunday, June 9, immediately following the Annual Business Meeting.

Minutes from the SABR Executive Board Meeting are available from the SABR office (PO Box 93183, Cleveland OH 44101) for a SASE.

Membership Poised to Reach All-Time High

As of April 15, 1996, SABR membership stood at 6,128. If new memberships continue at a 75 new members per month pace, and another 100 members from last year renew, SABR membership will surpass the record of 6,581 set in 1994.

We need your help. New membership brochures have been printed celebrating our 25th Anniversary. Let us know how many you need and we'll mail them to you immediately. You can also use the form on page twelve (photocopies are great) to sign up new members. Remember, 25 new members referred by you gets you all SABR Convention registration and events fees paid or a free three-year membership.

<u>April 15,</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>1995</u>	<u>1994</u>
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NAMES IN THE NEWS

The New York Times Book Review (April 7) included reviews of *SABR Presents The Home Run Encyclopedia*, edited by **Bob McConnell** and **David Vincent**, *The Game That Was: The George Bruce Baseball Photo Collection* by **Richard Cahan** and **Mark Jacob**, *Creating the National Pastime: Baseball Transforms Itself 1903-1953* by **G. Edward White**, *Nice Guys Finish First: The Autobiography of Monte Irvin* by **Irvin** and **Jim Riley**, and *The Veracruz Blues* by **Mark Winegardner**. Mark was also profiled in the March 17 issue of *The Plain Dealer* (Cleveland, Ohio) *Sunday Magazine*...**Morey Berger** and **Paul Kaplan** again provided the annual round-up of new baseball books in the February 1 issue of *Library Journal*. SABR was well represented in the listings, including the books by **White** and **Riley** noted above, **Larry Moffi** (*Crossing the Line: Black Major Leaguers, 1947-1959*) and *This Side of Cooperstown: An Oral History of Major League Baseball in the 1950s*, **Art Hittner** (*Honus Wagner: The Life of Baseball's "Flying Dutchman"*), **Jack Kavanagh** (*Ol' Pete: The Grover Cleveland Alexander Story*), **Gary Caruso** (*The Braves Encyclopedia*), **Dan Gutman** (*The Way Baseball Works*), **David Martinez** (*The Book of Baseball Literacy*), **Gordon Beard** (*Ain't The Beer Cold*), and **Russell Schneider** (*The Cleveland Indians Encyclopedia*)...**Troy Soos'** latest Mickey Rawlings baseball mystery, *Murder at Wrigley Field* was reviewed in the April 1 issues of *Publishers Weekly* and *Library Journal*...**Norman Bolotin** was the subject of a feature article last summer in the *Journal American* (Redmond, Washington) focusing on his interest in Babe Ruth and baseball in Seattle. Norman is working on a book about the Rainiers and the Pacific Coast League (see Research Needs)...**Jim Holl** is featured in an article in the *Akron Beacon Journal* (March 24, 1996) discussing Jim's role in bringing a team to the Canton-Akron area and his memories of the team as it prepares for its final season in Canton's Thurman Munson Memorial Stadium...**Steve Wang** appeared on Jeopardy! in March...

SABR Participates in National History Day

SABR's latest effort to encourage youth interest and participation in baseball history and research is sponsorship of a National History Day award for best baseball research project. Sponsorship of the award was approved at the SABR Executive Board meeting on March 15.

National History Day is an annual event in which students compete on a regional basis, followed by state competition and then national finals at the University of Maryland.

SABR was also well represented at "Breaking Baseball's Color Line: Jackie Robinson & Fifty Years of Integration" on March 15-16 at Bethune-Cookman College. **Riley** chaired a session with a presentation by **Larry Gerlach** ("Baseball's Other Great Experiment: Eddie Klep And The Integration Of The Negro Leagues"). **Richard Crepeau** chaired a session which included **Bill Humber** ("Jackie Robinson's Reception in Montreal"). **Steve Gietschier** chaired a session on Robinson and the Media with a presentation by **Chris Lamb** and **Marc Bona** ("As Different as Black and White: Media Coverage of Jackie Robinson's First Spring Training"). **Lamb** and **Bona** also presented "October 23, 1945: The Beginning of Integration in Baseball." **Adrian Burgos** presented "Yendo al Norte: Puerto Rican Journeys in North American Professional Baseball, 1920-1972." **Jules Tygiel** moderated "Reflections On Jackie Robinson: A Round-Table Discussion." **Jules** was also the keynote speaker ("Baseball's Great Experiment Revisited: The Evolving Legacy of Jackie Robinson"). Also featured was the exhibit "Before You Can Say Jackie Robinson: Black Baseball in the Era of the Color Line, 1885-1950" curated by **Larry Hogan** with a lecture by **Riley**... "Seven Up Classic" is the latest baseball print published by **Bill Goff Inc.** The scene depicts Mickey Mantle's first World Series home run, October 1, 1953, off Preacher Roe of the Brooklyn Dodgers...**Donald Wyatt**, working on a book on the Providence Grays, found that **John Montgomery Ward** should not be listed among pitchers with shutouts in his first two appearances. **Ward** did pitch consecutive shutouts on July 18 and July 20, 1878, but **Wyatt** notes at least two prior pitching appearances by **Ward** in 1878. **Craig Carter**, editor of *The Sporting News Complete Baseball Record Book*, concurs with **Wyatt's** finding which will be reflected in the next edition of the *Record Book*...**Peter Bjarkman's** latest book is *Hoopla: A Century of College Basketball* from **Masters Press**. **Pete's** article "Hoops and Horsehide: The Basketball-Baseball Connection Revisited" appears in the March issue of *Ragtime Sports*.

One of SABR's constitutional objectives is to foster the study of baseball. SABR's National History Day award for baseball will help achieve this objective and encourage students to learn more about baseball and baseball research.

For more information about National History Day and SABR's involvement, contact the SABR office.

It's Hard to Get to 25

SABR's 25th anniversary is fast approaching, undoubtedly faster than then next 25 game winner in Major League Baseball. Since SABR got started on August 10, 1971 (when **Mickey Lolich** had 18 of his 25 wins that year), only seven hurlers (including **Lolich**) have reached 25 wins in a single season. None reached 25 wins again. Only thanks to **Steve Stone** (1980) and **Bob Welch** (1990) can major league baseball still boast at least one 25 game winner in each decade since the 1870s. Ten franchises, (Astros, Angels, Expos, Padres, Brewers, Royals, Mariners, Blue Jays, Marlins, and Rockies) and some say the decade of the 90s, are still waiting for a 25-game winner.

The vast majority of recent 25-game winners share another distinction; each of the 20 25-game winners since 1940 except **Mel Parnell** and **Ferguson Jenkins** appeared in at least one World Series.

The wait for SABR's 25th anniversary celebrations is almost over. Plan to join the celebration at the 1996 SABR National Convention, the anniversary event in Cooperstown, or at other SABR regional events.

Bob Welch	27-6	1990 Athletics
Steve Stone	25-7	1980 Orioles
Ron Guidry	25-3	1978 Yankees
Catfish Hunter	25-12	1974 Athletics
Ferguson Jenkins	25-12	1974 Rangers
Steve Carlton	27-10	1972 Phillies
Mickey Lolich	25-14	1971 Tigers

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Attendees chose the five most important moments in the 1995 Indians' season: **Tony Pena's** game-winning HR against Boston in the Division Series, **Paul Sorrento's** 9th inning grand slam against the Blue Jays to cap an eight-run rally, **Albert Belle's** 9th inning grand slam off **Lee Smith**, **Kenny Lofton's** scoring on a passed ball in the 6th game of the ALCS, and **Dave Winfield's** homer against the White Sox Memorial Day Weekend.

Presentations were given by **Bill McMahon** and **Martin Siegel**. The trivia quiz, prepared by **Brad Sullivan**, was won by **Evan Meyer**. A raffle included artwork donated by **Jeff Suntala**.

Baseball Briefs

OF THE 101 SHUTOUTS PITCHED IN WORLD SERIES HISTORY, 22 have been 1-0 games. How many were won by a home run, such as hit by David Justice in the final game of the 1995 Classic? There were five in all -- nicely spaced in time except for back-to-back Baltimore squeakers in 1966. Here is the rundown:

Oct. 12 1923 Art Nehf, NY NL, over Sam Jones, NY AL; Casey Stengel in 7th
 Oct. 5, 1949 Allie Reynolds, NY AL over Don Newcombe; Bkn; Tom Henrich, 9th
 Oct. 8, 1966 Wally Bunker, Balt, over Claude Osteen, LA; Paul Blair in 5th
 Oct. 9, 1966 Dave McNally, Balt, over Don Drysdale, LA; Fr. Robinson in 4th
 Oct. 28 1995 Tom Glavine, Atl, over Jim Poole, Clev; David Justice in 6th

MIKE MORGAN of the Cardinals struggled to get his season won-lost record up to 7-7 and did win his 100th career game. However, in his 15 seasons, with much time spent on the disabled list, he has lost 144 games. His .420 winning percentage puts him in the oxymoronic category of top ten hurlers with the lowest winning percentage. Still, he should not feel too downcast. Losing pitchers are usually a reflection of total team deficiency. Red Ruffing was a prime example. He was 39-96 with the Ragged Red Sox in the 1920s before he was traded to the front-running Yankees, where he was 231-124. Also, Mike was never called "Losing Pitcher" Morgan as was Hugh Mulcahy, 45-89 with the 1935-46 Phillies. And some losing hurlers have long and happy post-playing careers. Milt Gaston, who heads the list below, is nearing his 100th birthday.

<u>Pitcher and Years</u>	<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>	<u>Pct.</u>
Milt Gaston, 1924-34	97	- 164	.372
Si Johnson, 1928-47	101	- 165	.380
Sid Hudson, 1940-54	104	- 152	.406
Mike Morgan, 1978 --	102	- 144	.420
Pedro Ramos, 1955-70	117	- 160	.422
Don Cardwell, 1957-70	102	- 137	.422
Tom J. Hughes, 1900-13	129	- 175	.424
Rick Honeycutt, 1977 --	107	- 142	.430
Robert Smith, 1923-37	106	- 139	.433
Ken Raffensberger, 1939-54	119	- 154	.436

NEVER BEFORE have the two major leagues had starting hurlers with such high winning percentages. In the NL, Greg Maddux of the Braves won 19 and lost 2 (.905). In the AL Randy Johnson of the Mariners was 18-2 (.900). Prior to this year, the best dual performance was in 1940 when Freddie Fitzsimmons of the Dodgers closed at 16-2 (.889), and Schoolboy Rowe of the Tigers was 16-3 (.842).

FOREIGN-BORN PLAYERS made a solid contribution in 1995. The strong and increasing number from the Dominican Republic included Gold Glove winners Omar Vizquel of Cleveland at Short and Raul Mondesi of the Dodgers in RF. In addition, Quilvio Veras of the Marlins led the majors with 56 stolen bases, and relief ace Jose Mesa of the Indians led the majors with 47 saves. Jamaican-born Devon White of Toronto won another Gold Glove in CF. The Colorado Rockies received strong power support from 3B Vinnie Castilla of Mexico (32 homers, .309 BA), 1B Andres Galarraga of Venezuela (31 HR, 106 RBI), and Larry Walker of Canada (36 HR, 101 RBI, .306 BA). Cuba's Rafael Palmeiro led the Orioles with 39 homers, 104 RBI, and .310 BA. There are many others, including strike-out hurler Hideo Nomo of Japan.

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Celebrate 25 Years with SABR

The celebration of SABR's 25th anniversary begins in earnest in June with SABR 26, the 1996 SABR Annual National Convention at the Kansas City Marriott Downtown in Kansas City, Missouri. Watch for a full recap of the convention in the August issue of *The SABR Bulletin*.

Baseball "statisticians" are again invited to Cooperstown on August 10, 1996, as they were on August 10, 1971 (see right). SABR's 25th anniversary celebration at the National Baseball Hall of Fame Library in Cooperstown, is scheduled to begin at 1pm on Saturday, August 10th and conclude at 1pm on August 11th. Planned events include opening remarks and introductions, a report on the Library's resources and renovations, a tour of the facility, discussion of SABR present and future, and general discussion of baseball research. Also scheduled is a Saturday night reception and time for use of the Library facilities.

If you wish to join the festivities in Cooperstown on August 10th and 11th, please let us know. We will be happy to help as much as possible with your travel plans, but please let us know as soon as possible if you wish to attend.

In further celebration of SABR's 25th anniversary, this issue of *The SABR Bulletin* looks back at some of the other happenings of August 10, 1971, when Hall of Famers sluggers like Yastrzemski and Killebrew, future managers like Piniella and Michael, and hurlers like Mike Cuellar and Joe Coleman were adding to baseball's all-time record. You'll also find out which major league team has been most successful since August 10, 1971 (see page six).



Invite a new member. Use form on page 12.

Tell us Your SABR Roots

The seeds of baseball interest of the sixteen individuals who started SABR were planted well before August 10, 1971. In the last issue of *The SABR Bulletin*, members were asked about the roots of their interest in baseball and baseball research. If you have not already done so, please take time to fill out the form on page 3 of the May issue of *The SABR Bulletin* or page 10 of this issue and send it to the SABR office. Photocopies or separate sheets of paper are also encouraged. Your answers may help plant the seeds of baseball interest for future generations.

It's Time to Vote in Centennial Survey

Without a Babe Ruth to dominate the field, competition for the designation of SABR Centennial Celebrity Award winner resumes for worthy candidates born in 1896. Some of the top candidates, and voting instructions are on page 11.

In addition, it was decided at the 1995 SABR National Convention to choose the baseball celebrity who, *after Babe Ruth*, would rank first among SABR voters. Some of the top candidates born in 1895 and a list of previous winners, can also be found on page 11.

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Robert McConnell:

March 19, 1971

This letter is being addressed to about 25-30 persons interested in baseball history and statistical research (I use the term "statisticians"). You are an addressee because I have seen your name in *The Sporting News* in past years, appended to an interesting historical or statistical article, or your name has been passed on to me by Ray Nemece, Bob McConnell, Leonard Gettleton, or Cliff Kachline.

There are many more than 25 or 30 baseball statisticians around the country. We don't really know, but I thought some effort should be made to organize this "motley crew" into a more formal group. For that reason we plan to hold an organizational meeting at Cooperstown, New York, on August 10-11, 1971. Cliff Kachline, Hall of Fame Historian, has kindly invited us to meet in the museum library. The Hall of Fame Baseball game and induction ceremonies will be held Monday, August 9. Why don't we meet then on August 7-8? Impossible, says Cliff, the place is busier than Washington on Inauguration Day. You could come August 9, take in the induction festivities and get a motel room that night, but not before, and then be available for meetings the next day.

What would be accomplished at the Cooperstown meeting? From general to specific, your attendance would provide an opportunity (1) to see Cooperstown and the always changing Hall of Fame Museum; (2) to meet and exchange first hand views with other statisticians; (3) to review specific areas of baseball interest to avoid duplication of effort; (4) to establish an informal group primarily for exchange of information; (5) to establish a formal organization with officers, dues, a charter, annual meetings, etc.; (6) to consider the establishment of a publication in which research efforts could be presented; (7) to take up additional matters which you may suggest in response to this letter.

What do you do now? You should send me a note saying something along the lines of (1) "Your idea of a get-together of baseball statisticians sounds great, I would like to attend; (2) I am interested in your efforts to organize the group, I would like to be included but cannot get away for a meeting at Cooperstown this summer; or (3) your plans for an organization are completely impossible; take me off your mailing list, quick." I would also hope that you include in your response the names of additional baseball "nuts" who might qualify or be interested.

The next step then would be for me to send to those of you who could make the meeting this summer the information on hotels and motels which you would need for the night(s) of August 9 and 10; August 10 only; or August 10 and 11, depending on your travel plans.

I hope to hear from you,

L. Robert Davids

A facsimile of the letter SABR Founder L. Robert "Bob" Davids mailed to "statisticians" around the country that led to the founding of SABR.

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THE PRES BOX

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David Pietrusza

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edited by William Humber and John St. James
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A portion of each disk purchased benefits SABR. To order, see the ad on page 10.

Requirements: 286 or higher processor, 2 Mb of hard disk space.

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by Patric Doyle
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Want stats on the minor leaguers of the 1940s but you don't have any guides? Well, if you have a good computer (see requirements below) then you can use Old-Time Data.

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BASEBALL NEWS FROM SABR'S RESEARCH COMMITTEES

Ballparks

Congratulations go to committee member **Chris Jennison** who will be coordinating a 75th anniversary publication on Yankee Stadium (1998). Using architectural drawings, photos, and some good writing, he hopes to capture the spirit of this famed locale (see Research Needs, page 8).

Lisa Pincus is continuing in her project to get Fenway Park preserved. She recently notified the Ballparks Committee that her efforts are currently "hung up in the bureaucracy."

Committee member **Art Lierman** is continuing his work on the Canadian Baseball Hall of Fame & Museum in London, Ontario. This project will feature a ballpark and facilities.

Ev Parker gave a fine presentation on "Baseball in New York a Century Ago" and sent a sheet showing the "Value of a Dollar." Compared with a 1860 dollar bill, a 1995 dollar is worth \$18.16. Use this to compare players' salaries and stadia costs!

The suggestion of putting a statue of a former player(s) on the site of Boston's old Braves Park was recently put forth by **Frank D'Amico**. In 1988, the Ballparks Committee helped in getting a marker put upon the site of the old park.

Bob Bailey reports that the Nineteenth Century Ballparks Project has continued to make progress even though the pace had slowed. They now possess draft essays for twenty-three cities, having recently received those for Cleveland, Indianapolis, and Ft. Wayne. The bulk of the outstanding cities are located in New York and New Jersey. In all, over half of the research and drafting is completed and another quarter is being worked on.

A "working list" of movies and television productions featuring major or minor league ballparks has been developed with the assistance of SABR members. The list of movies has been alphabetized by title, with the ballparks which appeared noted. When appropriate, comments about the type of shot are included. The primary actors or actresses of each movie also appear on the list, as does the year of release. The movie and television lists will be made available to all persons attending the 1996 SABR National Convention in Kansas City.

Baseball Records

The April issue of the Baseball Records Committee newsletter lists the additions and corrections suggested by committee members that have made their way into the 1996 edition of *The Sporting News Complete Baseball Record Book*. Included are:

Home Run in first major league at-bat: American League: Luke Stuart of St. Louis (April 16, 1929)–**Herm Krabbenhoft**; National League: **Garey Ingram** of Los Angeles (May 19, 1994)–**Ross Adell**.

Most runs scored at start of game with none out: Philadelphia has NL record; they scored nine runs against New York on August 13, 1948–**Jim Smith**.

Most times scoring 10 or more runs in one inning: Boston's AL record is 25–**Frank Williams**.

Also listed are some Records Committee discoveries that have not yet made it into the record book. Included are:

Most consecutive road games lost, season: TSN still lists the NL record as 22 by Pittsburgh in 1890 and New York in 1963 (p. 125). **Bob Tiemann** discovered that the 1890 Pittsburgh club actually lost 41 consecutive road games, and that is the NL and major league record.

Most games won by visiting clubs, season: For the NL as an 8-club league, TSN still has the record at 307 in 1948 (p. 129). **Jim Smith** says NL visiting clubs won 308 games in both 1917 and 1923.

Most runs by both clubs, 12th Inning: TSN lists the AL record as 11 (NY 11, DET 0) on July 26, 1928, game 1 (p. 46). While that is correct, **Greg Beston** found an earlier game, May 14, 1923, where the same two teams combined for 11 runs in the 12th (NY 8, DET 3).

Bibliography

The April issue of the Bibliography Committee newsletter updates us on various projects. **Rich Arpi**, who compiles Current Baseball Publications, is always looking for assistance on finding off-beat, small press kind of baseball literature. **Jim O'Donnell** has finished the index to **Shirley Povich's** *The Washington Senators* (1954). Copies may be obtained from the Research Library, run by **Len Levin** (see page 8). Baseball Online now has over 37,000 entries, a 16.6% increase over last year.

The Index to The Sporting News Baseball Register, compiled primarily by **Frank Phelps** and computerized by **John Green**, has been finished. It is a tool to locate the most complete record of a player's career by enabling one to find the last time any player, coach or umpire appeared in the *Register*. Thus, one could, in many instances, get the details of minor league seasons at the end of a player's career, or year's spent coaching, managing or umpiring after leaving the majors. The 80-page booklet is available from **Andy McCue**, 4025 Beechwood Place, Riverside CA 92506 for \$6.

Books reviewed include *Baseball and American Culture: A Thematic Bibliography of Over 4,500 Works* and *Baseball and the American Legal Mind*.

Umpire & Rules

The April issue of *The Right Call* was held up to include obituarial articles on the tragic death of **John McSherry**, with large contributions from **Jack Carlson**, **Jerry Malloy**, **Doug Pappas** and **Rich Puff**.

Greg Beston, while working on the 1980 season for Retrosheet, discovered four "new" umpires – "Morrison" worked Seattle at Boston, June 18-20; "Roe" or "Rowe" worked Cleveland at Oakland, July 18-20 and a few weeks later worked the Toronto at Cleveland series; and "Reed" umpired at Boston, September 7. These have been identified as **Rocky Roe**, **Dan Morrison** and **Rick Reed**. The 1979 umpires' strike provided for two weeks of in-season "vacation" and **Greg** is documenting the initial appearance of "vacation umpires."

The issue also notes that the American ballplayers took no "verbal liberties" with the Japanese umpires who were part of the Spring Training "exchange program" of umpires. As an interpreter explained, "One thing they are taught is the bad words that can get players ejected here."

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To join a Research Committee, contact the Committee Chair.

The SABR Season

June 6-9:	SABR 26, Kansas City, Missouri; Registration at the KC Marriott Downtown
June 22:	Lefty O'Doul Chapter Meeting; See below
June 29:	Bob Broeg Chapter Meeting/Game; Contact Mark Stangl 314-577-7491
July 6:	Ted Williams Chapter (San Diego); Contact Bob Boynton, 619-481-0263
July 16:	Jack Graney Chapter Meeting in Canton; Contact Bill Shlensky, 216-751-6680
July 20:	SABR Night at Three Rivers Stadium, Reds vs. Pirates; See below
August 17:	Emil Rothe Chapter Meeting; Contact Bill Slankard 847-415-1476
August 22:	Jack Graney Chapter Meeting in Mentor; Contact Bill Shlensky, 216-751-6680

Regionals

Minneapolis, Minnesota: The 1996 Annual Spring Meeting of The Halsey Hall Chapter of SABR was held April 20. More details will appear in a future issue of *The SABR Bulletin*.

Stew Thornley's analysis of the pace of games was featured in the *The Holy Cow* Spring Regional Meeting edition. In 643 games he has attended since 1962, there have been 49,353 batters (76.8 per game) totaling 103,882 minutes with an average time of 2 minutes, 6 seconds per batter. In 250 of those games he has pitch counts. In those 250 games, there have been 19,037 batters totaling 40,971 minutes, averaging to 2 minutes, 44 seconds per batter. With this data, it is difficult to tell whether the increased length of games is due to more pitches per game (3.41 per batter in 90 games between 1971 and 1980 versus 3.62 per batter in 117 games between 1991 and 1995) or more time between pitches (35 seconds in 1971-80 versus 37 seconds in 1991-95).

Chicago, Illinois: The March/April issue of *The Chicago SABR Report* features a review by David Shiner of *The Veracruz Blues* by Mark Winegardner (available from SABR for \$18.75 postpaid).

Lefty O'Doul: The June 22nd meeting of the Lefty O'Doul Chapter is scheduled to include special guest Gino Cimoli. Herb Fagen will talk about his new book about Hideo Nomo and Jules Tygiel will talk about Jackie Robinson. Contact Chris Rogers (510-724-0398) for further information.

Cleveland, Ohio: Some 25 members gathered at Cleveland State University for the spring meeting of the Jack Graney Chapter of SABR. Chapter President Bill Shlensky led off with a comparison of starting pitchers active in 1994 and those active in 1996. Anticipating the return of professional baseball to Akron in 1997, Dick McBane reviewed the season of the Akron Yankees of 1937. Jim Holl talked about on-going efforts to improve *The Encyclopedia of Minor League Baseball* and expand its information prior to 1902. Jim focused on nineteenth century minor league clubs in Ohio. Russ Schneider reminisced about his years covering the Indians for *The (Cleveland) Plain Dealer* (1964-1977), with stories both humorous and heartfelt. Russ also provided a media perspective as members discussed the latest controversy regarding Albert Belle and photographer Tony Tomsic. Bob Baucher talked about owning and running a minor league baseball team using the example of Elmira, New York. Bill McMahon reviewed *Total Indians* and Brad Sullivan provided a challenging trivia quiz.

SABR Night at Three Rivers

Members in or near the Pittsburgh area are encouraged to participate in a SABR Night at Three Rivers Stadium on July 20th when the Pirates host the Cincinnati Reds. Tickets are \$8 per person, with \$2 from each ticket benefiting SABR. This is a swell opportunity to gather members and non-members for an evening of baseball fun.

Send \$8 per ticket, plus \$3 postage and handling to SABR Fund-raiser, Pittsburgh Baseball Club, 600 Stadium Circle, Pittsburgh PA 15212, Attention: Chad Glover. For additional information, call Chad at 412-323-5075.

All orders MUST be received by July 5.

Time of Game & Attendance, August 10, 1971

DET 12 @ MIL 3	2:58	7,129
BAL 4 @ MIN 3	2:37	15,881
OAK 6 @ BOS 5	2:38	24,202
OAK 7 @ BOS 5	2:41	30,004
KC 9 @ WAS 2	2:50	Game 1
KC 3 @ WAS 1	2:29	6,409
HOU 3 @ CIN 2	2:04	15,083
CAL 7 @ NYY 6	2:38	11,495
CLE 4 @ CHI 1	2:58	17,241
CHI 2 @ PIT 1	2:23	21,789
NYM 6 @ SD 4	2:32	9,542
PHI 1 @ LA 6	2:22	26,508
MON 0 @ SF 1	2:35	6,877
ATL 2 @ STL 1	2:11	20,921

Forbes Field Chapter Working to Make New Pittsburgh Ballpark Great

When Pittsburgh Mayor Tom Murphy named "Forbes Field II," a task force charged with selecting a new ballpark site and recommending funding and design options, the Forbes Field Chapter of SABR swung into action. With the help from the Ballparks Committee, Paul Adomites saw that every member received a copy of Phil Bess's monograph "City Baseball Magic." Paul also offered SABR help to the Committee. He then made contact with attorney and SABR member Ron Schuler who is working with the Committee and helping with the McClatchy deal.

When Ron asked for suggestions relative to aesthetic concerns for the new park, Paul, Dan Bonk, Dennis and Jeanne DeValeria, Frank Boslett, Ed Luteran and Denis Repp formed an ad hoc committee to respond quickly. Their white paper "Creating a Uniquely Pittsburgh Baseball Experience," was presented to the Forbes Field II Committee and received an excellent response, according to Schuler. The paper was presented at the Forbes Field Chapter meeting in February.

Soon thereafter, the Committee called a public hearing to respond to their interim report. Adomites spoke on the need for the park to be downtown, and was quoted in both Pittsburgh newspapers. He also appeared on two WTAE radio talk shows to express his opinions. Adomites, the local chapter, and other interested parties are preparing a fact sheet - The Case for the Downtown Ballpark - to be presented to the committee.

Copies of "Creating a Uniquely Pittsburgh Baseball Experience" (6 pages) are available for \$2.00 from the SABR, PO Box 93183, Cleveland OH 44101.

Trivia Question

Q.) Who surrendered Herb Score's only home run?

A. Herb Score hit his only major league home run on August 21, 1956 off left-hander Mickey McDermott. This places him in a tie for 4,707 on the all-time home run list going into the 1996 season. (Source: SABR Presents The Home Run Encyclopedia)

SABR Remembers Its Birth

As SABR's 25th Anniversary draws near, we take the time to look back at August 10, 1971, when 16 men met in Cooperstown and founded SABR. Here are some highlights from that day:

Hitting, Pitching Stars

	AB	R	H	RBI	
Yastrzemski	BOS 3	1	3	1	Game 1
R Smith	BOS 5	1	4	1	Game 2
Harper	MIL 4	2	4	0	
McAuliffe	DET 4	3	3	3	
Cash	DET 4	3	3	3	
Killebrew	MIN 4	2	3	3	2 Hrs
Michael	NY 3	1	3	1	
Bando	OAK 3	0	3	0	Game 1
Brinkman	DET 5	2	3	2	
Pinella	KC 5	2	3	0	Game 1
Nettles	CLE 5	0	3	2	
T Davis	OAK 5	2	2	3	Game 1
Rettenmund	BAL 5	2	2	1	
Haller	LA 3	1	2	3	
Colbert	SD 4	1	2	2	
J Alou	HOU 4	1	2	1	
G Stone	ATL 2	0	2	1	

	IP	H	E	ER	BB	K
Marichal	SF 9	2	0	0	3	8
Pizarro	CHI 9	5	1	1	3	6
Stoneman	MON 8.1	5	1	1	9	4
G Stone	ATL 7.2	7	1	1	1	2
Hedlund	KC 7	2	1	1	3	4
McGraw	NYM 4	2	1	1	1	2
Forsch	HOU 9	4	2	2	2	4
Cuellar	BAL 10	7	3	3	0	5
Coleman	DET 9	8	3	3	6	14

League Leaders

Batting

American League						National League					
	G	AB	R	H	Avg		G	AB	R	H	Avg
Oliva, MIN	92	358	58	131	.366	Beckert, CHI	108	435	71	156	.359
Murcer, NYY	112	405	76	136	.336	Torre, STL	117	452	66	159	.352
Otis, KC	106	415	64	131	.316	Garr, ATL	114	465	75	152	.327
Rojas, KC	105	379	53	117	.309	Clemente, PIT	99	395	62	129	.327
Reichardt, CHI	98	365	41	112	.307	Sanguillen, PIT	102	398	47	129	.324
R Smith, BOS	115	446	67	135	.303	Brock, STL	114	469	91	152	.324
Rettenmund, BAL	96	324	60	98	.302	Davis, LA	113	457	63	148	.324
Tovar, MIN	110	460	70	139	.302	Jones, NYM	96	366	43	118	.322
Kaline, DET	94	303	51	91	.300	Alou, STL	108	439	58	140	.319
Horton, DET	104	400	57	118	.295	Aaron, ATL	102	354	64	111	.314

Home Runs			RBI			Home Runs			RBI		
Cash, DET	26	Killebrew, MIN	76	Stargell, PIT	39	Stargell, PIT	101				
Melton, CHI	25	Bando, OAK	72	May, CIN	32	Torre, STL	90				
Smith, BOS	24	Petrocelli, BOS	71	H. Aaron, ATL	31	H. Aaron, ATL	83				
Murcer, NYY	21	Murcer, NYY	71	Johnson, PHI	26	Montanez, PHI	78				
Horton, DET	21	B. Robinson, BAL	69	Montanez, PHI	24	Williams, CHI	74				

Pitching

	W	L		W	L
C. Dobson, OAK	11	2	Gullett, CIN	12	4
Blue, OAK	20	4	J. Johnson, SF	12	4
McNally, BAL	13	4	Ellis, PIT	15	6
P. Dobson, BAL	15	5	Carlton, STL	15	6
Cuellar, BAL	14	5	McMahon, SF	9	4

Stolen Bases on August 10, 1971

Holt (MIN), Campenaris (OAK). RJackson (OAK), Patek (KC), Mincher (WAS), Rojas (KC), TPerez (CIN), Morgan (CIN), Concepcion (CIN), Agee (NYM), Boswell (NYM), Bowa (PHI), Stone (PHI), Buckner (LA).

Home Runs Hit on SABR's Birthday

HR Num.	G	Day	Bat	Pit	Men
	Game	Date	Team	Team	In
	Date	Day	Pos	Site	On
			Order		Out
1	08/10/1971	Tue	BAL AL CF 3	MIN MIN	10 0 0
Score before home run BAL: 3 MIN: 3					
2	08/10/1971	Tue 1	BOS AL RF 6	OAK BOS	6 1 1
3	08/10/1971	Tue 2	BOS AL PH 9	OAK BOS	6 1 2
Pinch hit for Ray Culp (P)					
4	08/10/1971	Tue 2	BOS AL CF 3	OAK BOS	9 0 2
Score before home run BOS: 4 OAK: 7					
5	08/10/1971	Tue N	CAL AL 1B 5	NY NY	8 0 1
6	08/10/1971	Tue N	CAL AL RF 7	NY NY	8 1 1
1st batter facing relief pitch					
Long HR (420 feet minimum)					
7	08/10/1971	Tue	DET AL	MIL MIL	3 2
8	08/10/1971	Tue	DET AL	MIL MIL	3 0
9	08/10/1971	Tue	DET AL	MIL MIL	9 1
10	08/10/1971	Tue 1	KC AL 1B	WAS WAS	1 2
11	08/10/1971	Tue	MIN AL 1B 3	BAL MIN	1 0 2
12	08/10/1971	Tue	MIN AL 1B 3	BAL MIN	6 1 1
13	08/10/1971	Tue 1	OAK AL 1B 4	BOS BOS	3 1 1
14	08/10/1971	Tue 1	OAK AL 2B 8	BOS BOS	4 0 0
15	08/10/1971	Tue 2	OAK AL 3B 5	BOS BOS	4 0 2
16	08/10/1971	Tue 2	OAK AL RF 3	BOS BOS	7 0 0
1st bat. facing RP (start inn)					
17	08/10/1971	Tue 2	OAK AL C 7	BOS BOS	8 0 0
18	08/10/1971	Tue	HOU NL 2B	CIN CIN	3 1
19	08/10/1971	Tue	LA NL C	PHI LA	5 1
20	08/10/1971	Tue	PIT NL 1B	CHI PIT	4 0
21	08/10/1971	Tue	SD NL	NY SD	6 0 0
1st bat. facing RP (start inn)					

Major League Standings Since SABR's Founding*

	W	L	Pct
Cincinnati	2,057	1,743	.541
NY Yankees	2,046	1,750	.539
Baltimore	2,041	1,759	.537
Los Angeles	2,044	1,762	.537
Boston	2,030	1,772	.534
Kansas City	2,001	1,802	.526
Pittsburgh	1,964	1,820	.519
Oakland	1,948	1,858	.512
St. Louis	1,925	1,874	.507
Detroit	1,923	1,883	.505
Houston	1,923	1,886	.505
Montreal	1,918	1,883	.505
Philadelphia	1,916	1,891	.503
Chicago WSox	1,895	1,898	.500
San Francisco	1,869	1,937	.491
Toronto	1,462	1,520	.490
Milwaukee	1,865	1,942	.490
NY Mets	1,861	1,940	.490
California	1,852	1,955	.486
Minnesota	1,835	1,967	.483
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Watch this space in the August Bulletin for information on SABR 26 presentation papers.

Lending Library's TSN Microfilm Contains Facts, Memories

One of the benefits of SABR membership is a lending library, consisting primarily of microfilm of *The Sporting News* and *Sporting Life*. Below are some of the stories found in *The Sporting News* from 50 years ago.

- Bill Veeck became president of the Indians one day and went to the ball game, sitting in the bleachers the next. On June 23, Veeck circulated among the sun seat customers and, with a pad and pencil, asked them what they liked in a baseball team.
- While the purchase figure paid by Veeck was not disclosed, it is believed to be in the close vicinity of two million dollars for the reported 8,100 shares, and it took the club out of the hands of bankers and others whose interest always was business and at least gave the direction of the organization to a sportsman.
- This city (Hoboken) of 50,000 will not soon forget the historic occasion celebrated here, June 19, when the 100th anniversary of the first match game in baseball was observed with fitting ceremonies.
- By holding down first place on June 20, the Red Sox occupied the top position at that date for the first time since 1918, when they won their last pennant. The Millionaires led on June 19, 1940, but they lost a doubleheader to the Browns the next day and fell from the top, never to return.
- If the Philllies guess wrong on the weather and call off a game—as they did the doubleheader with the Cubs a few days ago, only to have the sun shine—don't blame Herb Pennock or Ben Chapman. The fault lies with the weatherman. The Phil's office consults the weather bureau before making a move. If he says it is going to rain, they believe him.
- Umpires in the Southeastern League have been given a salary raise of \$50 per month to help them meet the rising cost of living.
- The Pittsburgh Crawfords moved within one game of the first-place Boston Blues in the United States League, June 21, when they hung up their ninth straight victory by defeating the Cleveland Clippers, 5 to 4, at St. Paul, Minn.
- Abd Traboulsi, director of athletics at the American University, Beirut, Lebanon, witnessed his first major league game at Ebbets Field, June 20, shortly after his arrival for a tour of this country's colleges. Traboulsi hopes to introduce the American game at his university.
- Eight members of the Spokane Western International League team were killed and the driver and seven other players were injured, two seriously, the night of June 24, when their bus careened off a narrow road in the Cascade Mountains and plunged blazing into a ravine. It was the worst tragedy in the history of Organized Ball.
- In the Yankee Stadium dressing room, June 19, following his eighth-round knockout of Billy Conn, Joe Louis was asked what his plans were for the remainder of the year.

"I dunno," Joe quipped. "I may go down to the Mexican League. They tell me I hit pretty good."

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RESEARCH NEEDS

Dave Gough, 2308 Candlewood Drive, Alexandria VA 22308, dgough@erols.com, is researching the TV program "Home Run Derby," which originally aired in 1960 and has been rebroadcast in recent years by ESPN and CSN. Information concerning the broadcaster (Mark Scott), the unidentified pitchers and outfielders, the precise dates of the filming, the original network on which the program aired, sponsors, promotional ads, etc., and other related material would be appreciated.

Guy Stanley, 1704 Serena Dr. E., Jacksonville FL 32225, seeks information about Ben Geraghty, particularly his managerial career with Spokane (WI) 1946-47, Meridian (SEL) '48, Palatka (FSL) '48, Bristol (APP) '49-50, Wichita (AA) '57-58, and Louisville (AA) '59-60. Personal and player data is also sought.

Chris Jennison, Guilford Press, 72 Spring Street, New York NY 10012, is looking for illustrative material pertaining to Yankee Stadium for a photo history of the ballpark. Photos, drawings, cartoons, and advertisements are of interest. Please send photocopies only, along with information on credits and reproduction fees.

Steve Harding, Project Director, Nolan Ryan Center-Exhibits, 5650 Kirby Drive Suite 146, Houston TX 77005, 713-660-6038, Fax 713-660-0389, is searching for Nolan Ryan Minor League game information, game summaries, newspaper, score sheets, team rosters (Nolan's team and opposition): 1965 Marion VA (Mets)-445 K's, 1966 Greenville SC (Mets)-272 K's, 1967 Winterhaven FL-5 K's, 1967 Jacksonville FL-18 K's. Trying to identify the K's by name, date, team, as well as gather good Minor League color and stats. Will reimburse expenses.

Gene Carney, 2802 Ferndale Place, Utica NY 13501, 315-732-6991, twofingr@aol.com is under the impression that Schutzen Park in Newark NJ, had a tree in its left field (in play) in 1896. Also, the Atlanta Crackers' old Ponce de Leon Park once had a magnolia blooming in deep center field. He would appreciate any further information about these or any other fields where trees were in fair territory, particularly any special ground rules or stories involving the trees.

Terry Woffenden Skaza, 41 Forest St, PO Box 315, Bondsville MA 01009, seeks The New York Sporting Times, August 1886 issue. An original version of "Casey at the Bat" supposedly appeared in this paper. Any information about this paper would be greatly appreciated.

Bob McConnell, 210 West Crest Rd, Wilmington DE 19803, asks if any minor league player has hit 4 HRs in a game since the feat was accomplished by Matt Williams on May 25, 1988.

NAMES IN THE NEWS

Bob Glassman had an article entitled "Cardboard Highlights" appear in the April 26 issue of *Sports Collectors Digest*...David Pietrusza's review of the movie and book "Cobb" appeared in Vol 4, No 2 of *Nine*. David also is one of several SABR members who has a chapter appearing in the recently released anthology *All I Thought About Was Baseball: Writing on a Canadian Pastime* issued by University of Toronto Press (see page 3)...SABR's Larry Gardner Chapter was the subject of a laudatory article ("Home Base") by Pamela Polston in *Seven Days*. Members mentioned in the article include chapter president Tom Simon, John Bennett, Lance Richbourg, and Dominick and Gretchen Denaro...Mike Ross has collaborated with British sculptor Tim Taylor to create a bronze statue of Ted Williams titled "Hitter, Number 9." The original sculpture is on display at the Ted Williams Hitters Hall of Fame and Museum in Hernando, Florida, as part of its permanent collection. Dana-Farber Cancer Institute's Jimmy Fund, in cooperation with Ted Williams Family Enterprises and Mike Ross Enterprises, is offering the statue in a limited edition of 406. All profits go to the Jimmy Fund, established in 1948 to enable research and treatment of childhood cancer. Since 1952, the Boston Red Sox and Ted Williams have become vital contributors to the Jimmy Fund. The limited edition statues are 9.5 inches high, approximately

2.5 pounds, and cost \$299.99 plus postage and handling. Contact Jim Nentwig or Mike Andrews at 617-632-3300 or Jimmy Fund, 375 Longwood, Boston MA 02215...The news dominates Michael Solomowitz's *Baseball Catalog #10 (1865-1996)* "Where Old News is Good News." Over 1,000 newspapers featuring memorable baseball moments are described. Catalogs are \$5 from Box Seat Collectibles, PO Box 2013, Halesite NY 11743-0852 (516-423-1025)...Joe Dittmar and his presentation "Major League Baseball with a Norristown (PA) Twist" was the subject of an article in *The Times Herald* (Norristown, PA). Baseball connections to Norristown noted by Joe ranged from Steve Goodman's "A Dying Cub Fan's Last Request" to Doc Powers to Roy Thomas to Mike Piazza and Tommy Lasorda. Joe gave his 90 minute talk at the Montgomery County-Norristown Public Library on March 30...An Op-Ed article by James H. Bready in the April 1 issue of *The (Baltimore) Sun* reports on Bob Davids, SABR's 25th anniversary, and Bob's interest in steals of home. Jim was the first Marylander to become a SABR member...Two articles by Peter Bjarkman, "In A League of Their Own-The Latin American Dream Team" and "In Defense of Pioneers (Adolfo Luque, Orlando Cepeda, Tony Perez)" appear in the March 1996 issue of *Primera Fila-The Latino Sports Magazine*.

Vintage Base Ball Association Formed

Representatives of vintage base ball clubs (those playing by mid-nineteenth century rules) met at Columbus, Ohio, on February 11, 1996, to form a national organization. The proceedings were modeled after those of the National Association of Base Ball Players organized in 1857. The delegates elected an Executive Council and adopted a constitution embracing a mission to preserve, perpetuate and promote the game of base ball as it was played during its formative years in the mid-nineteenth century and other historic eras. Officers elected to comprise the nine member Executive Council include John Husman, President; Doug Smith, Vice-President; Al Dieckmann, Secretary; Craig Stough, Trustee; Greg Rhodes, Trustee; and Ed Shuman, Trustee. For more information, contact John at Vintage Base Ball Association, 5911 Jeffrey Lane, Sylvania OH 43560 (419-882-3438)

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Sources: *Blackguards and Red Stockings, The Baseball Chronology*

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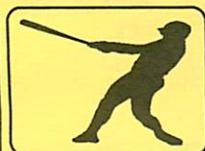
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Please consult the following list of players born in 1895 and 1896 (write-in candidates are also acceptable) and rank your top three candidates in order of preference (first to third). Each candidate will be awarded five points as first selection, three points for second, and one point for third. Vote on a separate sheet of paper or a postcard and mail to:

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Carson Bigbee, OF  
Harry Harper, P  
George Kelly, 1b-Coach  
Jakie May, RP  
"Babe" Pinelli, 3b-umpire  
Jimmy Ring, P  
Bob Smith, P-SS  
Jack Smith, OF  
Whitey Witt, IF-OF

### Leading Candidates Born in 1896:

Oscar Charleston, OF-3b  
Andy Cooper, P-manager  
Jimmy Dykes, IF-manager  
Warren Giles, executive  
Bucky Harris, 2b-manager  
Rogers Hornsby, 2b-manager  
Bill McGowan, umpire  
Bob Meusel, OF  
Muddy Ruel, C, manager-executive  
Willie Sherdel, P  
Bill Terry, 1b-manager  
Rube Walberg, P  
Tom Zachary, P

## SABR Centennial Survey Winners

(awarded to the most memorable baseball personality born 100 years earlier)

|                     |                        |                     |
|---------------------|------------------------|---------------------|
| 1895 Babe Ruth      | 1886 Ty Cobb           | 1878 Mike Donlin    |
| 1894 Harry Heilmann | 1885 Art Fletcher      | 1877 Frank Chance   |
| 1893 George Sisler  | 1884 Ed Cicotte        | 1876 Mordecai Brown |
| 1892 Ray Schalk     | 1883 "Chief" Bender    | 1875 Nap Lajoie     |
| 1891 Dazzy Vance    | 1882 Ed Reulbach       | 1874 Honus Wagner   |
| 1890 Casey Stengel  | 1881 Branch Rickey     | 1873 John McGraw    |
| 1889 Joe Jackson    | 1880 Christy Mathewson | 1872 Willie Keeler  |
| 1888 Tris Speaker   | 1879 Miller Huggins    | 1871 Joe McGinnity  |
| 1887 Walter Johnson |                        |                     |

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| Walter Johnson    | 1913 | WAS (AL) | 346   | 232  | 38 | 9  | 7.257            |
| Addie Joss        | 1908 | CLE (AL) | 325   | 232  | 30 | 2  | 7.311            |
| Christy Mathewson | 1909 | NY (NL)  | 275.3 | 192  | 36 | 0  | 7.454            |
| Greg Maddux       | 1995 | ATL (NL) | 209.3 | 147  | 23 | 4  | 7.482            |
| Ed Walsh          | 1910 | CHI (NL) | 369.6 | 242  | 61 | 4  | 7.476            |
| Christy Mathewson | 1908 | NY (NL)  | 390.6 | 285  | 42 | 3  | 7.604            |
| Mordecai Brown    | 1908 | CHI (NL) | 312.3 | 214  | 49 | 5  | 7.723            |
| Pete Alexander    | 1915 | PHI (NL) | 376.3 | 253  | 64 | 10 | 7.821            |
| Sandy Koufax      | 1965 | LA (NL)  | 335.6 | 216  | 71 | 5  | 7.831            |
| Juan Marichal     | 1966 | SF (NL)  | 307.3 | 228  | 36 | 5  | 7.878            |
| Bob Gibson        | 1968 | STL (NL) | 304.6 | 198  | 62 | 7  | 7.889            |
| Dave McNally      | 1968 | BAL (AL) | 273   | 175  | 55 | 10 | 7.912            |
| Ed Walsh          | 1908 | CHI (AL) | 464   | 343  | 56 | 9  | 7.914            |
| Sandy Koufax      | 1963 | LA (NL)  | 311   | 214  | 58 | 3  | 7.958            |
| Luis Tiant        | 1968 | CLE (AL) | 258.3 | 152  | 73 | 4  | 7.979            |

\* [Minimum 200 IP]

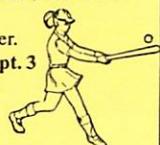
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List areas of specific expertise where you are willing to serve as a resource for media requests or research verification. \_\_\_\_\_

On August 10, 1971, sixteen individuals gathered at the behest of L. Robert "Bob" Davids because they felt there should and could be an association of individuals united in the pursuit and sharing of baseball information. There, in the National Baseball Library at the National Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, New York, SABR was founded. Many like-minded baseball enthusiasts quickly joined the SABR ranks. Twenty-five years later, SABR remains committed to the basic goals established on August 10, 1971. Efforts to fulfill these goals, through our publications, regional groups, research committees, and other forums, are reflected in this and every issue of *The SABR Bulletin*.

## Awards Presented at SABR 26

SABR's expanded awards program brought due recognition to several worthy baseball researchers at the 1996 SABR National Convention.

SABR's highest honor, the Bob Davids Award, went to Jack Kavanagh. Jack's dedication to SABR, contributions to SABR publications and leadership as SABR Vice President, also recognized last year with the SABR Salute, made him the 12th recipient of the Bob Davids Award. Fred Ivor-Campbell accepted the award on behalf of Jack who was unable to attend the convention.

The initial awarding of The Seymour Medal went to David Zang for *Fleet Walker's Divided Heart*, published by University of Nebraska Press. Mrs. Dorothy Jane Mills (aka Dorothy Z. Seymour) was on hand for the presentation of the medal, designed by Jeff Suntala. Dan Ross of University of Nebraska Press accepted the award on Zang's behalf. Judges for the Seymour Medal (Larry Gerlach, Fred Ivor-Campbell, Leverett Smith, Jerry Wright) describe Zang's work as "the definitive biography" of Moses Fleetwood Walker, who enjoyed a brief major league tenure with Toledo in 1884, then saw his opportunities in the game increasingly limited as the color line was drawn ever tighter.

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## SABR 26 Recap

With 430 registrants, SABR 26 ranks as the seventh largest SABR Convention and second largest West of the Mississippi (485 at St. Louis in 1992). Participants were treated to a non-stop schedule of baseball activity. Registrants received a plentiful goody-bag upon arrival, including the new publication (*Unions to Royals: The Story of Professional Baseball in Kansas City*) and a complimentary copy of *Baseball's Top 100* by John Benson and Tony Blengino. Many early arrivers trekked over to Case Park for a vintage baseball exhibition. Despite unusual playing field terrain, an enjoyable and informative competition ensued.

Highlighting the traditional Thursday night get-together was first presentation of The Seymour Medal, awarded to David Zang for *Fleet Walker's Divided Heart* (see left), and the attendance of Hall of Famer Bob Feller.

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## New Publications Available

### New SABR Index

Thanks to Joe Murphy, SABR is now able to offer an updated index of SABR publications. Murphy's update of the original work by Phil Bergen provides a complete index of all SABR publications through *The National Pastime #16*. The Index is available on 3.5" diskette or in a printed version. Order by sending \$4 for disk (specify DOS or Mac) or \$10 for a printout to SABR, PO Box 93183, Cleveland OH 44101.

### Minor League Baseball Research Journal

Edited by Carlos Bauer and Bob Hoic, the journal will include articles by Ron Selter (a short history of the West Texas-New Mexico League), Larry Zuckerman (Los Angeles ballparks), Ed Brooks (The life and travels of Bill Sisler), Carlos Bauer (formation of the Pacific Coast League and its first year) and statistical information from Lloyd Johnson (1905 Western League, Western Association and Missouri Valley League pitching records) and Joe Wayman and Art Cantu (1879 National Association complete statistics).

Order by sending \$11.45 (postpaid) to SABR, PO Box 93183, Cleveland OH 44101. Orders already placed for the *Minor League Baseball Research Journal* should be received in August.

### Index to Baseball Registers

A new *Index to The Sporting News Baseball Register*, a project of the Bibliography Committee, is now available. See page 4 to order.

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490 yes  
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491 yes  
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562 yes  
45 no

A copy of the revised SABR Constitution and By-Laws is available upon request.

\* On June 6, the SABR Executive Board resolved that Carlos Bauer terminated his membership in SABR by submitting his letter of resignation to the Society on April 2, 1996, and thereby disqualified himself from seeking office during the 1996 election.

On June 9, at the SABR Annual Business Meeting, the membership affirmed the Board's action by an overwhelming majority. On June 9, the Executive Board named Norman Macht to the position of Secretary in accordance with the SABR By-Laws (Article 2-1-1).

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## The SABR BOOKSHELF

### What's New in Baseball Book Publishing

*Honus: The Life and Times of a Baseball Hero*  
by William Hageman  
Sagamore Publishing (218 pages, hardcover)  
ISBN: 1-57167-042-4  
\$22.95 retail



Just as 1995 brought two long overdue full-length biographies of Walter Johnson, 1996 brings us multiple overdue full-length biographies of another great, Honus Wagner. The latest, *Honus: The Life and Times of a Baseball Hero* is the authorized biography of Wagner's fascinating life. It goes beyond Wagner's baseball career and explores Wagner's love of children and dogs, his devotion to family and friends, and his drinking problem and bad business decisions. In his foreword, Ralph Kiner states that this "book has Wagner down cold, his personality, his accomplishments, his life."

Included are over 40 photographs, many of them never published before, donated by Leslie Blair-Wagner's granddaughter; and a list of sources and footnotes.

To order, see pages 6 and 7.

*Unions to Royals: The Story of Professional Baseball in Kansas City*  
edited by Lloyd Johnson, Steve Garlick and Jeff Magalik  
ISBN: 0-910137-67-6  
SABR (64 page, softcover)  
\$10 retail; \$7.50 to SABR members



*Unions to Royals*, the 1996 SABR National Convention publication, contains 25 chapters written by SABR members Lloyd Johnson, Jack Kavanagh, Steve Garlick, Larry Lester, Bob Cole, Herman Krabbenhoft, James Smith, David Zink, Michael A. Wells, Bill Carle, Roger Erickson, David Pietrusza, Francis Kinlaw, John Holway, and Barry Mednick. Articles on Satchel Paige, Bullet Joe Rogan, Frank White, Charlie Finley, and the Monarchs, as well as ballpark sites and opening day rosters make this publication one for everyone's collection.

Other features are 100 Dates in Kansas City Baseball History, The All-Time Kansas City Area Team, Annual Finishes and more than a dozen filler items to quench your thirst for KC baseball knowledge.

Order from SABR, PO Box 93183, Cleveland OH 44101 for \$7.50 postpaid through September 30, 1996. \$9 postpaid afterwards.

*Brave Dreams: A Season in the Atlanta Braves Farm System*  
by Bill Ballew  
Masters Press (256 pages, softcover)  
ISBN: 1-57028-081-9  
\$14.95 retail



*Brave Dreams* is a candid account of the daily battle between the dreams and realities of America's National Pastime. Ballew spent an entire season with the Braves' farm teams, from the Macon Braves (Rookie) to the Richmond Braves (AAA). *Brave Dreams* also chronicles the miracle 1994 and 1995 seasons that landed Richmond utility man Mike Mordecai a spot on the Atlanta Braves' roster.

While the focus is on the players' stories, *Brave Dreams* doesn't neglect the stories of people surrounding the players: front office executives, coaches, managers, families, wives, girlfriends that effect and are affected by the game.

Order from SABR, PO Box 93183, Cleveland OH 44101 for \$13.95 postpaid.

*Twin Killing: The Bill Mazerowski Story*  
by John T. Bird  
Esmerelda Press (316 pages, hardcover)  
ISBN: 0-9649011-0-2  
\$24.95, retail



When Bill Mazerowski turned a double play, as Harry Walker said it, it just looked like the ball was bouncing off a wall. Maz has always been revered by his peers and is increasingly recognized by fans and journalists as one of the great defensive performers of all-time. John Bird interviews twenty-two teammates and opponents, along with Maz himself, to put together this anecdotal appreciation. Bird includes charts and statistics to support the case for Mazerowski's induction into the Hall of Fame.

Besides highlighting the Pirates' second baseman, these interviews construct a wonderful picture of what it was like to play professional baseball after World War II but before expansion, the playoff system, and big salaries. Of special interest to this old high school second baseman: there are some real gems here for those who are fascinated by the technique of the game.

-Mark Alvarez

To order *Twin Killings*, call the Pittsburgh Pirates toll free, 1-800-333-1636. A \$2 discount will be given if you identify yourself as a SABR member.

## THE PRES BOX

A hectic, enjoyable time was had by SABR members at our Kansas City convention. Those of you who missed it may still have acceptable cholesterol levels – but you may not enjoy acceptable baseball levels.

Whether it was Bob Feller accepting the first ever SABR Baseball Hero Award or Buck O'Neil inspiring us all with a message of hope, decency, tolerance, and optimism, SABR members had a lot to enjoy in the Show-Me State.

Next year promises to be just as much fun. When we convene in Louisville in 1997 we'll not only be taking in our first minor league game since the Eastern League All-Star Game in 1989, we'll also be touring the spanking-new Hillerich & Bradsby Museum. And we are planning something entirely new. Film historian Rob Edelman has been assisting us in arranging the screening of some quite rare, vintage baseball films. I hesitate to announce our starting lineup so far from the first pitch, but we do have some gems in mind.

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One of the fun events in Kansas City was a vintage baseball game. And on returning from the Midwest, I dropped in at another SABR-sponsored townball contest at Plymouth, Vermont. SABR-L moderator Seamus Kearney and the Larry Gardner Chapter participated in staging an exciting match – the downpour at game's end giving new meaning to the term "soaking the runner."

All of which is to say, that staging vintage-style games are not only informative – but fun. If you are in need of info on the subject, feel free to contact 19th Century Committee Associate Chair John Husman for details.

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And speaking of SABR-L . . . The meeting of SABR's new Internet Committee in Kansas City was extremely well attended and filled with much positive energy. If you have not signed up for SABR-L yet, all you have to do is send the following message:

subscribe firstname m. lastname

to the following address:

LISTSERV@MAIL.EWORLD.com

It's as easy as that!

David Pietrusza

## Convention, continued from page 1

Bright and early on Friday morning, the preliminary round of the trivia contest, research presentations, committee meetings, and vending were underway. The first food function was a Jazz Lunch featuring Buck O'Neil and Friends.

Research took centerstage in the afternoon with a Baseball Research Panel featuring Steve Gietschier, Tim Wiles, Bill James, Larry Lester, and Mark Rucker, more research presentations and committee meetings.

A Player Panel celebrated the 50th Anniversary of baseball's first full season following World War II. Bob Feller, Bob Usher, and Clarence Marshall recounted stories from 1946 and throughout their baseball careers.

The Awards Banquet on Friday evening featured the first presentation of the SABR Baseball Hero Award to Bob Feller, presentation of SABR's annual awards (see page 1), and an informative keynote talk by Steve Fehr on the ongoing negotiations between major league baseball owners and players. Trivia contest semi-finals concluded the evening.

Plenty of variety was provided on Saturday morning, including a Business of Baseball Panel; a Ballparks panel featuring Earl Santee and Tom Tingle from HOK, and a question/answer session with umpire Ken Kaiser. The convention then essentially evacuated the hotel. Some participants headed to HOK, others to the Negro Leagues Museum for a tour and discussion.

On Saturday evening, the feeding frenzy resumed with a tailgate party in the parking lot at Kauffman Stadium. Once fed, it was onward into the park to see the Mariners defeat the Royals.

In Sunday morning's trivia finals, Jon Daniels outpointed Mark Kanter and Lyle Spatz to win the individual competition and the group competition was won by the team of Al Blumkin, Tom Zocco, Dick Thompson, and Ross Adell.

The annual business meeting was the longest in several years (see page 12).

## SABR Bookshelf, continued from page 2

### *Hi Everybody!*

by Herb Carneal with Stew Thornley  
Nodin Press (232 pages, hardcover)  
ISBN: 0-931714-69-9  
\$21.95, retail

In *Hi Everybody!*, written with SABR member Stew Thornley, Herb Carneal highlights the ups and downs of the past thirty plus seasons, telling the story of the Twins with an emphasis on key individuals like Calvin Griffith, Harmon Killebrew, Kent Hrbek and Kirby Puckett.

Herb also recalls his boyhood days in Richmond, Virginia, and his early career with the Orioles and his days as a Vikings announcer. The book has a small photo section and has a name index.

Order from Nodin Press, 525 North Third Street, Minneapolis MN 55401 or call 612-333-6300.

### *The Way Baseball Works*

by Dan Gutman  
Simon & Schuster (215 pages, hardcover)  
ISBN: 0-684-81606-7  
\$30, retail

*The Way Baseball Works* breaks the game down into its integral parts, explaining the importance of each to the whole through minute analysis and highly detailed visuals. An example is the chart provided by STATS, Inc. on pitch counts. There were 583,496 pitches thrown in 1992 and only 91 times was there a swing and a miss on a 3-0 count.

Chapters cover Equipment, the Science of Baseball, Playing the Game, The Ballpark, The Structure of Baseball, and Behind the Scenes. An index is included.

*The Way Baseball Works* is available from most bookstores.

*Spitball: The Literary Baseball Magazine*  
1996, No. 50



edited by Mike Shannon  
\$16/year (4 issues)  
\$5 single issue price

The latest issue of *Spitball* is a special tribute to Babe Ruth. Along with fiction and non-fiction pieces on Ruth and his legend, the issue contains regular features including poetry and book reviews.

SABR members can get this issue for \$4 (postpaid). Send orders to Spitball Magazine, 5560 Fox Road, Cincinnati OH 45239.

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# BASEBALL NEWS FROM SABR'S RESEARCH COMMITTEES

## Baseball Records

Greg Beston has found a new record for Fewest chances accepted, game for AL third basemen with Toby Harrah (CLE) accepting no chances in 15 innings in the June 20, 1980, game against Minnesota. This by no means closes the book on this record as Retrosheet continues its work.

Work by Beston, Joe Dittmar and Dave Smith shows Luis Aparicio of the 1971 Red Sox had 44 official consecutive at-bats without a hit—the longest hitless streak by a non-pitcher uncovered to date.

Bob McConnell has discovered 59 players who appeared in a game in both the AL and NL in 1995, an all-time high, passing the 43 who did it in 1993. Bob points out that in six seasons: 1905, 1906, 1908, 1924, 1925, and 1932, there was only one player who appeared in both leagues.

## Bibliography

Frank Phelps' *Index to The Sporting News Baseball Registers, 1940-1995* is now available from the Bibliography Committee. The Index allows researchers to quickly identify a player, manager, coach or umpire's last appearance in a TSN Register (and thus his most complete baseball record). The encyclopedias only cover major league records, but the Registers cover minor league appearances as well. If your subject went back to the minors, whether to play, manage or coach, his full record would have been reprinted when he resurfaced in the majors. In addition, many additions of the Register included the complete records of Stars of the Past. The 78-page booklet is available from Committee chair Andy McCue, 4025 Beechwood Place, Riverside CA 92506 for \$6 postpaid.

## Biographical

The Find of the Month for previous months went to Tom Hufford for finding King Bailey (a Top Twenty Most Wanted—replaced by Mike Kelley, 1926 Phillies pitcher); to Bob Richardson for finding Cornelius Doyle and to Jay Sanford for finding John H. Murphy.

If you can help confirm the date and place of death of the following, please contact Bill Carle: Billy Wilson, 1993, unknown; Juan Rios, 1995, Puerto Rico; Joseph Gantenbein, 08/02/1993, California; Vern Freiburger, 02/27/1990, California; James McDonnell, 04/24/1993; Walt Whitman, 02/06/1994, Illinois; Charles Coles, 01/15/96, unknown; Charles Moss, 10/09/91, Mississippi; Walker Cress, 1996, unknown; Gary Geiger, 1996, unknown.

## Business of Baseball

The Spring issue of *Outside the Lines* reviews the status of stadium replacement/renovation projects around the majors, including Boston, California, Cincinnati, Detroit, Milwaukee, New York, Pittsburgh and San Francisco.

Also included is Congress and the National Pastime, 1995-96, a review of legislation and other action taken by Congress concerning baseball. Other short features are: How Good is Your Farm System? Minor League Operations and *Financial World* on Profits and Franchise Values.

## Collegiate Committee

The Collegiate Committee newsletter returns with new chair Cappy Gagnon at the helm. Among the nuggets in the latest issue is that the University of Southern California has matriculated more Major Leaguers (96) than any other college. Texas (89), Arizona State (87), Michigan (76) and Holy Cross (74) round out the top five.

## Latin America

The first election to the Caribbean Baseball Series Hall of Fame saw Camilo Pascual, Rico Carty, Willard Brown and Hector Espino elected into the inaugural class. The Caribbean Baseball Series Hall of Fame site will be in the San Juan, Puerto Rico metropolitan area.

The latest newsletter also shares one of the stories on the first baseball game in Mexico. In this version, on July 4, 1889, US Army Colonel Joseph Aries Robertson, in charge of US railroad workers extending the Monterrey-Tampico line, gave everyone the day off from work in order to play baseball. They played in the San Juan de Cadereyta area, and each year the local populace gathers at "El Parque de Recuerdo" (The Remembrance Park) to celebrate.

## Minor Leagues

More than 40 members attended the annual Minor League Committee meeting at the SABR 26 convention in Kansas City.

The primary order of business was the vacancy of the Committee's chair. The meeting was ably run by Dick Beverage and by the end two had volunteered to share duties for the coming year. Lary Bump will handle the newsletter and John Pardon will act as coordinator.

A newsletter is planned later in the year for the 150-plus members and those interested in joining. What you are working on, research interests and comments are welcome. Send inquiries to: John F. Pardon, PO Box 728, Creguers NY 10521-0728.

## Negro Leagues

The June Negro Leagues Committee newsletter lists Negro League related articles, current and future individual projects, committee announcements, and the Marketplace.

Updates to *The Negro League Book* include "Canton of the 1941 New York Cubans being Denio "Toto" Canton and Edward Robinson of the Homestead Grays being Booker T. Robinson. The committee is also seeking any information on Lynn Perry, a 1930's pitcher mainly with the Mohawk Giants

## Pictorial History

The May 1996 Pictorial History Committee newsletter contains "The Sanborn Map as Research Tool" by Jeff Samoray, looking especially at the Michigan and Trumbull neighborhood ballpark.

Also included is an article on Frank Leslie's *Our Base Ball Illustrations* of 1866 complete with the list of 23 individuals pictured in the series. For the sleuths out there, two reproductions of photos with unidentified players are included in the hopes someone can name these players.

## Women in Baseball

The May 1996 Women in Baseball Committee newsletter contains a bibliography of recent books and articles on the subject. Also included is a list of women (24) from Saskatchewan who played in the All-American Girls Professional Baseball League (AAGPBL), the Victory Song of the AAGPBL, and the Silver Bullets' 1996 schedule.

## Statistical Analysis and Umpire & Rules

Neal Traven (615 Churchill Ct, Cranberry PA 16066) and Clem Comly have been named co-chairs of the Statistical Analysis Committee and Dennis Bingham and Phyllis Otto (200 N Pickett St #415, Alexandria VA 22304) were named co-chairs of the Umpire & Rules Committee. Thanks to out-going chairs Rob Wood & Larry Gerlach.

### Committee Newsletters Available from the SABR Office

| <u>Name</u>          | <u>Issue</u> | <u>Pages</u> | <u>Cost</u> |
|----------------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|
| Baseball Records     | June         | 4            | \$1.50      |
| Biographical         | March        | 4            | \$1.50      |
| Biographical         | April        | 5            | \$2.00      |
| Biographical         | May          | 4            | \$1.50      |
| Business of Baseball | Spring       | 8            | \$3.00      |
| Collegiate           | Spring       | 6            | \$2.00      |
| Latin America        | May          | 2            | SASE        |
| Pictorial History    | May          | 10           | \$3.50      |
| Negro Leagues        | June         | 4            | \$1.50      |
| Women in Baseball    | May          | 6            | \$2.00      |

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## The SABR Season

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|--------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| August 10:   | SABR 25th Anniversary Celebration in Cooperstown<br>NWSABR Meeting in Seattle; contact Steve Charak, 360-357-4683                                                                   |
| August 17:   | Emil Rothe Chapter Meeting (Chicago); Contact Bill Slankard 847-415-1476<br>SABR Carolina Meeting; Contact Marshall Adesman, 919-382-8319<br>Larry Gardner Day (Vermont); see below |
| August 19:   | Frank Haraway Chapter Meeting (Denver); see below                                                                                                                                   |
| August 22:   | Jack Graney Chapter Meeting (Cleveland) in Mentor; Contact Bill Shlensky, 216-751-6680                                                                                              |
| August 31:   | Lefty O'Doul Chapter trip to San Jose Municipal Stadium vs. Modesto                                                                                                                 |
| September 7: | Allan Roth Chapter Summer Meeting (Los Angeles); see below<br>Goose Goslin Chapter meeting (New Jersey); see below                                                                  |
| October:     | Fred T. Smith Chapter Meeting; Grand Rapids Meeting; Contact Dave Mamuscia, 313-537-6060                                                                                            |

### Regionals

**Detroit, Michigan:** Fifteen SABR members attended the May 19th Fred T. Smith Chapter meeting held at the Family Buggy Restaurant in Livonia, Michigan. Special guest was SABR Executive Director Morris Eckhouse. The members enjoyed baseball conversation and an enjoyable meal. The Chapter expects its next meeting to be in October.

**Grand Rapids, Michigan:** Nine members attended the first meeting of the West Michigan SABR group started by Rich Newhouse of Holland, Michigan. Members enjoyed an opportunity to meet each other and had a delightful meal at Tommy Brand's Restaurant in Grand Rapids. There was a trivia contest and general discussion that all seemed to enjoy. The members anticipate having another meeting in October. Stay tuned for further details.

**Chicago, Illinois:** On May 19, eighteen members of the Emil Rothe (Chicago) Chapter gathered at the University of Illinois at Chicago to spend a Sunday afternoon talking baseball. Eddie Gold led off with an appreciation of one of his favorite Chicago Cubs - Bill "Swish" Nicholson, recounting several games he attended in the forties where Swish was the hero. The Trivia Quiz hosted by Jon Daniels was next. Eddie took first place honors, followed by Dave Zeman and Peter Yee. After a break, a session of "Show and Tell" was held, with several members presenting their favorite pieces of baseball memorabilia. Baseball cards, an autographed ball from the 1958 White Sox, a child's baseball book, and even refrigerator magnets were on display, along with a lot of memories. The afternoon was capped off with a look at video highlights of the 1944 World Series between the Cardinal and the Browns.

The next Chicago SABR meeting is scheduled for Saturday, August 17, 1996, at the University of Illinois Circle Center, room 509/510. Baseball stadium architect Phil Bess is a scheduled speaker. Call Bill Slankard (708-415-1476) for details.

**Clinton, New Jersey:** The Goose Goslin (New Jersey) Chapter will hold its next meeting Saturday, September 7th in Clinton. Contact Chris Franco (610-559-5521) for details.

**Los Angeles, California:** The Allan Roth (Los Angeles) Chapter's summer meeting will be Saturday, September 7 at the Amateur Athletic Foundation Library, 2141 W. Adams Blvd. in Los Angeles from 10 to 3. To make a presentation or get more information, contact chapter president Andy McCue (909-787-4954).

**Lake Elsinore, California:** The Allan Roth (Los Angeles) and Ted Williams (San Diego) chapters of SABR held a joint meeting May 11 at the Lake Elsinore Diamond. Kevin Marsh led off with stories and pictures of his tour of minor league ballparks last summer. Lake Elsinore Storm (California League) General Manager Kevin Haughian talked about the history and design of the three-year old ballpark, and then led a tour of the offices, dressing rooms, dugouts, skyboxes, broadcast booths, the press box and the souvenir shop. Storm 1B-OF Tony Moeder talked about the life of a minor leaguer and his winter in the Australian Baseball League. Former PCL umpire Cece Carlucci entertained for an hour with stories and his knowledge and interpretation of baseball rules. Joe Naiman spoke on the Padres' experience in the defunct January draft. Dick Beverage and Andy McCue discussed this year's baseball books. After the meeting, member, guests and family saw the Modesto A's defeat the Storm.

**Denver, Colorado:** On May 11, fourteen members and guests of the Frank Haraway Chapter met at The Wynkoop Brewing Company. Featured were guest speaker Charlie Metro and a visual trivia contest. Member Mark Rucker devised the slide presentation from the 50,000+ baseball photos he utilizes in his private business, Transcendental Graphics. Of all 44 points possible, Metro scored highest with 17, while Tom Altherr and Mike Roberts tied with 14 each.

The next chapter meeting will be August 19th with special guest Whitey Herzog. Contact Chip Atkison (303-841-0354) or Paul Parker (303-447-8140) for further information.

**Greenville, Rhode Island:** Former Red Sox, Indians and Reds play-by-play broadcaster Ken Coleman was the guest speaker as the Lajoie-Start Chapter held its spring meeting on May 11 at St. Philip's parish hall, with 61 people attending. Presentations were given by M. Charles Bakst, Dan Hotaling, Jack Kavanagh, Steve Krevisky, Ray Miller and Steve Lawrence. Kerry Keene gave a report on the dedication of a marker site of the ballpark in Fall River, MA, where Nap Lajoie played his first professional season. Lajoie's nephew, Lionel Lajoie, was a guest at the meeting. The trivia contest, prepared by Dick Thompson, was won by Marc Wise. The chapter's next meeting will be held on Saturday, November 30.

**Millbrae, California:** Thirty-six members and guests of the Lefty O'Doul Chapter met at Rosie's Cantina, owned by the nephew of former pro players Harry and Lou Rosenberg, on June 22. Chapter business included Gene Sunnen stepping down as chapter VP and Claudia Perry and Rick Ellison elected as dual VP's. Steve Elsberry remains as Treasurer and Chris Rogers President.

Former Dodger/Pirate Gino Cimoli led off the program with his stories of baseball in the 1950s and 60s, reminding us that his Dodger teams had seven Hall of Famers. Joining in were former major leaguers Duane Pilette, Bill Renna, Gus Triandos, Ernie Broglio, Frank Zupo, Dino Restelli and Charlie Silveira. Their memories are great and their stories of baseball during the "golden era" enthralling. Bernie Esser and Claudia Perry reported on the Kansas City Convention, which they found enjoyable. John Green reported on his work with the Bibliography Committee's effort to catalog all players listed in the *Baseball Register* and in what year(s) they appeared. John inputted close to 8,000 entries! (See page 4 for ordering info). Herb Fagen discussed his new book, *Nomo*. Much debate was heard on whether Nomo would have made it and how he would have fared in the 1950's. A raffle of books and photos was held, as well as a "Gino Cimoli Trivia Quiz" won by Norm Coleman and David Lawrence. The next chapter get together is an August 31 trip to San Jose Municipal Stadium for a game against Modesto. For more information, contact Chris Rogers (510-724-0398), Claudia Perry (408-264-7762) or Rick Ellison (510-797-9220). Special thanks to the NorCal Chapter of the MLBPA for their support.

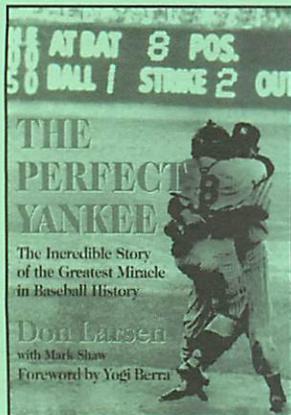
Anyone interested in helping with the 1998 convention should contact Barry Mednick (415-579-4874).

The first Larry Gardner Day Celebration, scheduled for Saturday, August 17th (rain-date August 18th) will commence with a 3pm town ball game pitting the Cooperstown Leatherstockings against a Vermont All-Star team. A ceremony is scheduled for 5pm to unveil and dedicate the State Historical Marker honoring Larry Gardner, chosen in 1973 by SABR as Vermont's Greatest Baseball Player. The day's events will be capped by a barbeque and a band concert. Contact Tom Simon, 802-862-9024.

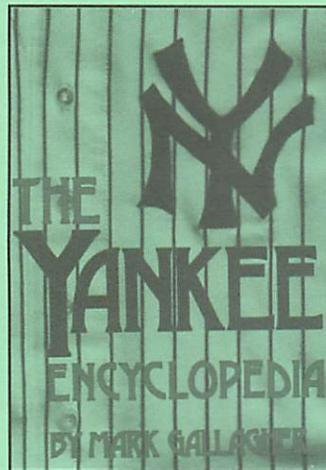
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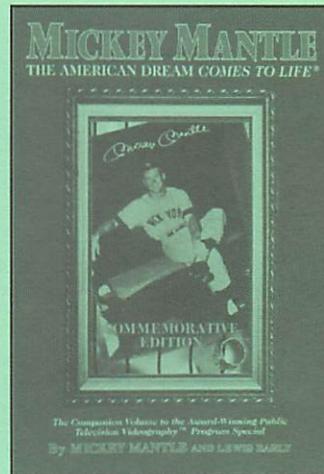
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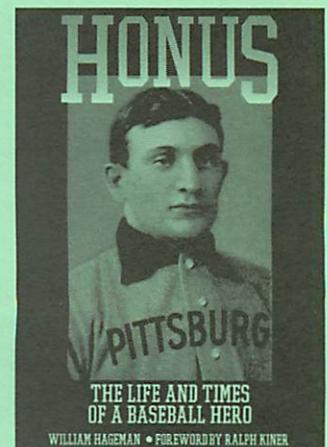
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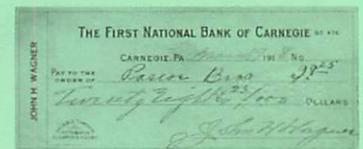
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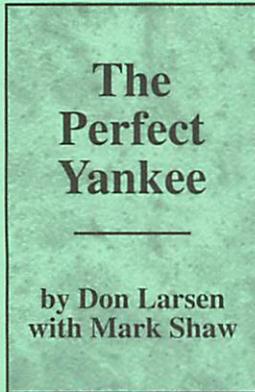
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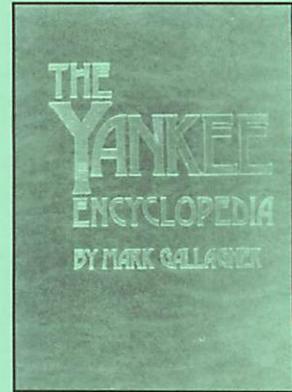
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## NAMES IN THE NEWS

Lenny Yochim, former professional player and current Pittsburgh scout, was inducted along with four other sports celebrities into the NOKIA Sugar Bowl Sports Hall of Fame in April. Lenny joins SABR members George Strickland (1980), Arthur Schott (1992), and "Skeeter" Theard (1993). Lenny also was one of three recipients honored with the "Pride of the Pirates" award for outstanding service to the Pittsburgh organization. The other two recipients were Willie Stargell and Kent Tekulve...Ed Hartig writes a monthly article, *Back Track*, for the Chicago Cubs newspaper "Vine Line." The page highlights a former Cub player, trivia, stats and an almanac. Recent issues have featured stories on Hippo Vaughn, Riggs Stephenson and Phil Cavarretta...While at the SABR Convention in Kansas City, John Benson, Tony Blengino, David Smith and Bill Gilbert appeared on the Royals radio network pre-game and post-game shows to talk about SABR and their research work. David Vincent was interviewed for the Mariners pre-game show the same weekend...Bill Carle and Joe Naiman were guests on "Monday Night Madness," a sports talk show on KKSM 1320 AM...In May, Ray Robinson, author of *Iron Horse*; *Lou Gehrig in His Time*, was a guest speaker at a ceremony for the installation of a Cultural Medallion to honor Gehrig. The Medallion, a gift from New York City's Historic Landmarks Preservation Center, was placed on Gehrig's former residence at Delafield Avenue in the Bronx. The Cultural Medallions Program is designed to document and highlight celebrated New Yorkers...Ed Walton has a series of six articles on the 1946 American League Champion Red Sox appearing in the Boston Red Sox Fenway Park Scorecards this summer...Chris Rogers, Dick Dobbins, John Spalding and Rick Obrand provided research and photos for an article in the *Contra Costa Times* (May 26) detailing the history of high school players from the San Francisco Bay Area who have played in the major leagues...Dick Derby is "Homer" on the *Cleveland Live!* Website (<http://www.cleveland.com>). Go to the section "Tribe Fan" to find "Homer"...John Haddock's film *Black Diamonds, Blues City* was featured in Pete Williams article in *USA Today Baseball Weekly* (July 3-10, 1996)...John Thorn, Mike Gershman, Pete Palmer and David Pietrusza helped launch Total Baseball Online (<http://www.totalbaseball.com>) on July 9. They also helped launch Total Indians (<http://www.totalindians.com>), Total Braves (<http://www.totalbraves.com>), Total Yankees (<http://www.totalyankees.com>), and Total Dodgers (<http://www.totaldodgers.com>) on the same day. David also spoke at the Calvin Coolidge Historic Site at Plymouth Notch, Vermont, on the opening of a baseball related exhibit "Rooting for the Home Team" concerning the Coolidge family and the national pastime. Also speaking was John Coolidge, son of the late president...

Rob Edelman was named a speaker in the "Speakers in the Humanities" program, sponsored by the New York Council for the Humanities. His lecture, which will be available to not-for-profit organizations throughout New York state, is "Great Baseball Films"...Ron Gabriel was interviewed about the Brooklyn Dodgers by two Victoria, British Columbia, radio stations. The interviews were arranged by Howie Siegel. Ron also assisted elementary schoolchildren in Burlington, Washington, with a National History Day project featuring "Branch Rickey, Jackie Robinson, and the Integration of Baseball." Ron traveled to Washington state to speak to five classes there...Ev Parker spoke at the Queens (New York) Library Centennial celebration on "Baseball circa 1896." The talk was the subject on Alex Berger's column in the April 11 issue of the *Times/Ledger*. That same issue featured a guest column by Ev on 19th century baseball ("Baseball, harder and older than you think"). Both articles mentioned SABR...David Cain's article "Minimalist Art" (pitchers recently throwing one or two pitches in a game) from his "Cain's Hot Corner" newsletter was mentioned on the ESPNNetSportszone web site...Barbara Gregorich's essay on her research of Maud Nelson and learning her real name(s) was published in the May 2 issue of *New City*...the first recipients of the St. Louis Browns Historical Society's George Sisler Meritorious Service Award are Bill Borst, Erv Fischer, Bud Kane and Art Richman. The award honors loyalty, hard work, and dedication toward maintaining and preserving the historical memory of the St. Louis Browns 1902-1953...Jeff Samoray's article on the centennial of Detroit Tigers games at the corner of Michigan and Trumbull (April 28, 1896) appeared in the April 28, 1996 issue of *The Detroit News*. In that first contest, a Western League game, Detroit defeated Columbus 17-2...Dan Daly's column in *The Washington Times* on May 10 was devoted to *SABR Presents The Home Run Encyclopedia*...Tom Edwards is now the editor and staff writer for PROBOOK, a new 500 page directory of active and retired professional athletes, due out in September...Jack DeVries article on the beginnings of baseball in Cleveland appeared in the first 1996 issue of *Cleveland Indians Game Face Magazine*. Jim Egan's detailed information about 19th century Cleveland ballparks is a substantial part of the article. Jack and his research of the semi-pro Doherty Silk Sox were profiled in *Wayne Today* and Clifton (New Jersey's) *Dateline Journal*.

### Correction

The home run depicted in the latest Bill Goff offering is Mickey Mantle's first World Series HR at Yankee Stadium. He had hit previous World Series homers on the road.

## Obituaries

I regret to inform you of the passing of one of our members, Jerald McCanlies of Burleson, Texas. "No one loved and followed baseball more," wrote his wife, "than he, from when he was seven years old to now, 52 years old." Mr. McCanlies was awaiting a heart transplant from Baylor Medical Center at the time of his passing. Our best wishes and sincerest regrets go out to his friends and family.

David Pietrusza-SABR President.

Allen J. Glynn, a SABR member for more than 20 years, died December 19, 1995, in Springfield, Vermont at the age of 79 following a long illness. Prior to retiring in 1980, he was employed in production control by the Jones & Lamson Machine Tool Company.

Cliff Kachline

### Statue of Foxx Is on Deck

The Sudlersville Community Betterment Club, Inc. (SCBC) has undertaken to establish a life-sized bronze statue of Jimmy Foxx by October 1997 and seeks support for the project. Foxx was born in Sudlersville on October 22, 1907.

Contact Loretta C. Walls at SCBC, PO Box 130, Sudlersville MD 21668 or call 410-928-3406.

### Japanese Baseball/Brooklyn Dodgers Featured at Museums

Artifacts and photographs on loan from The Japanese National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum in Tokyo will be featured in a retrospective on Japanese Baseball at the Legends of the Game Baseball Museum and Learning Center at The Ballpark in Arlington. The exhibition traces the development of baseball in Japan from its beginnings in the 1870s when Horace Wilson, an American teacher at Ichiban Chugaku (now Tokyo University) taught baseball to students. The exhibit also covers the visits of American teams and players (1900s-1930s) when Casey Stengel, Ty Cobb and Babe Ruth played in Japan. Teams, legendary players and the evolution of the game will be featured. The exhibit opens on October 10, 1996, and runs through January 31, 1997. Contact Peggy Riddle at 817-273-5024 for more information.

PLAY BALL!, an exhibit about baseball and the Brooklyn Dodgers, is up through the end of 1996 at the Brooklyn Historical Society. The exhibit includes a recreation of Ebbets Field, audio and visual images and some memorabilia.

The last issue of *The SABR Bulletin* (Trivia Corner) mentions Herb Score's only homer. Score also pitched a shutout that day, one of over 150 pitchers with a home run and shutout in the same game. Bob Gibson holds the record with 6 such games.

-- William Ruiz



## RESEARCH NEEDS

**T. Kent Morgan**, 212 Borebank Street, Winnipeg, Manitoba R3N 1E3, 204-489-6641, e-mail kmorgan@rrcc.mb.ca, seeks advice on methodology to use for researching the ManDak League, especially Negro League players and Canadian players who played in the ManDak League who also appeared in organized ball.

**Robert Schultz**, 629 2nd St E., Fort Frances ONT P9A 1N6 Canada, is looking for Baseball background information on the following Minor League managers: Carl Thompson (Tri-City 1974), Harry Gurley (Helena 1984), Cliff Ditto (Tri-City 1971), Myron "Woody" Hunt (Watertown 1985), and Mark Weidemaier (Prince William 1989).

**David J. Mofenson**, 6 Alban Road, Waban MA 02168, seeks information on the life of Vern Stephens, particularly his minor league career, post-playing days, and reminiscences.

**Elliot Kraemer**, 6216 Forest Hill Blvd. #101, W Palm Beach FL 33415, would like information on the career of Bill and Sue Craib, who visited all the Major and Minor League ballparks in 1989. They were supposed to write a book "In League With America" about their travels.

**Carson Van Lindt**, Marabou Publishing, PO Box 1682, NY, NY 10013-1682, is in need of information (photos, rare articles, books, items) that deal with his next project, the 1973 New York Mets.

**Kent Krejci**, 6047 Weymouth Dr., Dallas TX 75252, (214) 931-0538 seeks the record holder of the most consecutive games reaching base safely via H, BB, HP. Would also like to know record for: a single season, if different; for each league; and to begin a season. Any information regarding this type of record would be appreciated.

**Ed Nixon**, 820 Cady Rd. H-304, Everett WA 98203, (206) 347-8984 or 1-800-422-5596 M-F, is looking for an address and phone number for the "Shoeless Joe Jackson Society of Florida." Please contact Ed if you can help.

**John Kendall**, 3118 Inwood Ct., Sugarland TX 77478-3721, (713) 242-2565, seeks any information on Holt, Kren, Zinn Beck and Batrite bat manufacturing companies. He is seeking histories, sales brochures, advertisements, articles, etc.

**Glenn Poser**, 3006 North Asbury, Rosewell MN 55113, would appreciate any information on the playing days of George Pipgrass (Yankees '20s) and Bob Poser (Chicago & St. Louis '30s), whose real name was John Falk Poser.

**Larry Bowman**, Rt 5 Box 125, Denton TX 76208, (817) 382-8088, L Bowman@SCS.UNT.EDU, is seeking information upon the whereabouts of the Helen Dauvray Cup which was permanently awarded to the Boston Beaneaters in 1893.

**Sharon Trigilio**, 54627 Starlite Drive, Shelby Township MI 48316, is looking for people interested in helping her research minor league teams in the state of Michigan from the 1800's to the present. So far she has a list of 45 cities or towns in Michigan that had a team at one time or another.

**Wade Minter**, PO Box 375, Kenbridge VA 23944, 804-447-3178 (day), 804-447-5931 (fax), e-mail: hwmint@cs.wm.edu, seeks information on the following teams: Blackstone (Virginia '48), Lawrenceville (VA '48-49), Emporia (VA '48-51), South Boston (Bi-State '37-40) and Danville (Carolina '45-58). Players, logos, stories, or whatever will be appreciated.

**Sasky Eminian**, 7419 Amber Lane, Brecksville OH 44141, seeks information about the minor league career of Greg Eminian. One of the teams he played for was the Atlanta Crackers, sometime between 1925-1935. Would like any stats, records or any other information available on him.

**David A. Goss**, School of Optometry, Indiana University, Bloomington IN 47405, phone (812) 855-5379, email dgoss@indiana.edu, seeks information on college baseball in Indiana in the late 19th and early 20th centuries, especially at Indiana University and in the Indiana Intercollegiate Athletic Association.

**Mitchell Sacharoff**, 3631 Watseka Avenue, Suite 206, Los Angeles CA 90034, phone (310) 841-0946, is putting together a film documentary titled MURDERER'S ROW. It will trace the building of the great 1927 team starting with 1920 when the Babe arrived—covering the team through the famous '32 World Series. He is looking for: Any rare film footage of the Yankees from 1920-1932; any still photos; any film, video, or audio interviews with Yankee players from those years, especially the '27 team. (Players like Combs, Hoyt, Pipgras, Meusel, Ruether, Koenig, all lived into the 1970's and beyond, there should be some video or audio interviews.) Or opposing players talking about the Yankees, players like Hornsby, Alexander, Waner brothers, etc.; actual audio tapes or records from radio broadcasts, especially the World Series of '21-'23, '26-'28, and '32; and film footage of 1920's America, farms, cities, cars, people in the streets, speakeasies, bootlegging, etc.

**Christopher Price**, 201 Lake Street, Boston MA 02135, (617) 783-3481, e-mail: Hit611@AOL.com, is searching for any information on the Cape Cod League, or any history of baseball on Cape Cod, in particular, anything from the pre-1923 era. Interviews, news clippings, and photographs would be appreciated.

**Chris Foltz**, 1832 Saltillo, San Antonio TX 78207, is looking for the birth and death data on the following players: Clarence Bittle, Ernest Holman, Walter Salm, Harry Storch, Sam Stovall, Fred Wohleben, and umpire William B. Wilson.

**Jack DeVries**, 671 Centre Street, Nutley NJ 07110, (201) 667-4804, seeks information about former 1920's pitcher Hugh McQuillan, and would be interested in interviewing any of McQuillan's descendants. He also seeks off-beat, interesting stories about SABR member's collected memorabilia. Examples are unique ways pieces were acquired or stories about the individual object.

**Jim Sargent**, Virginia Western Community College, PO Box 14007, Roanoke VA 24038, 540-857-7544 (fax), is looking for clippings or stories about Barney McCosky, who played outfield for the Detroit Tigers from 1939 to 1942, and in early 1946. McCosky was traded to the Philadelphia A's in May 1946 for George Kell, and played for Philadelphia until 1950. He remained in the big leagues until the '53 Season. Any information about him, particularly copies of newspaper stories dated after 1940, would be appreciated.

**Jef**, 300 Stony Hill Rd., Chapel Hill NC 27516, 919-967-9023, seeks information, films, newsreels, videos, photos, personal descriptions and eyewitness accounts of the clowning and antics of any and all baseball clowns: including Indianapolis Clowns and other Negro League teams, Al Schacht, Schacht & Altrock, Max Patkin, etc. Particularly interested in the skits, routines and entertainments themselves.

**Jeff Stuart**, 128 Spring Street, Gaithersburg MD 20877, is looking for a black and white team photo of the 1957 New York Giants.

**Mario Longoria**, 7503 Brandyridge, San Antonio TX 78250, 210-680-2062 (hm) after 6 pm CST, 210-735-4413 (fax), is researching Vincent P. Nava. Nava was born in San Francisco and played with the Providence Grays (1882-84) and the Baltimore Orioles (1885-86) in the majors, and also in the early California League. In 1883, he played winter ball in New Orleans. In August 1884, Nava played for a military team at Ft. Monroe, Virginia. Background, playing info, trade info and any other information on Nava is needed to complete writing his biography.

## Convention Committee Reports Survey Results

Approximately 2 1/2 years ago the Board of Directors established a Convention Committee to oversee operation of the annual SABR convention. The Convention Committee has the primary responsibility for recommending to the Board possible locations for the annual convention, as well as selecting the hotel site in the city approved by the Board. The committee will also, beginning with the Louisville convention in 1997, have the final approval of convention scheduling. The committee also works in close coordination with the local convention committee on all other aspects of the convention. The current Convention Committee consists of Convention Chairperson Rick Salamon, Norman Macht, and Ed Luteran.

The committee surveyed convention goers at the Kansas City convention to get opinions of those present on a variety of convention topics (possible future convention locations, hotels, and convention format and program).

Baltimore, Boston, and Denver were the clear location choices of the returned surveys. When recommending a possible convention site, the committee considers a number of factors (location, hotel availability and cost, and local interest). In Baltimore, for example, the convention would likely be on college campus due to the high cost of hotels in Baltimore. While some members prefer a college campus, others prefer a downtown hotel, preferably near the ballpark. Boston currently does not have a large regional group. Hotels in Boston are also cost prohibitive. One possibility would be to hold the convention in Providence, and possibly commute to Fenway Park, which is a little more than one hour away. Since the 1998 convention will be held in the San Francisco Bay area at San Mateo, the most desirable location for 1999 would be in the East, or possibly the Midwest, as to provide for a geographical balance so that more members could attend near their homes.

In terms of cost, while some respondents are relatively unconcerned, 44% indicated a reluctance to attend a convention with hotel costs exceeding \$100 a night, meaning that a workable downtown hotel in cities such as San Francisco, Baltimore, or Boston are probably out of the question due to high room rates. The survey also indicated that if we went to a campus site, we would lose at least 16% of our attendees.

The above represents just some of the considerations that go into putting on the annual national convention. The Convention Committee welcomes comment on the convention process or any convention related issues. Please feel free to contact any of the Committee at any time. Also, if you are interested in obtaining complete survey results, please send a SASE to Convention Chair Rick Salamon at 11 Le Jer, St. Peters, MO 63376.

## Awards, continued from page 1

In addition to Zang, Seymour Medal finalists were: Charles Alexander, for *Rogers Hornsby: A Biography* (Henry Holt); David Falkner, for *Great Time Coming: The Life of Jackie Robinson from Baseball to Birmingham* (Simon & Schuster); William Humber, for *Diamonds of the North: A Concise History of Baseball in Canada* (Oxford University Press); David Nemecek, for *The Beer and Whisky League: An Illustrated History of the American Association-Baseball's Renegade Major League* (Lyons & Burford); and Henry W. Thomas, for *Walter Johnson: Baseball's Big Train* (Phenom Press).

The ninth annual Macmillan-SABR Baseball Research Awards also honored outstanding achievement in historical and biographical research. Winners were James A. Smith, Jr. & Herman Krabbenhoft for the research involved in *The Baseball Quarterly Reviews Triple Play Project*, a comprehensive study and analysis of every triple play in major league baseball history, Hank Thomas & Chuck Carcy for the research involved in *The California Comet*, a detailed account of Walter Johnson's formative years in the semi-pro leagues of Southern California, and Michael O'Grady for the research involved in *From Covehead to the Polo Grounds: The Story of Henry Havelock Oxley, Major Leaguer*.

The new The Sporting News-SABR Baseball Research Awards, designed to honor projects which do not fit the criteria for The Seymour Medal or the Macmillan-SABR Baseball Research Award, brought recognition to George W. Hilton for *The Annotated Baseball Stories of Ring W. Lardner 1914-1919*, Dan Gutman for *Banana Bats and Ding-Dong Balls: A Century of Baseball Inventions*, and John Benson & Tony Blengino for *Baseball's Top 100-The Best Individual Seasons of All-Time*.

John Pastier earned the fourth annual Baseball Weekly Award for best research presentation at the SABR National Convention for "A Dozen New Ballparks, 1989-2000."

## Media Presentation Earns First SABR National History Day Award

A junior group media presentation titled "Curt Flood: Man Against the System" by Alex Giannini, Ethan Schwartz, Lane DeSimone, and Brian Krost from Stamford, Connecticut, won the first SABR National History Day Award. The winning entry was selected by National History Day judges using criteria provided by SABR. Congratulations to all the participants who made outstanding efforts in baseball-related projects.

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## Significant Issues Dealt with at Annual Business Meeting

Issues related to SABR elections and campaigning dominated a long annual business meeting on Sunday, June 9 at the Kansas City Marriott Downtown. The report of the Teller's Committee was read (see page one) and President David Pietrusza explained the Executive Board's consideration of the race for Secretary and its decision that Carlos Bauer was disqualified from the race by virtue of his resignation from SABR on April 2, 1996. Cliff Kachline's motion to support the action of the Executive Board passed overwhelmingly (with only two votes opposed and the remainder of the assembly in favor, no division of the house was deemed necessary and the motion was declared passed).

A motion was made by Bob McConnell and seconded by Bob Davids to censure Bob Ruland for inappropriate conduct as a SABR member. A letter Ruland sent to many SABR members implying potential problems within SABR, and a dispute with 1995 Nominations Committee chairman Bob Bluthardt were cited. Following statements by McConnell, Ruland, Bluthardt, the motion was tabled. At Mr. Kachline's request, he, Bluthardt, Davids, McConnell and Ruland met following the business meeting and the matter was amicably resolved.

Andy McCue offered this resolution: *"Each candidate is given space in this issue of The SABR Bulletin to state his/her qualifications and his/her views. SABR strongly disapproves of any organized campaigning (such as fundraising, letter-writing campaigns and the formation of slates) by the candidates or their supporters. Organized campaigning can be expensive and give one candidate an advantage. More importantly, SABR was created as a cooperative organization to foster research. Organized campaigning, which necessarily pits one group against another, is not within that cooperative spirit. If you have been solicited in this manner by a candidate or their supporters, please give some weight to this statement when making your*

*voting decision.*" The resolution passed by a large majority after much debate.

Larry Gerlach, who, with Dennis Bingham and Frank Phelps organized the SABR Umpires & Rules Committee, was lauded for his service and presented with a baseball autographed by committee members on the occasion of his stepping down as chairman of the committee (see page 4).

In its meeting on June 6 and 9th, the SABR Executive Board dealt with the Secretary's race, added David W. Smith and Claudia Perry to join chairman Jim Overmyer on the 1996-1997 Nominating Committee, made appointments to the Umpires and Rules, Minor League, and Statistical Analysis committees (see page 4), and acted on proposals regarding resignations and campaigning.

A report on the latest Executive Board meetings will appear in the next *The SABR Bulletin*. Minutes from SABR Executive Board meetings are available upon request from the SABR office. The next SABR Executive Board meeting is scheduled for September 13-15 in Monterrey, Mexico. Any items for the agenda must be received so that they can be circulated to Executive Board members at least one week in advance of the meeting.

### **Moving Soon? Remember to Take SABR With You.**

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## SABR's Off and Running to Louisville in 1997

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Circle Friday, June 20th to Monday, June 23rd on your 1997 calendars and make plans to attend the 27th Annual SABR National Convention at the Hyatt Regency Louisville in Louisville, Kentucky.

Louisville is also home to the new Louisville Slugger Museum (see page 6) and Churchill Downs, home of the Kentucky Derby. Both venues are expected to figure prominently in the SABR 27 schedule.

SABR 27 will be the first convention featuring a minor league club (the Louisville Redbirds) since SABR's 1989 convention in Albany, New York. SABR 19 in Albany was also the last Friday-Monday SABR convention and one of two SABR conventions (SABR 17 in Washington DC, also Friday-Monday) to top 500 registrants.

Members can make room reservations at the Hyatt by calling 1-800-233-1234 or 502-587-3434. Mention SABR or Society for American Baseball Research. The SABR rate is \$84 per room (plus 12.36% tax) per night for up to four persons in a room. Parking is \$5 per day (\$7.50 with in/out privileges). Deposits can be made with a valid American Express, Diners Club, Discover, Visa or Mastercard number and expiration date. To make your deposit with a personal check or money order use the phone numbers above, then mail your deposit to: Reservations, Hyatt Regency Louisville, 320 West Jefferson, Louisville KY 40202. All deposits for individual room reservations are fully refundable if a room is cancelled seven (7) days or more prior to the arrival date.

Deadline for reservations at the SABR rate is May 19, 1997.

## Get Your Presentations Ready

To get a fast start on proposing a research presentation for SABR 27, begin preparing an abstract and brief biographical sketch (not to exceed 100 words). Also think about any audio-visual needs you may have.

Presentations will be limited to 25 minutes including question and answer period.

Details regarding presentation submissions will appear in the next *Bulletin*.

## SABR Members Celebrate 25th Anniversary at National Baseball Hall of Fame

Twenty-five years to the day that Bob Davids convened 15 other baseball "statisticians," some 70 SABR members and guests gathered again in the reading room at the National Baseball Hall of Fame Library (aka National Baseball Library & Archive) for SABR's 25th Anniversary Celebration, hosted by the National Baseball Hall of Fame and sponsored by Hillerich & Bradsby.

Proceedings began with welcoming remarks by SABR Executive Director Morris Eckhouse, SABR President David Pietrusza, and Hall of Fame librarian Jim Gates. Pietrusza and Eckhouse read appreciations from National Baseball Hall of Fame President Donald Marr, New York State Senator Hugh Farley, Ohio Congressman Louis Stokes, and George Pataki, Governor of New York. Pietrusza introduced Bob Davids who introduced the other returning original members, Cliff Kachline, John Pardon, Bill Gustafson, Joe Simenic, Tom Hufford, Dan Ginsburg, and Ray Gonzalez. Bob also invigorated the audience with a trivia quiz, reminiscent of his days as quiz-master at the annual SABR National Convention.

Kachline, who hosted the August 10, 1971, meeting, moderated a session of reflections on the founding of SABR. The returning original members remembered the founding members now deceased: Paul Frisz, Tom Shea, Keith Sutton, Bill Haber and Pat McDonough. The founding members unable to attend the ceremonies (Bob McConnell, Dan Dischley, and Ray Nemece) were also recognized. The original members reflected on how their interest in baseball and baseball research developed. Several of them paid tribute to the late Lee Allen whose biographical research club included Kachline, Simenic, Ginsburg, and others. Allen died in 1969, but his club members were a significant part of the group invited to Cooperstown for SABR's birth.

Following a dinner break, attendees gathered again in the library reading room for dessert and more memories. An audio tape of the organizing meeting on August 10, 1971, was played and pictures from the event were shown as changing hair-styles and waistlines were examined.

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## Hornsby Hits Over 400 to Win 1896 Centennial Survey

Rogers Hornsby was selected in a landslide as the Centennial Survey winner for 1896, the most prominent baseball personality born 100 years ago.

Hornsby collected all but 21 first place votes and hit 427 points to outdistance Bill Terry (2 first place votes and 209 total points) and Oscar Charleston (13 first place votes and 111 total points).

In the Retroactive survey to determine what personality finishes behind Babe Ruth, Hall of Famer George Kelly finished first with 250 points, followed by Babe Pinelli collecting 159 points. Many voters were surprised by the dearth of quality players born the year Ruth really was a bambino and did not cast a ballot.

Full voting results appear on page 11.

## Green Reaches Referral Milestone

Howard Green of Fort Worth, Texas, became the first SABR member to reach the 25 new members referred to SABR milestone this summer when Norb Ecksl of Tennessee joined SABR.

Howard will receive his convention registration and events fees paid in full for the 1997 SABR National Convention in Louisville.

To join Howard in this select group, use the form on page 12 or request SABR brochures from the SABR office.

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## The SABR BOOKSHELF

### What's New in Baseball Book Publishing

#### *Jackie Robinson: An Intimate Portrait*

by Rachel Robinson with Lee Daniels  
Harry N. Abrams (240 pages, hardcover)  
ISBN: 0-8109-3792-1  
\$29.95 retail



In this biography, Rachel Robinson tells her husband's story—and that of her life with him—from her unique perspective. Her keen observations and sharp memories are enhanced by a unique collection of photographs—many never before published—that allow readers into Robinson's life.

With over 300 photographs and a compelling foreword written by Roger Wilkins and epilogues by the Robinsons' two living children, this is a new and revealing picture of a man who is a hero to so many.

To order send \$27.45 to SABR, PO Box 93183, Cleveland OH 44101, or use coupon on page 6.

*Instant Baseball: A Guide to the Timeless Game*  
by Jim Hibbs  
Self-published, (32 pages, softcover)  
\$3.95, retail, pocket sized

Former professional catcher Jim Hibbs has boiled down his experiences into the universal fundamentals of baseball which, though simple on the surface, can be surprisingly complex.

Order from Jim Hibbs, 4659 Foothill Road, Ventura CA 93003.

#### *Slide, Kelly, Slide*

by Marty Appel  
Scarecrow Press (211 pages, hardcover)  
ISBN: 0-8108-2997-5  
\$32.50 retail

Marty Appel brings us the story of the Hall of Famer who brought popularity to the game as it matured from its rough and tumble days, starting in Troy, New York and Patterson and continuing through his career with Cincinnati, Chicago and Boston. Kelly was an innovator on the field, was the first player to sign autographs and wrote the game's first autobiography. His sale from Chicago to Boston caused critics to grumble that "This is no longer a game; it's a business."

Illustrated with black and white photos, the book includes a bibliography, index, and Kelly's statistics.

Order from Scarecrow Press, 4720 Boston Way, Lanham MD 20706, 301-459-3366.

#### *Nineteenth Century Baseball: Year-by-Year Statistics for Major League Teams, 1871-1900*

by Marshall D. Wright  
McFarland (360 pages, hardcover)  
ISBN: 0-7864-0181-8  
\$37.50 retail

From the National Association through the American League's inaugural season in the final year of the century, this work is a year-by-year statistical history of the teams and the players of the nineteenth century's major leagues. The teams are listed by league, with full rosters and complete statistics (where they exist) for each player. An introductory section for each year places the league in historical perspective. Exhaustive team and player indexes are also included.

To order, see ad on page 7 or call 1-800-253-2187 or send \$40.50 to McFarland, Box 611, Jefferson NC 28640.

#### *Collecting Baseball Memorabilia*

by Thomas S. Owens  
The Millbrook Press (96 pages, hardcover)  
ISBN: 1-56294579-3  
\$16.90 retail

*Collecting Baseball Memorabilia* includes a special chapter on SABR, stressing the research aspect that collecting has. Written for younger fans and collectors, the book provides ideas for building a baseball memorabilia collection, and tips for collecting special-issue cereal boxes, autographed photos, schedules and programs.

To order, call The Millbrook Press, 800-462-4703, ext. 3033.

#### *Conquering Life's Curves: Baseball, Battles & Beyond*

by Ed Hearn with Gene Frenette  
Crosstraining Publishing (253 page, hardcover)  
ISBN: 1-887002-32-4  
\$21.95 retail

Ed Hearn, member of the 1986 championship Mets, tells his story of courage, faith and motivation. Once the man whom David Cone was traded for, Hearn has faced many trials since his retirement, including a kidney transplant, severe sleep apnea and a gamma globulin deficiency.

From a lifetime of reaching for the top of life's mountain while experiencing the pits of its deepest valleys, Ed Hearn shares a wit and wisdom about life usually reserved for those much older.

Order by sending \$21.95 plus \$3.95 for first book, \$1.00 for each additional book, to Triple Crown Success, 9138 Allman, Lexena KS 66219. All copies will be personally autographed.

## THE PRES BOX

August was SABR Month in Cooperstown. The Society's presence was strong in *The Birthplace of Baseball* (as Cooperstown is still referred to on special issue NY license plates) on Induction Weekend. A record number of new members were recruited, sales of SABR publications were strong, and attendance at the Cooperstown Regional may very well have hit an all-time high.

Things got *better* the following week as SABR celebrated its 25th Anniversary. Eight of the original 16 Founding Members of SABR returned to the National Baseball Library to mark the occasion. A total of over 70 SABR members were on hand for a spectacular event. Attendees heard from Hall of Fame President Donald Marr and National Baseball Library Chief Librarian Jim Gates. Many thanks to those institutions for their assistance in staging SABR's 25th Anniversary Event. Thanks also go to Hillerich & Bradsby for additional event support. The tremendous attendance at this event spoke volumes regarding our membership's attachment to SABR and to the debt we owe our Founders. Every one paid their own transportation and lodging—and many came great distances— from Ohio, Ontario, Quebec, Pennsylvania, Michigan, Georgia, and even California. It was a weekend we will all remember.

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SABR's web site has a new—and much shorter— address on the web. The world at large may now reach us at <http://www.sabr.org>. Thanks to John Thorn and Michael Gershman of Total Baseball, to Joseph Flanigan of MediaFlow, and of course to SABR's indefatigable John Gregory for their assistance in this regard.

Thanks also go out to Ted Hathaway for his assistance in securing a major new resource for SABR: the baseball photo archive of the Minneapolis Public Library. SABR now has received over 6,000 photos, which Tom Shieber and the Pictorial History Committee are in process of reviewing.

The usual baseball-is-dead crowd was all too happy to point out that the All-Star Game's ratings were the lowest in the event's history. A little context is necessary. ALL network ratings are declining precipitously. In fact the All-Star Game was the second highest rated program for the week of July 8-14, being outdrawn only by Seinfeld—and outdrawing E.R.— by 1.6 million homes. Even the pre-Game show was the 14th highest show of the week, barely behind Friends and The Nanny—and ahead of Roseanne.

David Pietrusza

***Shoestring Glory: Semi-Pro Ball on the Prairies 1886-1994***

by Lewis St. George Stubbs  
Turnstone Press (135 pages, softcover)  
ISBN: 0-88801-189-x  
\$19.95 Cdn/\$15.95 US

Lewis St. George Stubbs' comprehensive research uncovers Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta's rich history of teams and leagues, as well as regional heroes of the game.

Illustrated with many black and white photographs, *Shoestring Glory* also contains a list of Canadian Prairie Teams and Leagues, as well as a source list and index.

Order from Sportsbooks Plus, PO Box 2890, Blaine WA 98231-2890 or 1-800-667-1251. US orders are \$17.20 postpaid. Canadians can call 604-733-7323 to order.

***Ground Rules: Baseball & Myth***

by Deeanne Westbrook  
U of Illinois Press (348 pages)  
ISBN: 0-252-06529-8  
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Ground Rules examines the literature of baseball—essays, fiction and poetry—to show how the game and its literature becomes a modern mythology. Westbrook argues that baseball seeks to make sense of human lives and actions and to give expression to enduring human concerns such as the meaning of space and time, father and son atonement, the sacred and the uncanny, and the ancient, recurring theme of the journey home.

Order from University of Illinois Press, 1325 South Oak Street, Champaign IL 61820.

***Marquard & Seeley***

by Noel Hynd  
Parnassus Imprints (272 pages, hardcover)  
ISBN: 0-940160-64-1  
\$19.95, retail

Hall of Fame pitcher Rube Marquard was also a vaudeville headliner when he met musical theatre soubrette Blossom Seeley. Largely forgotten today, the scandalous affair of Marquard and Seeley was headline news in 1912. *Marquard & Seeley* is the captivating story of two talented and flamboyant young people who gravitated to the bright lights and excitement of their time.

Check local bookstores or order from Panassus Imprints, 508-790-1175.

**Pennant Races**

Perhaps the last true "Down to the Wire" pennant race was the frantic four-team battle between the Red Sox, Tigers, Twins and White Sox in 1967, but the era of divisional play has had plenty of memorable regular season finishes, even if victory still left the winner short of the World Series.

From 1969 to 1995 (excluding strike seasons of 1981 and 1994), 24 divisional races were decided by two games or less; nine in the AL East, seven in the NL West, five in the NL East, and three in the AL West. Fourteen of the races featured at least one team with 90 or more wins. Nine of the teams that won these close finishes reached the World Series, five of them won it all.

One more victory instead of defeat in 1971, 1980, 1982, and 1991 could have meant four more championships for the Los Angeles Dodgers. One more loss instead of win in 1982, 1991 and 1993 could have kept the Atlanta Braves out of post-season play.

The Dodgers (1-4) and Blue Jays (2-3) lead the way with five finishes within two games during divisional play. The Red Sox (2-2) rank next. Seven teams (Athletics, Cubs, Indians, Marlins, Padres, Rangers, White Sox) have not been involved in a pennant race as close as two or fewer games since divisional play began.

With further division of the AL and NL in 1995, a new element of post-season pursuit was added with wild-card teams. The 1995 season featured photo finishes for the AL West, NL West and NL Wild Card post-season representatives.

Only time will tell if the Wild Card will curtail great championship races or provide an additional element of regular season suspense. It is likely that the races of the divisional era will spark interest with current and future fans even if a trip to the World Series is not the direct prize.

**Baseball Paintings on Display in New York City**

An exhibition of over 550 paintings of the top players and great moments in baseball between 1946-1960 by Andy Jurinko will be held October 10 - November 2, 1996, at the Gallery Henoch in New York City. Also on display will be several ballpark paintings.

For more information, contact the Gallery Henoch, 212-966-0303.

**Divisional Races Decided By 2 Games or Less**

|               |           |        |            |
|---------------|-----------|--------|------------|
| 1971 NL West: | Giants    | 90-72  |            |
|               | Dodgers   | 89-73  |            |
| 1972 AL East: | Tigers    | 86-70  |            |
|               | Red Sox   | 85-70  |            |
| 1973 NL East: | Mets      | 82-79  | p          |
|               | Cards     | 81-81  |            |
| 1974 AL East: | Orioles   | 91-71  |            |
|               | Yankees   | 89-73  |            |
| 1974 NL East: | Pirates   | 88-74  |            |
|               | Cards     | 86-75  |            |
| 1978 AL East: | Yankees   | 100-63 | pw playoff |
|               | Red Sox   | 99-64  |            |
| 1978 NL East: | Phillies  | 90-72  |            |
|               | Pirates   | 88-73  |            |
| 1979 NL East: | Pirates   | 98-64  | pw         |
|               | Expos     | 95-65  |            |
| 1979 NL West: | Reds      | 90-71  |            |
|               | Astros    | 89-73  |            |
| 1980 NL East: | Phillies  | 91-71  | pw         |
|               | Expos     | 90-72  |            |
| 1980 NL West: | Astros    | 93-70  | playoff    |
|               | Dodgers   | 92-71  |            |
| 1982 AL East: | Brewers   | 95-67  | p          |
|               | Orioles   | 94-68  |            |
| 1982 NL West: | Braves    | 89-73  |            |
|               | Dodgers   | 88-74  |            |
|               | Giants    | 87-75  |            |
| 1985 AL East: | Blue Jays | 99-62  |            |
|               | Yankees   | 97-64  |            |
| 1985 AL West: | Royals    | 91-71  | pw         |
|               | Angels    | 90-72  |            |
| 1987 AL East: | Tigers    | 98-64  |            |
|               | Blue Jays | 96-66  |            |
| 1987 AL West: | Twins     | 85-77  | pw         |
|               | Royals    | 83-79  |            |
| 1988 AL East: | Red Sox   | 89-73  |            |
|               | Tigers    | 88-74  |            |
|               | Brewers   | 87-75  |            |
|               | Blue Jays | 87-75  |            |
| 1989 AL East: | Blue Jays | 89-73  |            |
|               | Orioles   | 87-75  |            |
| 1990 AL East: | Red Sox   | 88-74  |            |
|               | Blue Jays | 86-76  |            |
| 1991 NL West: | Braves    | 94-68  | p          |
|               | Dodgers   | 93-69  |            |
| 1993 NL West: | Braves    | 104-58 |            |
|               | Giants    | 103-59 |            |
| 1995 AL West: | Mariners  | 79-66  | playoff    |
|               | Angels    | 78-67  |            |
| 1995 NL West: | Dodgers   | 78-66  |            |
|               | *Rockies  | 77-67  |            |
| 1995 NL Wild: | Rockies   | 77-67  |            |
|               | Astros    | 76-68  |            |

(Excludes the 1981 and 1994 seasons)

\* = wild card team  
p = won league pennant  
w = won world series

# BASEBALL NEWS FROM SABR'S RESEARCH COMMITTEES

## Baseball Records

The August Baseball Records Committee newsletter notes the work of David Marasco in uncovering errors in Satchel Paige's 1948 season pitching totals. It turns out that Paige was accidentally credited with Joe Page's line score for the August 8th game and thus was credited with two extra strikeouts and three extra walks.

Joe Dittmar and Clem Comly contributed lists of Hit, Runs Scored, RBI, Stolen Base and Win leaders by letter of the alphabet. Del Unser leads the "U's" in Hits and Runs Scored, while Dennis Eckersley leads the "E's" in Wins.

Walt Wilson compiled a list that even Rob Deer could not make-home runs to strikeout ratios of under 1:20 and more than 100 strikeouts. Gary Pettis was the king of this feat, pulling it off in six different seasons. His career ended with 21 homers and 958 strikeouts, or more than 45 strikeouts for each homer. Manny Lee is the only player to strikeout more than 100 times without homering (1991).

Thomas Assicurato did some checking at the Hall of Fame to clear up some questions whether Sandy Koufax or Lou Gehrig is the Hall's youngest inductee. He found that Koufax was the youngest elected (36 years, 1 month on January 19, 1972; he was 36 years, 7 months at induction), but Gehrig, elected in a special election on December 7, 1939, with no formal induction, is the youngest player inducted (36 years, 6 months).

### Committee Newsletters Available from the SABR Office

| Name                          | Issue    | Pages | Cost   |
|-------------------------------|----------|-------|--------|
| Baseball Records              | August   | 4     | \$1.50 |
| Bibliography                  | July     | 5     | \$2.00 |
| Biographical Research         | July     | 4     | \$1.50 |
| Current Baseball Publications |          |       |        |
|                               | Apr-June | 14    | \$3.50 |
| Umpire & Rules                | August   | 4     | \$1.50 |

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## Bibliography

The July 1996 issue of the Bibliography Committee newsletter contains updates on the Book Indexing Project, other indexes, book reviews and Baseball Online, as well as the committee's annual report.

Regarding the indexes to the Putnam team series, Bob McConnell has completed indexing *The Chicago White Sox* (1952) and will begin *The New York Yankees* (rev. 1948). Only the Orioles, Cubs and Milwaukee Braves are not spoken for or finished. All bibliography committee indexes are on file with SABR's Research Library. Contact Len Levin, 282 Doyle Avenue, Providence RI 02906 for details.

Baseball Online now has nearly 47,000 entries, including more than 26,000 magazine/periodical articles. Dave Pratt has generously donated his time and talent to writing a new search engine for Baseball Online. He expects to have it ready sometime this Fall.

Recent volunteer accomplishments include: Tim Cashion completing cataloging *USA Today Baseball Weekly* (over 5,000 citations), Bob Boynton completing the entire run of *Oldtime Baseball News*, Brad Sullivan with more than 1,000 citations from *The Sporting News* and Ted Hathaway with hundreds of articles from *Black Sports*, *Inside Sport*, *Sport*, *Fantasy Baseball* and *Reds Report*.

Leverett Smith reviews *Endless Summers: The Fall and Rise of the Cleveland Indians*, *Two Bass Hit: Baseball and New York, 1945-1960*, and *One Pitch Away: The Players' Stories of the 1986 League Championships and the World Series*.

*Current Baseball Publications*, compiled by Rich Arpi with assistance from Stephen Milman, Owen Ricker, Ted Hathaway and T. Kent Morgan, lists over 135 books, periodicals, poetry, software and compact discs.

## Biographical Research

The July "Find of the Month" went to Jay Sanford who located the birth and death certificates, as well as the final resting place, of Joe Dowie, a Baltimore outfielder in 1889. Jay located this information in the Louisiana Archives in Baton Rouge, and later visited the grave that Dowie shares with his second wife in New Orleans.

The Social Security Death Index is now accessible via the World Wide Web. The address is: <http://www.infobases.com/ssdi/query01.htm>.

There have been three players whose last name is English who have played in the Major Leagues. All are living. Woody English is 89, Gil English is 87, and Charles English is 86. It appears that English ballplayers live long lives.

## Umpires and Rules

Phyllis Otto and Dennis Bingham have succeeded Larry Gerlach as co-chairs of the committee. Phyllis will serve as editor for most of the newsletters, as well as handling most of the administrative duties, while Dennis will serve as editor for the annual issue. Both will share in the handling of correspondence. This Summer marked the end of Larry's tenure as he stepped down as chairman, a position he had held since the committee's inception. The committee, as well as all of SABR, thanks him for his time and dedication over the years.

SABR 26 proved to be a special time for committee members. Long-time Negro League umpire Bob Motley reminisced about his days as an umpire and also fielded several questions at the committee meeting. Later, American League umpire Ken Kaiser, who filled in for Joe Brinkman, served as one of the featured Convention speakers. Mr. Kaiser was on roll, answering all sorts of questions, telling amusing anecdotes, and giving his opinion on the game. After his talk, Mr. Kaiser was presented with an autographed copy of *The Men in Blue* by Larry Gerlach.

## 1946 Negro League World Series Celebrated

The Committee to Restore Pop Lloyd Stadium plans to celebrate and commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Newark Eagles defeat of the Kansas City Monarchs in the 1946 Negro League World Series and Jackie Robinson's integration of 20th century professional baseball during the weekend of October 5-6, 1996, in Atlantic City, New Jersey.

A reunion of all living players from the Monarchs and Eagles, with special attention given to members of the 1946 teams, will be held Saturday, October 5.

For more information, contact the Committee to Restore Pop Lloyd Stadium, 609-347-1758.

## BQR Significa Challenge Available

Baseball Quarterly Reviews is making available copies of its Significa Challenge #7 to any member upon request with a SASE. Send your SASE to BQR, PO Box 9343, Schenectady NY 12309.

Donated to the SABR Convention for inclusion in the goody bags, the Significa includes challenges dealing with leadoff hitters, home runs and triple plays.

## The SABR Season

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| September 7: | Allan Roth Chapter Summer Meeting (Los Angeles); See August issue<br>Goose Goslin Chapter meeting (New Jersey); See August issue                 |
| Sept. 13-15: | SABR Executive Board Meeting in Monterrey, Mexico                                                                                                |
| October:     | Fred T. Smith Chapter Meeting; Grand Rapids Meeting; Contact Dave Mamuscia, 313-537-6060<br>SABR Carolina; Contact Marshall Adesman 919-382-8319 |
| October 19:  | Bresnahan/Mud Hens Chapter Meeting (Toledo); see below.                                                                                          |
| November 16: | Lefty O'Doul Chapter "Winter" Meeting (Northern California); see below                                                                           |
| November 17: | Emil Rothe Chapter Meeting (Chicago); contact Bill Slankard, 847-415-1476                                                                        |
| November 30: | Lajoie-Start Chapter Meeting (Southern New England); contact Len Levin, 401-351-3278                                                             |

### Regionals

**Toledo, Ohio:** On June 1, nineteen members and guests attended the Roger Bresnahan/Mud Hens Chapter meeting at the Toledo-Lucas County Public Library, followed by a behind-the-fence party and game at Ned Skeldon Stadium.

Presentations were given by Rich Adler (1923 World Series); Alyce Lutomski (Toledo teams of the 1880s); Steve Lauer (history of the tie and suspended games rules); Fred Schuld (Louis "Bull" Durham).

The Fall meeting will be on the evening of Saturday, October 19. Attenders will hear baseball presentations and watch the first game of the 1996 World Series together.

At the present time, the exact location where the meeting will take place is uncertain. If you would like further information on the location of the meeting or would like to make a presentation please call either Steve Lauer (419- 882-1301) or Kathy Gardner (419-259-2470).

**Oakland, California:** The Second Annual Lefty O'Doul Chapter "Winter Baseball Meeting" will be held on Saturday, November 16, at Francesco's Restaurant in Oakland from 11am-3pm. Contact Chris Rogers (510-724-0398) or Rick Ellison (510-797-9220) for more information.

**Metairie, Louisiana:** Twenty-two members and guests gathered at the office of Joe Liss for the eighth meeting of the Art Schott/Pelican Chapter. Members and guests were treated to a parade of presentations by the following: Stan Cook (On-Base Average leaders); Jay Gauthreaux (Edward Lafitte, first Louisianan to throw a no-hitter); Bill Catalanello (Players with 60 or more doubles in a season, players with 25 or more triples in a season); Jack Hebert (NL and AL leaders in Total Run Production and On Base Production for 1995; Bill Seinsoth Sr. and Jr.); Richard Cuicchi (Unassisted Triple Plays; Pitchers who struck out the side on nine pitches); Mel Leavitt ("Cobb" the movie, Yogi Berra and Earl Weaver); Arthur Schott (Rickwood Field Reunion); Rick Dempsey (SABR convention in Kansas City); and Gary Higginbotham (Pittsburgh Pirates and the New Orleans Pelicans association, 1948-1956).

**San Diego, California:** Thirty-one members and guests attended the semi-annual meeting of the Ted Williams Chapter at Jack Murphy Stadium on July 22, chaired by president Tom Larwin. Featured speakers were John Curtis, former major league pitcher, and Eddie Epstein, the new Assistant Director of Scouting (for Professional Players) of the San Diego Padres. Epstein and Dick Beverage were co-winners of Joe Naiman's trivia contest, with 10 of 16 answers correct. Naiman also gave a research report on the "Replacement Players of 1912."

After hearing equally forceful arguments by Bob Parrott (in favor) and Jay Walker (against), no decision was reached concerning whether Pete Rose should be eligible to be listed on the Hall of Fame ballot (14 voted in favor and 14 were opposed).

A Hall of Fame "election," limited to 35 players born in the 1950's, was held. With a minimum of 21 votes required, Wade Boggs (24), George Brett (23), Ozzie Smith (22), Eddie Murray (21) and Dave Winfield (21) were elected. Dennis Eckersley (20), Rickey Henderson (19) and Robin Yount (18) came close. No votes at all were received for Ron Guidry, Fred Lynn, Jeff Reardon, Dave Righetti, Dave Stewart and Frank Tanana.

Assisted by treasurer Anna Newton, Mike Wickham hosted a successful book sale.

**Houston, Texas:** The Houston Chapter of SABR met at the Astrodome on July 22 before the Astros-Giants game. The 35 members and guests listened to Tal Smith give his discouraging views on the state of the game. Smith candidly answered questions from the crowd for an hour.

The results of a poll of Houston area SABR members to select the five greatest games in Astrodome history were announced during the meeting. Coming in on top was Game Six of the 1986 NLCS, in which the Mets and Astros battled for 16 innings before the Mets emerged with a 7-6 win. Other votes went to two no-hitters (Mike Scott-1986, finished 2nd; Nolan Ryan-1981, finished 4th) and two 1980 NLCS games (Game 5, finished 3rd; Game 4, finished 5th).

**Minneapolis, Minnesota:** Twenty-seven members and guests attended the Halsey Hall Chapter meeting on April 22, 1996. Special guest was John Sevcik, who played in the College World Series for Missouri in 1964 and made the Twins' roster without appearing in a game in 1965.

Presentations were made by Rich Arpi (Analysis of Attendance Figures); Stew Thornley (Analysis of the Pace of Games); Bob Tholkes (Town Ball); and Ron Replogle (Baseball & Opera). During the business meeting, Tholkes, Howard Luloff and Nancy Jo Leachman were elected to the Chapter Board of Directors.

**Philadelphia, Pennsylvania:** Seventy-six members and guests attended the Philadelphia Area Regional meeting with special guests Chuck Domino (Reading Phillies GM), Bill Robinson (Reading Phillies Manager), Gene Benson (Negro National Leagues, outfield, 1932-1948), Randy Gumpert (American League pitcher, 1936-38; 1946-52), George Eyrich (Phillies' pitcher 1943), Sarah "Salty" Sands (Rockford Peaches catcher and rightfielder) and Al Cartwright (former Sports Editor, *Wilmington News Journal*).

Presentations were given by Jerry Casway (The Best Outfield Ever?); Ralph Graber (Babe Ruth in American Fiction; Buddy Rosar's Nearly Perfect Season); Jimmy Lindberg (Statistical Anomalies); Joe Dittmar (Tim Hurst-Ump Extraordinaire); Tom Howell (Dutch Doyle, Al Simmons and Bill James); Lou Hunsinger (Williamsport Baseball: The Philly Connection); Frank Phelps (Dutch Doyle: His Last Research); Al Cartwright (Recollections of Baseball in Reading: 1930-40s); David Voigt (By-gone Baseball: The 1890s); Tom Knight (Al Barlick: The Best Ever).

From 3:45 to 4:00pm, a memorial tribute was paid to Ed "Dutch" Doyle, recently deceased SABR member and baseball historian, by having the assembled members give brief reminiscences of "Dutch." The Reading Phillies-Binghamton Mets game in the evening was rained out.

**Durham, North Carolina:** The past - and baseball's most lasting shame - was vividly brought to life on Saturday, August 3, when six black players who never had the opportunity to play (white) major or minor league ball addressed SABR CAROLINA in historic Durham Athletic Park.

Willie Bradshaw, J. Wesley Lee, John MacNeil, Artis Plummer, Charlie Roush and Thomas Womble are not names that baseball fans would readily recognize. But in the 1930s, 40s and 50s, they were familiar figures on diamonds all up and down the eastern seaboard and especially in North Carolina, playing on teams like the Durham Eagles, the Raleigh Tigers and the Goshen Red Wings, among others.

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## Regionals, continued from page 5

Sitting in the grandstand of the old ballpark, now used only sporadically, they spoke of the days when all-black teams had to eat in and sometimes sleep on their old busses. They remembered the big crowds that used to come and see them play, and recounted pitching and hitting feats that must have seemed as if they occurred just last week, not decades ago. They told of playing exhibitions against players familiar to us all - Satch, Joe D., Josh - as well as old adversaries whose names now escape them.

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After this most enlightening afternoon, several members ventured over to Durham's new ballpark, where the hometown Bulls were shut out by the Wilmington Blue Rocks, 5-0.

The next meeting of SABR CAROLINA is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, October 19, to coincide with the first game of the World Series.

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Projections show SABR breaking its all-time membership record (6,584) by Labor Day and finishing with at least 6,650 members.

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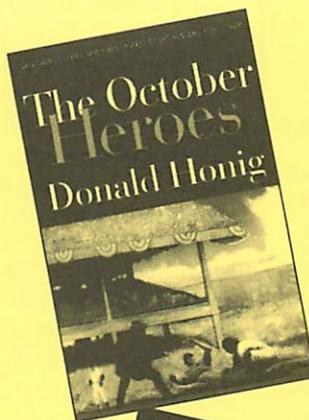
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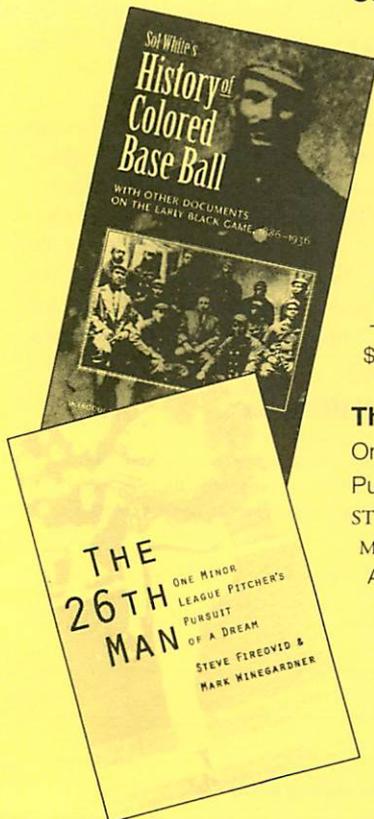
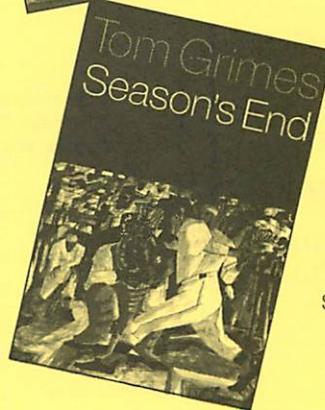
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| Investments         |                  | \$ 37,291        |
| Publications Inv    | \$106,626        | \$102,282        |
| Other Assets*       | \$ 48,779        | \$ 28,432        |
| <b>Liabilities</b>  | \$146,932        | \$135,908        |
| <b>Fund Balance</b> | <b>\$202,182</b> | <b>\$212,886</b> |

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## RESEARCH NEEDS

Steve Bennett, PO Box 512, Grinnell IA 50112, 515-236-0212, CrosGriff@aol.com, is looking for information about when and where the name "Bambino" came into use regarding Babe Ruth. Any info about its earliest uses, even if not the first use, would be helpful. Also, when and where did "The Curse of the Bambino" (or any similar phrase referring to the Red Sox' inability to win a World Series) come into use?

Thomas Biblewski, PO Box 5503, Toledo OH 43613, Email: biblejt@aol.com, requests Toledo Mud Hen articles, drawings, photos, and advertisements for photo history of Mud Hens from 1900-1930. Send photocopies only, along with information credits and reproduction fees.

Jeff Wallner, 7421 Montgomery Rd #21, Cincinnati OH 45236, 513-671-3575, seeks information on Hack Wilson's life before and after baseball. Would appreciate any photos, newspaper articles or info on surviving family members.

Terence Malley, 420 12th Street [H1R], Brooklyn NY 11215, is looking for information on Tommy Brown, who played in the major leagues from the mid-1940s to the early '50s, in particular: his life before he joined the Dodgers in 1944, his minor league experience, his military service (if any), and his life after the major leagues.

Jeffery White, 116 N. Porter, Elgin IL 60120, 847-741-4074, seeks a pattern for a 1910-era jersey (i.e. 3/4 sleeves, shirt collar, button front) and pants. He and his local historical society are planning on making a jersey of the 1910 Elgin Class-D team, for use at their society's events.

Barry Federovitch, 556 Whitehorse-Mercerville Rd., Hamilton NJ 08610, 609-581-0829, seeks materials for his book on the 1973 National League Eastern Division race. Wants include newspaper articles, photos, scorecards, rare film/video and/or any unusual anecdotes about that season's pennant race, the subsequent National League Championship Series and World Series.

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**Blengino, Tony:** Relative production potential 1995. 15 pages. Evaluation of batting potential of 1995 minor leaguers.

**Blengino, Tony:** Relative control/power potential 1995. 11 pages. Evaluation of pitching potential of 1995 minor leaguers.

**Finkel, Jan:** Dead ball artists: baseball's most skilled batters. 11 pages.

**Gilbert, Bill:** Players who accounted for 50% or more of their teams home runs (10 home run minimum). 1 page.

**Krevisky, Steve:** It Cerv-ed him right: Bob was great in '58. 10 pages.

**Miller, Richard D.:** The death of Len Koenecke. 9 pages.

**Pappas, Doug:** 54 seasons of BBWAA predictions from *The Sporting News*. 2 pages. Lists pennant winners since 1928 as predicted by sportswriters as well as actual winners.

**Rickert, John:** Projecting runs from wins. 5 pages.

**Schulman, Steven H.** Runs prevented points: A new statistic for relief pitchers. 1 page.

**Smith, David W.:** Do batters learn during a game? 9 pages. Discusses the question of whether batters improve in the course of their at-bats against a pitcher.

## Other articles recently added to the Research Library:

Index to "A Ball Player's Career," by Adrian Anson. 10 pages. Compiled by Tom Shieber for the SABR Bibliography Committee.

**Berkow, Ira:** Lou Brissie—the pitcher who wouldn't quit. 2 pages. Copy of article in the *New York Times*, December 1994.

**Bjarkman, Peter:** In a league of their own: The Latin American dream team. 3 pages. An all-star team of Latinos, plus other data on Latin players. Copy of article in *Primera Fila*, a *New York Daily News* publication, Vol. 1, No. 1, March 1996.

**Daniel, Dan:** Joe DiMaggio: My friend—the Yankee Clipper. 20 pages. Copy of article in the 1950 *Sporting News Guide* by a *New York* sports writer.

**De Rosa, Peter L.:** Baseball history course syllabus. 5 pages. Outline by topic of a course designed to study baseball's development within the context of American history.

**Gauthreaux, Jay:** Managing by positions. 8 pages. Statistics about the playing positions of 500-plus major league managers.

**Gonzalez, Raymond:** Juan Marichal's shutouts. 2 pages. Gives date, opponent, score, losing pitcher, other information on Marichal's 52 shutouts.

**Irons, Craig:** Babe Ruth and the *New York City* press: 1919-1932. 167 pages. \$12 for copying and mailing.

**Isaccson, Pam:** The belles of the ball. 21 pages. Topic is women in baseball; article was written as a college research project.

**Mack, Connie:** How to make a winning baseball team. 9 pages. Copy of 1912 article in the *Saturday Evening Post*, reprinted in the *Vintage & Classic Baseball Collector*, Issue 6, May/June 1996.

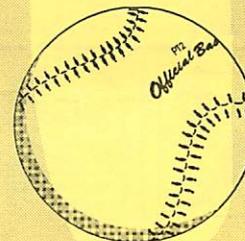
**Ruiz, William:** Whitey Ford's 45 career shutouts. 1 page. Gives date, opponent, score, losing pitcher, other information.

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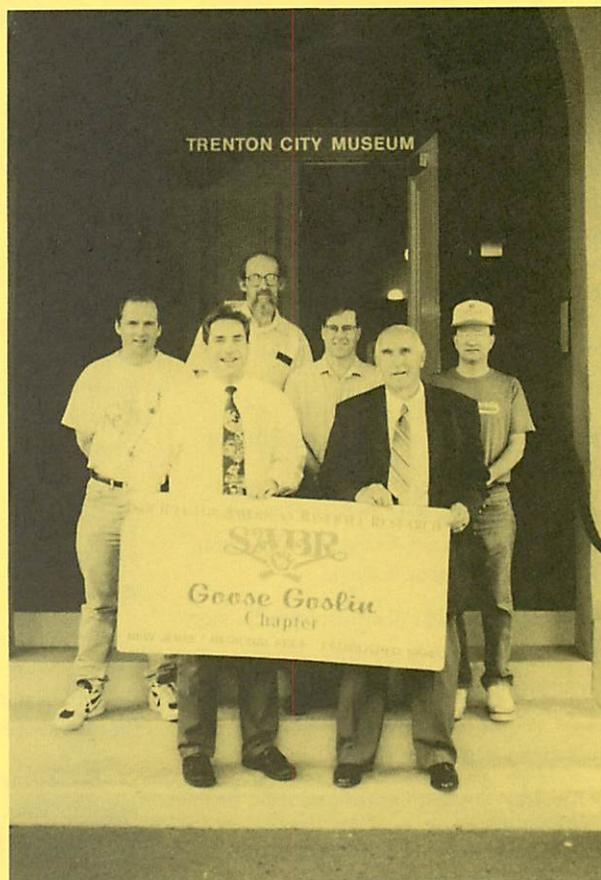
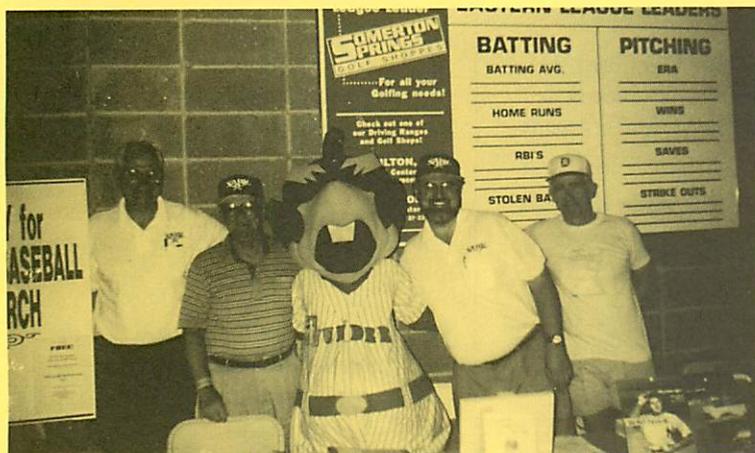
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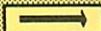
One of SABR's newest regional groups is the Goose Goslin Chapter of SABR, organized by Chris Franco (picture to the right; front, left). Goose Goslin's brother, James, is standing next to Chris (front, right).

Joe Dittmar, Joe McGillen, Morris Eckhouse and Thomas Howell (picture below; left to right) flank the Trenton Thunder mascot at the inception of the SABR Mascot Committee. Just kidding. Actually, the members staffed a SABR table at Trenton's "Thunderfest" preceding the 1996 Double-A All-Star Game.

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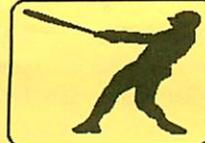
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| Hornsby    | 385   | 36     | 6     | 427   |
| Terry      | 10    | 180    | 19    | 210   |
| Charleston | 65    | 33     | 13    | 111   |
| Dykes      | 15    | 12     | 14    | 41    |
| Harris, B  | 0     | 18     | 21    | 39    |
| Meusel     | 10    | 6      | 8     | 24    |
| McGowan    | 5     | 6      | 4     | 15    |
| Giles      | 0     | 3      | 2     | 5     |
| Ruel       | 0     | 0      | 3     | 3     |
| Walberg    | 0     | 0      | 3     | 3     |
| Zachary    | 0     | 3      | 0     | 3     |
| Cooper     | 0     | 0      | 1     | 1     |
| Sherdel    | 0     | 0      | 1     | 1     |

### 1895: For 2nd Behind Ruth

|           | First | Second | Third | Total |
|-----------|-------|--------|-------|-------|
| Kelly     | 195   | 51     | 4     | 250   |
| Pinelli   | 85    | 60     | 14    | 159   |
| Bentley   | 35    | 15     | 6     | 56    |
| Barnhardt | 10    | 21     | 8     | 39    |
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The following morning, library staffers provided an extensive tour of the upper two floors of the library, vastly modernized from its 1971 version and even from SABR's 20th anniversary celebration in 1991. After the tours, Hall of Fame President Marr joined the proceedings and assisted Pietrusza in handing out certificates of appreciation to each of the founding members.

Concluding the event, members engaged in a spirited discussion about the future of SABR and baseball. SABR's objectives were reviewed and ideas for further fulfilling them ranged from taking a proactive role on such issues as the starting time for World Series games to enhancing efforts to get more people to discover the enjoyment of baseball research. Gates offered specific ideas about developing standards for research paper citations and acquisition of archival resources. He also welcomed SABR assistance in filling gaps in the Library's clipping files and helping to find photos of the approximately 11% of players not represented in the Library's collection.

The anniversary event offered an opportunity to reflect proudly on 25 years of accomplishment, honor the original 16 members who set a solid foundation, and envision further fulfillment of SABR's objectives.

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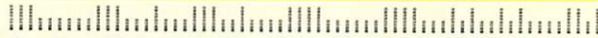
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List areas of specific expertise where you are willing to serve as a resource for media requests or research verification. \_\_\_\_\_

## Going Where SABR Has Never Gone Before

SABR history was made numerically and geographically in August and September. On August 16, SABR membership broke the previous membership record of 6,584 set in 1994. SABR ended its membership year with 6,668 members. Thanks and congratulations to all 1996 SABR members.

On September 13-14, the SABR Executive Board held its second international meeting. At the urging of SABR Latin American Committee chairman Eduardo Valero and the invitation of officials of the Mexican League and the Mexican Baseball Hall of Fame, the Board met for the first time in Mexico, holding its 1996 Fall meeting in Monterrey. The only other international SABR Executive Board meeting was in Toronto, Ontario, Canada in 1981. See "The Pres Box" for details on this groundbreaking trip.

## Get Your SABR 27 Presentations Ready

Members are invited to submit an abstract and brief biographical sketch (not to exceed 100 words) of your proposed SABR 27 research paper. Also, please list any audio-visual equipment needs you might have. Presentations will be limited to 25 minutes each including questions. Proposals must be postmarked no later than April 1, 1997. Late proposers may be placed on stand-by to fill in for absentees. Proposals will be accepted by e-mail.

Presenters will be notified (by mail before May 1) that their presentations have been accepted and will be given a tentative day and time (including a preliminary schedule of all presentations).

Send your abstract and biographical sketch to:

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King Library North  
University of Kentucky  
Lexington KY 40506-0039  
fax: 606-257-8379 e-mail: wjmars01@ukcc.uky.edu

## Make Reservations Now for SABR 27

Members can make room reservations at the Louisville Hyatt by calling 800-233-1234 or 502-587-3434. Mention SABR or Society for American

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## SABR Board Candidates Sought

SABR members who chose not to run in the national Presidential election still have a chance at elective office within SABR. Offices to be elected in odd-numbered years are President, Treasurer or Director. In addition, members may also vote for candidates for the unexpired term of Secretary which expires at the conclusion of the 1998 SABR Annual Business Meeting. If you wish to run for office or would like to nominate a candidate, contact Nominating Committee Chair:

James E. Overmyer  
7 Fairview Lane  
Lenox MA 01240-2301

Other members of the nominating committee are David W. Smith of Newark, Delaware and Claudia Perry of San Jose, California.

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## Nominate Your Choices for SABR Awards

Nominating petitions for SABR's annual awards will be included with the mailing of SABR's final 1996 membership publication, the sequel to *Nineteenth Century Stars*.

The Seymour Medal, named in honor of pioneering researchers Dr. Harold Seymour and Mrs. Dorothy Seymour (now Mrs. Dorothy Mills), honors the author(s) of the best book of baseball biography or history published in 1996. The Macmillan-SABR Award will honor the author(s) of the best articles or papers, published or unpublished, on baseball history or biography completed in 1996. The Sporting News-SABR Award will recognize outstanding baseball research in areas other than history and biography. Please give some thought to potential nominees for these awards, watch for nominating forms, and help honor the best in baseball research.

Also upcoming in 1997 will be the 13th presentation of SABR's highest honor, The Bob Davids Award and the fifth annual *Baseball Weekly* award for the best research presentation given at the 1997 SABR National Convention.

## Renewal/Donation Drive Underway

The first renewal notice for 1997 membership is on page 15 of this issue of *The SABR Bulletin*. In 1996, more SABR members renewed membership than in any previous year. Your support and participation is needed and appreciated. Please feel free to use a photocopy of the form or make your renewal on a separate sheet of paper. When making your renewal, keep in mind any changes or corrections that should be reflected in the 1997-1998 SABR membership directory to be published next summer.

Once again, members are asked to consider providing additional support beyond membership dues through four donation levels listed on the renewal form. Each donor (\$15 or more) will receive a token of appreciation, but the biggest gift is in enabling SABR to carry out and continue its objectives.

In addition to financial contributions, SABR also welcomes and encourages in-kind gifts. At the top of SABR's wish list is an external modem with a baud rate higher than 2,400.

Finally, SABR welcomes sponsors for its various activities and programs.

If you are able to make, or facilitate an in-kind gift, or if you are interested in sponsoring a SABR event or project, please contact SABR Executive Director Morris Eckhouse. SABR is a 501-c-3 not-for-profit corporation and donations are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.

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## The SABR BOOKSHELF

### What's New in Baseball Book Publishing

#### Silver Seasons:

#### *The Story of the Rochester Red Wings*

by Jim Mandelaro and Scott Pitoniak

Foreword by Joe Altobelli

Syracuse University Press (313 pages)

Paper ISBN: 0-8156-0379-7

Cloth ISBN: 0-8156-2703-3

\$17.95 paper, \$39.95 cloth

This is the story of Rochester's love affair with its team and the colorful characters and great players (including Stan Musial, Red Schoendienst, Bob Gibson, Boog Powell, Eddie Murray, Cal Ripken, Jr. and Jim Palmer) who have worn the Rochester flannels over the years. Beginning in the early 19th century, Mandelaro and Pitoniak carry us through the Great Depression and World War II up until the present with the opening of Frontier Field, the first new home for the Red Wings since 1929.

Illustrated with many black and white photos, the book includes a bibliography and index. Appendices include a Rochester year-by-year standings, Red Wing records, an all-time roster and the author's all-time teams.

To order, call Syracuse University Press, 315-443-5534. Many SABR members may have also received a mailing on the book.

#### *Grandstand Baseball Annual*

#### *Pitching W-L Records NL 1890-1899 Issue #1*

edited by Joseph Wayman

Self-Published (190 pages)

ISSN 0896-5501

\$9.95, softcover

This is the first of three books which will compile the missing or lost National League Win-Loss records of 1876-1902. Wayman also touches on shutouts in the 1890s (attributed to the pitcher of record whether he pitched a complete game or not), looking to bring them more in line with shutouts of the present.

Also included are articles on various topics by Frank J. Williams, Pete Palmer, Bill Carle, Jack Selzer, Walter Wilson, Bill Rubenstein and others.

To order, send \$9.95 to Joseph Wayman, PO Box 4203, Downey CA 90241-1203.

#### Honus Wagner:

#### *The Life of Baseball's "Flying Dutchman"*

by Arthur D. Hittner

McFarland & Co (344 pages)

ISBN: 0-7864-0225-3

\$35, hardcover

The third Wagner biography to hit the bookshelves in 1995 is Arthur Hittner's *Honus Wagner: The Life of Baseball's "Flying Dutchman."* Hittner uses contemporary newspaper accounts, family scrapbooks and correspondence and Wagner's own vestpocket notebooks to tell the story of perhaps the greatest player of all-time.

Included are 18 black and white photographs, references, appendices (lifetime statistics, batting, pitching and fielding), bibliography and index.

To order, please call 1-800-253-2187.

#### *The New York Giants Baseball Club: The Growth of a Team and a Sport, 1870 to 1900*

by James D. Hardy, Jr.

McFarland & Co (272 pages)

ISBN: 0-7864-0231-8

\$28.50, hardcover

Though baseball came to embody the American spirit in the mid-20th Century, it was not always that way. As America emerged from the Civil War, its citizens watched the relatively new sport of baseball with ambivalence. Labor disputes often dominated discussions of the game, and owners and players each accused the other of being greedy and trying to destroy the sport. Hardy uses the pre-McGraw New York Giants to explore the coming of age of baseball.

Included are black and white photographs, references and an index.

To order, please call 1-800-253-2187.

#### *Baseball's Bearded Boys*

by Don Gitersonke

Self-Published (56 pages)

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Gitersonke gives an historical look at the House of David Baseball Club, including a brief overview of the House of David.

Included are parts of interviews with the four living members of the House of David teams, Tom Dewhirst, George Anderson, Lloyd Dalager and Earl Boyersmith, as well as plenty of photographs are included and a chapter on the basketball team.

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## THE PRES BOX

On September 12-16, 1996, the SABR Board met in Monterrey, Mexico in a historic opening of the door to Mexican baseball resources.

In addition to furthering Mexican-American baseball cooperation, the Board took action on several significant items including a SABR calendar, a membership level that will allow full cooperation with the National Baseball Library, a special youth membership level, strengthening of the SABR endowment program, the purchase of badly-needed computer and scanning equipment, and a new emphasis on the acquisition of materials for the SABR Lending Library.

Perhaps most significantly, the budget we passed in Monterrey provides for no dues increase for 1997. This completes a six-year run without an increase and I am pleased to note this will mean that dues have remained stable throughout my presidency. Dues have not remained so stable for so long since 1978.

Also, since our previous Board meeting SABR's membership has reached the highest level in the organization's history - 6,668.

Regarding SABR's interaction with Mexican baseball, we will be offering specific information on how to obtain Mexican baseball publications in the very near future, both on SABR-L and in the *SABR Bulletin*. The following report on the trip has been submitted to *Baseball America*.

Reports of THS (Todd Hundley Syndrome) are greatly exaggerated. That's the word from Monterrey, Mexico, where the Society for American Baseball Research (SABR) followed up on the historic Mets-Padres series with the 6,600-member research society's first board meeting in Latin America.

The trip, arranged by SABR Latin American Committee chair Eduardo Valero, was designed to cement ties between American baseball researchers and historians and their Mexican counterparts. "American researchers have traditionally had great difficulty in obtaining information on Mexican baseball," noted SABR's Executive Director Morris Eckhouse, "this trip brought not just one or two American researchers down to Mexico on an individual basis, it cemented relations on a permanent institutional basis between SABR and such institutions as the Mexican Baseball Hall of Fame ('Salon de la Fama'), the Mexican League and the Monterrey Sultans ('Sultanas')."

In Monterrey SABR hierarchy met with Mexican Hall of Fame Director Juan Filizola, his immediate predecessor Rafael Dominguez, Mexican League President Pedro Tetro Cisneros,

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and Monterrey Sultanas President Jose Maiz Garcia. Numerous avenues were opened regarding American access to Mexican baseball publications. In turn SABR pledged to Monterrey Sultanas Public Relations Director Pepe Gonzales, head of the Mexican Baseball Hall of Fame electoral committee, that it would assist that panel in research requests.

The meetings saw not only promises of future cooperation but actual exchanges of research resources on the ground and SABR's undertaking a major program to help preserve in back-up form resources found at the Salon de la Fama. SABR's visit featured a tour of the Hall, which includes a shrine area quite similar to the one found at Cooperstown as well as areas devoted to photographs and memorabilia. "I've seen material on Negro Leaguers here I've not seen elsewhere," commented SABR Director Jim Riley, author of numerous works on the Negro Leagues and Director of Research of the Negro Leagues Museum in Kansas City.

The Salon de la Fama is maintained by the Cuauhtemoc Moctezuma Brewery which also owns the Monterrey Sultanas. Mexican Hall inductees includes such familiar names as Josh Gibson, Cool Papa Bell, Ray Dandridge, Martin DiHigo, Roy Campanella, Monte Irvin, Bobby Avila, Dolf Luque, Minnie Minoso, Horacio Pina, Ruben Amaro, Vincente Romo, and Jorge Orta. Immediately adjacent to the Salon de la Fama is the Mexican Sports Museum devoted to other sports. The Cuauhtemoc Moctezuma Brewery permits admission -free access to both facilities for the general public, as well as to a nearby art museum.

SABR's itinerary also included a press conference attended by numerous Mexican television and newspaper outlets. Indicative of the worldwide passion for electronic communication was the interest shown by Mexican journalists regarding SABR's web site (<http://www.sabr.org>). In attendance for the ceremonies were Mexican Hall of Famers outfielder-first baseman Felipe Montemeyor, now a Monterrey journalist, and second baseman Vinicio Garcia, a member of the 1954 Baltimore Orioles and a lifetime .323 hitter in the Mexican League.

SABR's contingent not only escaped the ravages of Todd Hundley Syndrome, but came away raving about Mexican hospitality, graciousness, and cuisine. "Wonderful, wonderful," was the way SABR Director Larry Gerlach described the courtesy of the Mexican Baseball of Fame and the manner in which all of the locals treated the visiting Americans which included a tour of Estadio Monterrey, the venue for August's historic Mets-Padres series as well as the sites of Monterrey's two previous ballparks.

David Pietrusza  
President, SABR



David Pietrusza and Eduardo Valero at the Salon de la Fama

## Bookshelf, continued from page 2

### *The Adventures Of A Quiet Soul*

by Vi Owen  
Self-published (160 pages)  
ISBN 0-96533340-X  
\$24.95, softcover

This biography of Marv Owen is told lovingly and creatively by his sister. The 8.5 inch by 11 inch book, a limited edition printing, includes over 100 black and white illustrations and over 50 color pictures. Illustrations and text, including reproductions of contracts, letters and telegrams, combine to recapture Owen's youth in California, his professional playing career (1930-1946), and his years as a minor league manager and a scout. Known for large hands (he could hold seven baseball's in one), Owen was part of the record setting (462 RBI) Detroit infield of 1934 and on the receiving end of Joe Medwick's controversial slide into third in the 1934 World Series.

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See the ad on page 11 for ordering information.

## 1997 SABR Budget

### Expenses

| 1997                      |                       | 1996              |
|---------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| 338,950                   |                       | \$ 323,455        |
| \$ 88,623                 | Administrative Staff  | \$ 86,735         |
| \$ 4,000                  | Travel & Other        | \$ 3,200          |
| \$ 12,000                 | Postage               | \$ 12,000         |
| \$ 3,000                  | Renewal Notices       | \$ 4,000          |
| \$ 3,000                  | Telephone             | \$ 3,000          |
| \$ 5,200                  | Equipment             | \$ 3,720          |
| \$ 4,000                  | Supplies              | \$ 3,000          |
| \$ 527                    | Misc.                 | \$ 1,000          |
| \$ 8,600                  | Rent                  | \$ 7,000          |
| \$ 34,500                 | Bulletin              | \$ 33,000         |
| \$ 15,000                 | Membership Directory  |                   |
| \$ 8,000                  | Board Meetings        | \$ 8,000          |
| \$ 4,000                  | Board Expenses        | \$ 4,000          |
| \$ 2,500                  | Professional Svcs     | \$ 2,500          |
| \$ 8,000                  | Insurance             | \$ 7,750          |
| \$ 4,250                  | Promotions/Publicity  | \$ 3,000          |
| \$ 2,500                  | Advertising           | \$ 2,500          |
| \$ 9,000                  | Research Comm         | \$ 8,950          |
| \$ 500                    | Presidential Comm     | \$ 1,000          |
| \$ 2,500                  | Regionals             | \$ 2,000          |
| \$ 2,000                  | Convention Comm       | \$ 1,000          |
| \$ 250                    | Internet              |                   |
| \$ 45,000                 | Publications Director | \$ 45,000         |
| \$ 3,000                  | Expenses              | \$ 3,000          |
| \$ 69,000                 | Publications          | \$ 66,000         |
|                           | Endowment             | \$ 12,100         |
| <b>\$ 338,950 Expense</b> |                       | <b>\$ 323,455</b> |

### Income

|                          |                                     |                   |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------|
| \$ 224,450               | Dues                                | \$ 221,000        |
| \$ 35,000                | Publications                        | \$ 35,000         |
| \$ 25,000                | Advertising                         | \$ 10,000         |
| \$ 10,000                | Convention                          | \$ 7,500          |
| \$ 4,000                 | Lists                               | \$ 4,500          |
| \$ 12,000                | Interest                            | \$ 6,000          |
| \$ 12,500                | Donations/Royalties                 | \$ 10,000         |
| \$ 10,000                | Sale of Material                    | \$ 25,000         |
| \$ 1,000                 | Lending Library                     | \$ 1,500          |
| \$ 2,000                 | Special Projects                    |                   |
| \$ 3,000                 | Auction, Sponsorships, Fund Raisers | \$ 3,000          |
| <b>\$ 338,950 Income</b> |                                     | <b>\$ 323,500</b> |

# BASEBALL NEWS FROM SABR'S RESEARCH COMMITTEES

## Biographical Research

The August "Find Of the Month" was awarded to Bill Carle who located the birth place for Hensley Meulens and Andruw Jones. According to Carle, Meulens and Jones are listed as being born in Curacao, Netherlands Antilles. However, Bill located an individual who is familiar with baseball in Curacao and he confirmed that both Hensley Meulens and Andruw Jones were born in the capital of Curacao called Willemstead.

The "Mystery of the Month" comes from Bob Richardson. In 1884, William P. Morton pitched two games for Philadelphia. Following his brief career in Philadelphia, Morton pitched in the New England League from 1886-87 and was identified as William H. Morton. On occasion, however, William P. Morton was often referred to as William Martin. It has been noted that William P. Morton worked as a letter carrier for the Philadelphia post office. However, the Philadelphia city directory shows no record of William P. Morton as a post office employee. The directory does show, though, a listing for a letter carrier by the name of William F. Martin, who worked from 1886-87 (the same time William P. Morton pitched for the New England League). Could the letter carrier and the pitcher be the same person?

## Business of Baseball

*Outside the Lines* reports the Supreme Court supports previous decisions by the Court of Appeals regarding the interaction of labor and antitrust law in sports cases. In *Brown v. Pro Football Inc.*, the court ruled that sports leagues may impose the terms of their final deal if all efforts to reach a common agreement were exhausted. However, individual players may sue under the antitrust laws if they break all ties with their union, an act automatically ending the collective-bargaining relationship. Although the decision does not apply to baseball, reports suggest that major league owners and the Players' Association will ask congress to repeal baseball's antitrust exemption in labor matters.

Current baseball players are not the only people battling over money. At least 77 ballplayers who played at least five years in the majors but retired before the pension plan took effect in 1946 are seeking compensation for both service time in the major leagues and use of their name or likeness by baseball's official licenses. Although Donald Fehr states the Players' Union cannot afford such an expense, other professional sports leagues, including the NFL and the NBA, established a fund to compensate their retired players. In 1987, the NFL established a \$40 million fund for its pre-1959 players, while in 1989,

## Negro Leagues

The August 1996 Negro Leagues Committee newsletter includes updates to *The Negro Leagues Book*, mentions of good websites, and its usual features like Marketplace and Special Events.

Leading Edge Production's webzine has great Negro League information. Check it out at: [www.negroleaguebaseball.com](http://www.negroleaguebaseball.com)

Other sites of interest are: [www.annonline.com](http://www.annonline.com) (Buck O'Neil interview) <http://pubweb.acns.nwu.edu/~dmarasco/david.html>

Oliver "The Ghost" Marcelle was inducted into the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame on June 22.

A committee is being formed in Indianapolis to build a life-sized statue of Oscar Charleston. Contact Paul DeBono (317-266-8705) for more information and on ways you can help.

## Women in Baseball

The August committee newsletter contains over 15 bibliographic citations, addresses for various Women in Baseball-related organizations, research requests and a re-cap of the committee meeting at SABR 26. Among the possible projects are collection of statistics where they do not exist and organizing a players' panel at an upcoming convention.

## Pictorial History

The September 1996 issue of the SABR Pictorial History Committee contains an article by Barry Sloate entitled "The Three Wise Men of Baseball: A Photographic History of Alexander Cartwright, Henry Chadwick and Harry Wright."

An update of the Committee's annual meeting at SABR 26 concentrates on the discussion and development of the "Player Image Index" to be coordinated by John McMurray. Originally the "Player Image Index" was to attempt to collect an image of every major league player, the scope of the project has been narrowed to initially focus only on the most difficult to find or the "cup of coffee" players.

Among the "Most Wanted" are Archibald Wright "Moonlight" Graham, Joseph Francis Evers, Ed Irvin, George Stanley Halas and Ulysses Grant Thatcher. Ideally, each player would have a shot of him batting, another playing the field and a portrait of the player.

Finally, Neal McCabe contributes the fascinating "Thompson/Not Thompson; Cobb/Not Cobb," which discusses the facts behind Paul Thompson's photographs (he was more of a photographic agent than photographer) and the "famous 1910 photograph of a leaping, soaring Ty Cobb, frozen in mid-air with a cherubic expression on his face. It has appeared on the cover of several books, including a juvenile biography. There are just two things wrong with this picture: 1) It looks nothing like Ty Cobb; 2) it's NOT Ty Cobb."

## Make Reservations Now,

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Baseball Research. The SABR rate is \$84 per room (plus 12.36% tax) per night for up to four persons in a room. Parking is \$5 per day (\$7.50 with in/out privileges). Deposits can be made with a valid American Express, Diners Club, Visa or Mastercard number and expiration date. To make your deposit with a personal check or money order, use the phone numbers above and mail your deposit to: Reservations, Hyatt Regency Louisville, 320 West Jefferson, Louisville KY 40202. All deposits for individual room reservations are fully refundable if a room is cancelled seven (7) days or more prior to the arrival date. Deadline for reservations at the SABR rate is May 19, 1997.

For anyone who may need to get in touch with Henry Mayer, his correct phone number is: 502-896-4780

### Committee Newsletters Available from the SABR Office

| Name                  | Issue     | Pages | Cost   |
|-----------------------|-----------|-------|--------|
| Biographical Research | August    | 3     | \$1.50 |
| Business of Baseball  | Summer    | 8     | \$3.00 |
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| Pictorial History     | September | 8     | \$3.00 |
| Women in Baseball     | August    | 4     | \$1.50 |

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## The SABR Season

November: Frank Haraway Chapter Meeting (Denver); tentative  
November 9: Jack Graney Chapter Meeting; Ohio Baseball Hall of Fame Inductions  
November 10: Grand Rapids Meeting; See below  
November 16: Lefty O'Doul Chapter "Winter" Meeting (Northern California); see below  
November 17: Emil Rothe Chapter Meeting (Chicago); see below  
November 30: Lajoie-Start Chapter Meeting (Southern New England); contact Len Levin, 401-351-3278  
December 7: Forbes Field Chapter Meeting (Pittsburgh); Contact Ed Luteran 412-443-0231  
January 4, 1997: Allan Roth Memorial Chapter Meeting (Los Angeles); Contact Andy McCue (909) 787-4954

### Regionals

**Grand Rapids, Michigan:** The next meeting of the West Michigan Chapter of SABR will be held Sunday, November 10, 1996, at Tommy Brand's Restaurant. Contact Rich Newhouse for details, 616-335-5347.

**Los Angeles, California:** The Allan Roth Chapter held its fall meeting Sept. 7 with approximately 25 members in attendance at a meeting built around Dodger research presentations. Tom Shieber gave a talk on Brooklyn baseball between 1855 and 1862 complete with maps of the city and its playing fields. James Tuttle discussed his Base Production Index for measuring on-field performance and applied it to the Dodgers first 135 games of 1996. Dick Juline presented his research on Charles Ebbets and early Dodger owners. Bob Timmerman won a Dodger trivia contest, pressed by Greg King, Ken Guest and Mike McBride. Joe Palmer talked about his books about legendary Los Angeles area scout Dan Crowley and a novel about Bloomer Girls Baseball called *Slide, Katie, Slide*. Andy McCue gave a presentation on Allan Roth's life.

The next meeting of the Allan Roth Chapter of SABR will be held January 4, 1996. Contact Andy McCue (909-787-4954) for details.

**Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania:** Prior to attending an afternoon match-up between the Pirates and Astros, members attending the Forbes Field Chapter meeting on August 31 enjoyed three interesting speakers.

New Pirate owner Kevin McClatchy discussed the blockbuster trade of Denny Neagle earlier in the week as well as the long-term direction of the club and prospects of a new Pittsburgh ballpark (see photo on page 8).

Astros' third base coach Matt Galante talked about his team's pennant hopes and treated the group to a class on sign fundamentals. Astros' play-by-play announcer Milo Hamilton also reflected on his five-decade broadcasting career that led him to the Hall of Fame.

**Chicago, Illinois:** Saturday, August 17th, brought 18 SABR members and guests out to the University of Illinois at Chicago for a meeting of the Emil H. Rothe Chapter of SABR. Philip Bess led off with *The New Comiskey Park: Winners, Losers, and Missed Opportunities* as he discussed some of the problems with the newest ballpark in town. Rich Hansen then talked about SABR's *Home Run Encyclopedia* with An Analysis of Inside-the-Park Home Runs. Michael Halloran shared his correspondence with Rawlings in his quest to find out *Is The Ball Juiced?* Jon Daniels spoke about *Managers With No Major League Playing Experience*. Guest Larry Schaeffer showed us Baseball's #1 Photo, a panoramic shot of Comiskey Park during the first All-Star game. Jon Daniel's Trivia Quiz followed with Dave Zeman taking first place, and Tom Dunne and Peter Yee close behind. Peter then distributed diskettes to everyone which had a computerized baseball game he has developed on them. Tom Murphy did the play-by-play on a video of a 1948 game between the White Sox and Tigers. Jon Jarrett closed the meeting with a postcard he had found signed by Walt Slagle, who pitched one inning of major league ball in 1910.

The next meeting of the Chicago Chapter of SABR will be on Sunday, November 17, at 1:00pm, at the University of Illinois at Chicago, Circle Center. For more information call 847-506-0726.

For Chicago-area SABR members, the best way to keep up with meetings and activity is to subscribe to the bi-monthly Chicago SABReport. Send \$10 to Bill Slankard, 1909 Birchwood Lane, Arlington Heights, IL, 60004-3501. Please make checks payable to Bill Slankard.

**Enosburg Falls, Vermont:** Several hundred people attended Larry Gardner Day on August 17, 1996, including several members of the Gardner family and Bob Wood and Ray Collins, Jr., sons of Gardner's Red Sox teammates. The event, co-sponsored by the Larry Gardner Chapter of SABR and the Village of Enosburg Falls, raised over \$3,000 for the renovation of the high school field where Gardner played over 90 years ago. Capping off the day was the dedication of a marker in front of Gardner's birthplace which noted SABR's selection in 1973 of Gardner as the greatest player born in Vermont.

### Corrections

*Due to an error, the 1995 Regional recaps for San Diego and Houston appeared in the last Bulletin. The 1996 recaps are as follows:*

**Houston, Texas:** The Houston chapter of SABR had a very successful meeting on Saturday, June 29 in Astrodome. A total of 36 people were in attendance including several new members who were attending a SABR event in Houston for the first time.

Speakers were Tal Smith, President of the Houston Astros and Bill Brown, radio/TV broadcaster for the Astros. They answered questions and told baseball stories for over an hour. The major issue discussed was the future of major league baseball in Houston and Tal was very candid in expressing his concerns.

**San Diego, California:** A meeting of the Ted Williams chapter was held at San Diego Jack Murphy Stadium on the afternoon of Saturday, July 5. The featured speaker was Wendell Kim, third base coach of the San Francisco Giants, in town to play the Padres. Another speaker was the youngest ever to make a research presentation at a SABR meeting. At age 14, Adam Nazar revealed a deep understanding of the Curt Flood case. Some of the 23 persons present remained and were among the 50,000 fans who watched the Padres trounce the Giants on "towel night."

**Denver, Colorado:** The Frank Haraway Chapter met at the Denver Press Club on August 19 in what is expected to be a continuing relationship. The guest speaker that evening was the White Rat, Whitey Herzog. His views on pay-per-view for the post-season, Roger Maris snub by the BBWAA for HoF consideration and the respect he held for the various baseball owners he worked for was entertaining and elicited a good response from the 30+ people in attendance.

The call to staff a convention committee met with good response. We are arranging to meet with some major league umpires for a meeting we have tentatively scheduled between Halloween and Thanksgiving. Any SABR members wishing to be on the Frank Haraway e-mail list can contact Chip Atkison at: KLAANDWRA4@AOL.COM

Our vintage base ball team, the SABR Rattlers won the Best of the West tournament at the Ft. Logan Base Ball Field by sweeping through the competition without suffering a defeat. A tentative vintage tournament to be held in this area next year and have any inquiries forwarded to me by e-mail or my home mailing address. Chip Atkison, 10856 Summerset Way, Parker, Colorado 80134.

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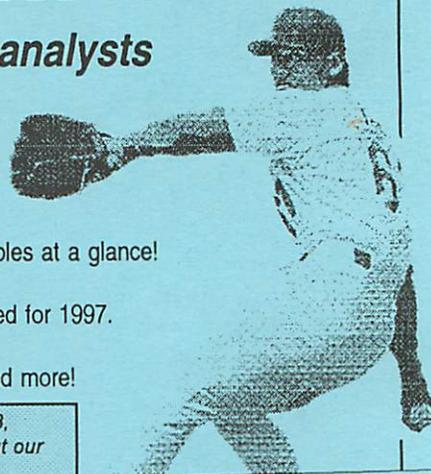
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At 28, he's still got a few years left until he hits his power peak. That's scary, since his trends are still rising, even when normalizing the '96 outburst. Low eye ratio will keep his BA well under .300.



## SABR Celebrates 25th Anniversary in Style

SABR's 25th Anniversary Year featured many memorable events, including the 1996 SABR National Convention, the 25th Anniversary Event at the National Baseball Hall of Fame Library, SABR's first Executive Board meeting in Mexico, and many regional meetings.

Original SABR members (Pictured to the right, first row: Ray Gonzales, Clifford Kachline, Joe Simenic, William Gustafson; Back Row: John Pardon, Bob Davids, Tom Hufford, Dan Ginsburg) reflected on SABR's growth, accomplishments, and future goals on the 25th anniversary of their historic gathering in Cooperstown to organize SABR.

Pittsburgh Pirates' owner Kevin McClatchy (see below) was one of many notable baseball figures to visit SABR regional events in 1996 (see page 5). Members are encouraged to attend SABR regional events whenever possible.



photo by Dixie Tourangeau



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SABR's Hall-Ruggles Chapter meetings in Arlington, Texas, regularly feature prominent guests. Chapter President Howard Green (pictured to the right between retired major league executive Stan Mellvaine and broadcaster Merle Harmon, both of whom were recruited by Howard) celebrated SABR's 25th Anniversary by recruiting his 25th new member, earning himself free convention and events fees to SABR 27 in Louisville, Kentucky, June 20-23, 1997.



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## Constitutional Issues Top Board Actions at June Meeting

During its June 6th meeting at the 1996 SABR National Convention, the SABR Executive Board addressed several constitutional issues to go before the membership on the 1997 election ballot.

The Board voted to recommend the following changes to the Constitution, to become effective July 1, 1997 (new wording is in bold type):

Article III-C of the Constitution would be revised to read:

Any member who fails to abide by the objectives of any other provision of the constitution shall be subject to expulsion by action of the executive board or by a majority of those voting at the annual meeting. Any member expelled by the executive board or by a majority of those voting at the annual business meeting shall be ineligible to rejoin the Society for three years following expulsion, unless the executive board approves earlier readmission. Members shall receive thirty days advance notice of such proposed action.

(Voting to accept the proposed wording were Richard Beverage, Paul Andresen, David Vincent, Rick Salamon, and Frederick Ivor-Campbell; David Pietrusza and Bob Ruland opposed, Larry Gerlach abstained). Motion to recommend the motion to the membership on the 1997 ballot, to be effective July 1, 1997, passed 6-2 (Ruland, Gerlach opposed).

The wording of a proposed addition of a new paragraph D in Article III of the Constitution which would read:

A member's resignation takes effect immediately upon receipt of the resignation in writing and verification by the SABR Executive Director

passed unanimously, as did a motion to recommend the addition to the membership, to take effect July 1, 1997.

A motion to recommend an amendment to the appropriate sections of Article 2 (Articles 2A7, 2B4, 2C3, 2D4, and 2F1) of the SABR By-Laws to read: **Must have been a member of the Society continuously for four years prior to taking office, to take effect July 1, 1997, passed 7-0-1 (Gerlach abstained).**

A motion to recommend an amendment to Article 5-A to read:

The [Nominating] Committee shall solicit nominations, but not review candidates' qualifications beyond ensuring they meet the criteria to serve passed 5-3 (Ruland, Pietrusza, Ivor-Campbell opposed).

The Board also approved (7-1, Pietrusza opposed) the following policy related to the handling of candidates for SABR office who become ineligible to serve during the election process:

*If a candidate withdraws, dies, resigns from SABR, or otherwise ceases to qualify for an office (collectively, "becomes ineligible") before the ballots are printed and mailed, remove his name from the ballot and continue as planned.*

*If a candidate becomes ineligible after the ballots are printed, all votes cast in this election are counted as usual. If an eligible candidate receives a plurality of the votes, that candidate wins. If an ineligible candidate receives a plurality of the votes, Article 2 I takes effect.*

[Editor's note: Campaigning guidelines approved at the June 6 meeting were reviewed and modified at the September 13-14 meeting. Details will appear in the January *SABR Bulletin*].

Board report continued on page 12

## TWIN KILLING: THE BILL MAZEROSKI STORY

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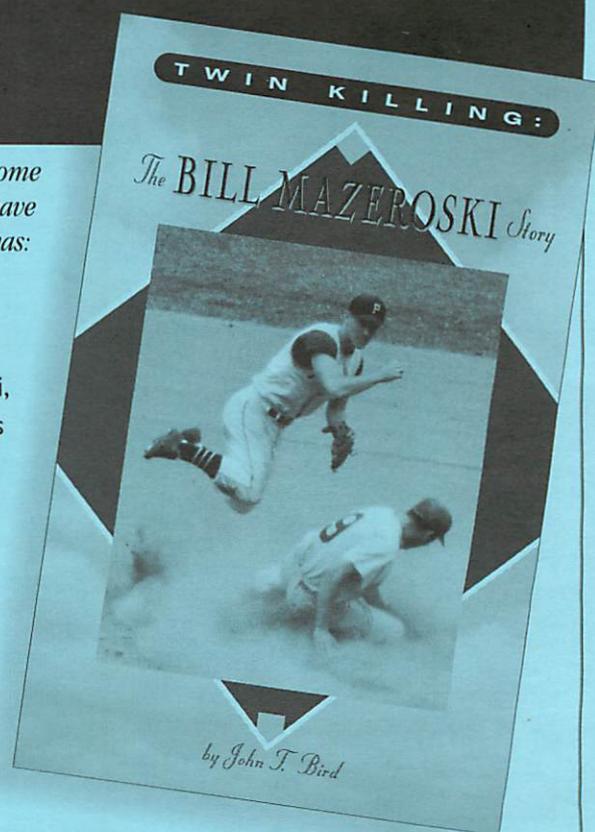
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Andrew Reid, PO Box 712, Alameda, CA 94501, seeks copies of league schedules for the Pacific Coast League, American Association, and International League, from 1901 to the present. Copying/postage will be reimbursed.

Geoffrey Dunn, 729 Trevethan Ave., Santa Cruz CA 95065, 408-423-4338, seeks any and all information (including photos, balls, baseball cards) on Ping Bodie (Francesco Stephano Pezzolo), including minor league stats. Also interested in any research in Italian-Americans in professional baseball, particularly before 1900.

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Jack Parrott, 626 Main Street, Avoca PA 18641, 717-457-3198, is writing a book and is looking for people who lived in Milwaukee or Wisconsin during the 1950s and can tell of their reminiscences about the Milwaukee Braves. The book is almost finished. Contributors will, of course, be acknowledged in the book.

Frank Ceresi, 3600 N Nelson St, Arlington VA 22207, 703-522-5450, Fax: 703-522-0611, seeks information on the 1914 Miracle Braves, especially Gene Stallings, Johnny Evers, Rabbit Maranville, Bill James and Hank Gowdy. Seeking any research tools, including articles, photos, magazines, film (if any) and memorabilia.

David King, PO Box 2171, San Antonio TX 78297, 800-555-1551, ext 3365, dking@express-news.net, is looking for information on the Lamesa (Texas) Lobos of the Class C West Texas-New Mexico League. Wants anecdotes, names and addresses of former players, photos, etc. for possible book project.

Jack Smalling, 2308 Van Buren, Ames IA 50010, seeks information on major league debuts of umpires. Ned date of first game, full names, date and place of birth and death and high school/college attended. I've compiled a great deal of this already and would share my information.

Pete Cava, 7143 Mohawk Lane, Indianapolis, IN 46260, hopes to obtain bio information on Ken Crawford, who played for the Federal League's 1915 Baltimore team for a forth coming Encyclopedia of Indiana-Born Major Leaguers. Crawford died in Pittsburgh in 1976, but the Post-Gazette didn't publish his obituary and he's not listed in the Carnegie Library's death index.

Gary Morris, 300 Cross Bend CT., Irving, TX 75061, seeks any information regarding a Cecil (Bill) Shuck who played in the minors in Nebraska c. 1923. His team jersey reads Fairbury, NB in vertical copy with FWM in horizontal copy across the front as well.

Jim Sargent VWCC, PO Box 14007, Roanoke VA 24038, e-mail: vwsargi@vw.cc.va.us is researching the career of one-game big leaguer Bob Mavis, who was a pinch-runner for Detroit on September 17, 1949. Any clippings, photos, or other information would be appreciated.

Steve Krah, 1202 Clarinet Blvd. E., Elkhart, Ind., (219) 293-5935, seeks information about Lou Criger, George Cuppy and Chuck Klein, particularly their lives before and after baseball.

Tony Szabelski, 333 N. Princeton #4, Villa Park, IL 60181, would like to know the colleges attended by former major leaguers Edward "Ted" Kearns or Alvali Elliott who played as Bob Allen in 1919.

David Driver, 4004 74th Ave., Hyattsville MD 20784, 301-306-9751, seeks any articles or information on former American League umpire Emmett Ashford, who is buried in Cooperstown, NY as well as any information on John W. (Bud) Fowler- whose birth name was John Jackson-who is believed to have been born in Cooperstown in 1854. Fowler may have been the first Negro player to be paid when he played on a white team in New Castle PA in 1872. He also barnstormed around the country for 25 years, wherever Negro players were permitted.

Ron Kaplan, 23 Dodd St, Montclair, NJ 07042, Ronk23@aol.com, seeks articles, photos, anecdotes and general information on major league baseball as pertaining to the Korean War (inductions, military service, games missed, etc.) as well as the differences in attitudes towards the game as opposed to World War II, for a manuscript.

Kevin Saldana, 8034 Worthy Dr., Westminster, CA 92683, 714-895-2612, is looking for information on games in the lower minor leagues in which the winning team scored 25 or more runs and the losing team scored 20 or more runs. He is especially interested in the boxscore and game story for the April 26, 1946, Alabama State League game at Brewton, won by the Brewton Club by a score of 30-29 over the Ozark Club.

John O'Malley, 116 Pinchurst Ave., New York, N.Y. 10033, seeks photocopies of the box scores and accounts of the July 13, 1884, game between New York and Indianapolis (won by N.Y. 5-4) from the various Indianapolis papers available. All costs of reproduction and postage will be reimbursed.

Fred Lenger, 714 Valley View Dr. #E, Ionia, MI 48846, seeks information on the following communities: Camp Sheridan, AL; Mitchum, AL; Willow Springs, AR; Concordia, CA; Gassaway, GA; Breda, IL; Mount Elere, IL; Sweetwater, LA; Colchester, MA; Acorn, MO; Mount Hebron, MO; Kiser, NC; Thorn Hill, OH; Vanceton, OH; Baltic, RI; Springfield, RI; Gilreath Mill, SC; Smithville, SC; Forbes, TN; Crum, Tx; Hallbrook, WV; Morgantette, WV; Slater, WV. The above are either places of birth or death cited in Total Baseball. Wish to know location (including county), or documentation if incorrect citation.

## RESEARCH EXCHANGE

The following articles are among those added recently to the SABR Research Library. They are available on request from Len Levin, 282 Doyle Avenue, Providence RI 02906-3355. For less than 100 pages, the cost is 12 cents per page for copying and postage. For 100 pages or more, the cost is 11 cents per page. An index to the SABR Research Library, which contains more than 4,000 articles, is available from Len Levin at the address listed above for \$3.00.

Index to *The Chicago Cubs* by Warren Brown. 15 pages. Compiled by Joseph Murphy for the SABR Bibliography Committee.

Berne, Gerald: There are more World Series "Sweeps" Than You Think. 5 pages. A look at Series that were not 4-0 but in which a team won four straight.

Clough, Martin: A conversation with Ralph Kiner. 2 pages. Copy of article in *Oldtime Baseball News*, Volume 5, Issue 1.

Gilbert, Bill: Players who accounted for 50% or more of their teams home runs (10 Home Run Minimum). 7 pages. Updated version from listing in previous SABR Bulletin.

Harris, Paul F., Sr.: Babe Ruth: The Dark Side. 54 pages. Explores some of the lesser-known aspects of the Babe's life.

Heaphy, Leslie: Gus Greenlee of the USL. 8 pages. About the black entrepreneur who founded the United States League (1945-46).

Irwin, Richard L.: A historical review of litigation in baseball. 18 pages. Copy of article in the *Marquette Sports Law Journal*.

Levin, Len: Baseball in 1945—the pits. 4 pages. Copy of article in the *Providence Journal Bulletin*, February 1995.

Sloan, Tim: The Ryan Express: Fast and powerful, but can it get you to Cooperstown? 44 pages. Argues that Nolan Ryan is not a first-ballot Hall of Famer.

Szepanski, Bill: Best offensive statistical years. 4 pages. Top offensive seasons measuring the players' batting average, hits, HR, etc. as a percentage of the season record for those categories.

Wendt, Paul: Richie Ashburn. 2 pages. Statistical examination on why Ashburn deserved to be elected to Hall of fame.

## NAMES IN THE NEWS

SABR's first ever Executive Board meeting in Mexico was the subject of an article in *El Norte* (Sabado 14 de Septiembre de 1996). SABR President David Pietrusza and SABR Latin American Committee Chairman Eduardo Valero were quoted in the article...Congratulations to Larry Dierker, new manager of the Houston Astros...David Pietrusza appeared on the interview show "Q&A" on TV station WMHX (Channel 45 Schenectady) on August 19 & 20. David also appeared on play-by-play of Syracuse Chiefs on August 17; and on WKNY (Kingston radio), August 19 and September 30, and on the Sandy Penner Show on WQBK (Albany, NY) September 24, 1996, discussing SABR and Monterrey trip...Claudia Perry appeared on Jeopardy! on September 11...Morris Eckhouse was interviewed on SportsChannel Ohio's *Tribe Talk*... Andy Strasberg, Vice President of Special Projects for the San Diego Padres, was profiled in *The El Cajon Eagle* (July 9, 1996)...Hank Thomas' efforts to publish *Walter Johnson: Baseball's Big Train* were detailed in *Baseball Weekly* (September 11-17, 1996)...Jeff Suntala won the first annual Walter Goldbach Award, given to the best Cleveland-area sports artist...Jim Price's extensive account of the June 24, 1946, bus crash which claimed the lives of nine members of the Spokane Indians appeared in the June 24, 1996, issue of *The Spokesman-Review* (Spokane, Washington) ...John Bird's book *Twin Killings* was mentioned in articles by Bob Ryan in *The Boston Globe* (September 8, 1996) and Dan Castellano in *The Newark Star-Ledger* (August 4, 1996). Both articles dealt with Bill Mazerowski's candidacy for induction into the National Baseball Hall of Fame...SABR publications *The Negro Leagues Book* and *Baseball in Pittsburgh* were reviewed by Corey Secman in *Pittsburgh History* magazine (Fall, 1996). Corey also reviewed *Build It Yourself Forbes Field* by Len Martin and Dan Bonk...Ron Gabriel was interviewed in the final episode of ESPN's five part series "The Brooklyn Dodgers: America's Original Team" (September 24, 1996).

### SABR Hires New Intern

We would like to welcome intern Jeannie Chapman to the SABR office in Cleveland. As an intern, Jeannie's office duties include Public Relations and Media Relations. Currently, she is developing a SABR Press Kit to be completed and distributed in the near future. Jeannie, a native of Columbus, Ohio, graduated from Baldwin-Wallace College in June of 1996 with a B.A. in Communications.

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| AL | 29   | 26   | 31   | 26   | 22   |
| AR | 19   | 12   | 15   | 12   | 10   |
| AZ | 67   | 48   | 53   | 58   | 51   |
| CA | 685  | 640  | 677  | 664  | 640  |
| CO | 84   | 79   | 84   | 87   | 53   |
| CT | 150  | 138  | 153  | 146  | 152  |
| DC | 43   | 44   | 56   | 57   | 55   |
| DE | 33   | 28   | 28   | 26   | 29   |
| FL | 172  | 152  | 144  | 132  | 138  |
| GA | 102  | 88   | 94   | 80   | 72   |
| HI | 13   | 15   | 16   | 11   | 11   |
| IA | 37   | 37   | 35   | 36   | 36   |
| ID | 7    | 5    | 3    | 4    | 6    |
| IL | 348  | 300  | 333  | 332  | 311  |
| IN | 108  | 94   | 95   | 90   | 89   |
| KS | 55   | 49   | 44   | 39   | 41   |
| KY | 48   | 38   | 39   | 33   | 30   |
| LA | 38   | 34   | 34   | 37   | 30   |
| MA | 297  | 263  | 302  | 297  | 296  |
| MD | 229  | 226  | 252  | 252  | 235  |
| ME | 32   | 32   | 37   | 31   | 28   |
| MI | 176  | 145  | 164  | 160  | 161  |
| MN | 117  | 113  | 116  | 125  | 120  |
| MO | 152  | 135  | 136  | 139  | 144  |
| MS | 12   | 14   | 16   | 14   | 13   |
| MT | 10   | 9    | 13   | 13   | 10   |
| NC | 80   | 82   | 89   | 84   | 76   |
| ND | 4    | 5    | 5    | 3    | 5    |
| NE | 21   | 19   | 20   | 23   | 24   |
| NH | 44   | 42   | 43   | 38   | 38   |
| NJ | 329  | 310  | 331  | 303  | 305  |
| NM | 18   | 17   | 22   | 17   | 18   |
| NV | 21   | 20   | 20   | 19   | 14   |
| NY | 710  | 701  | 764  | 754  | 722  |
| OH | 562  | 420  | 458  | 393  | 333  |
| OK | 26   | 26   | 26   | 24   | 22   |
| OR | 49   | 57   | 58   | 42   | 39   |
| PA | 432  | 392  | 408  | 374  | 362  |
| PR | 12   | 10   | 12   | 7    |      |
| RI | 62   | 65   | 74   | 71   | 57   |
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| VT | 42   | 42   | 44   | 29   | 25   |
| WA | 119  | 103  | 113  | 111  | 114  |
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The Treasurer monitors the preparation of the Society's annual budget and the reporting of financial status against budget, prepares and submits expense reports regarding executive board meetings, and submits budget recommendations to the board.

The Secretary is responsible for taking minutes at the annual business meeting and all board meetings and distributing them promptly to all board members, maintaining and recording all changes in and of the policy manual, and use and maintenance of corporate files and records either directly or by supervisory authority at the discretion of the executive board.

Directors are to provide functional continuity for the Society on administrative policy.

All Board members are reimbursed for Board related expenses as approved by SABR policy and are protected from liability claims related to Board action. The Board typically meets four times a year in weekend meetings (Friday-Sunday).

The term for President begins at the conclusion of the 1997 annual business meeting at SABR 27 in Louisville, Kentucky and runs through the 1999 meeting. Terms for Treasurer and Director run from the 1997 meeting to the 2001 meeting. Candidates for all three positions must have been members of SABR for the preceding four years to be eligible for office.

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The Board voted unanimously to:

- Amend the policy manual so that the secretary be directed to prepare the minutes and have them in the hands of the directors within 30 days of the conclusion of the board meeting.

- Have the convention committee approve a convention budget and schedule at least six months prior to the convention.

- Make available a new SABR index (see page one of the August 1996 *Bulletin*).

The Board also voted to renew the contract of Publications Director Mark Alvarez for one year (7-0-1; Secretary Bob Ruland absent).

The Board also resolved that Carlos Bauer's resignation from SABR on April 2, 1996, disqualified him from seeking office in the 1996 elections (5-2-1; Salamon, Vincent opposed; Andresen abstained).

Other topics discussed included on-line publication of *The SABR Bulletin*, and the 1996 and 1997 SABR National Conventions.

Reports were made by the Executive Director, Publications Director, Treasurer, the chairs of the Conventions Committee, Nominations Committee, and Teller's Committee, and the liaison to the research committees and regional groups.

During the Executive Board meeting of June 9, the subject of candidate endorsements and campaigning under the SABR banner was revisited. Discussion of the topic included concerns about enforcement and consistency of policy, and the the relationship of entities such as regional groups and research committees with SABR, regardless of finances.

Also discussed was the origin and possible continuation of the Baseball Hero Award, contract and performance review for the Executive Director, and use of SABR material on the internet.

Further consideration of a book about baseball in Louisville was directed. Norman Macht was unanimously appointed Secretary to fill the position until the next election. Jim Overmyer (chair), David W. Smith and Claudia Perry were appointed to the nominating committee. Phyllis Otto and Dennis Bingham were appointed co-chairs of the Umpire & Rules Committee, Lary Bump was designated to edit the newsletter and John Pardon was designated to facilitate correspondence for the Minor League Committee, and Neal Traven and Clem Comly were named co-chairs of the Statistical Analysis Committee.

[See page 12 of the August *Bulletin* for a report on the 1996 SABR Annual Business Meeting. Minutes are available for the June Board Meetings for a SASE from the SABR office.]

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November 15, 1996. "Health-Building" and 'A Good Time': Jewish-American Women, Sport and Physical Education Pursuits" by Linda Borish, History, Western Michigan University. Other dates include Feb. 21, April 4, May 3, and June 6, 1997.

For further information, please contact Steve Riess at s-riess@nciu.edu or 312-794-2836.

## James Garner, Former AL Counsel, Passes Away

James Garner, 73, a SABR member since 1985, passed away from complications from cancer September 26, 1996, in Cleveland.

Garner was general counsel to the American League of Professional Baseball Clubs from the early 1970s until he retired in 1992. He also served as chief lawyer for the Cleveland Clinic Foundation and *The Plain Dealer*, where he was the chief labor negotiator for 25 years, until the late 1970s.

Garner was born in Madison, Wisconsin, and graduated from the University of Wisconsin. He graduated with honors from Harvard Law School in 1949.

Garner is survived by his wife of nearly 50 years, Georgia; daughters Gail Resch of Shaker Heights, Ann Croll of Rye, NY, and Mary Ganske of Chagrin Falls; and son, Thomas W. of Riverdale NY. Our condolences go out to his family and friends.

## Members See Red Sox

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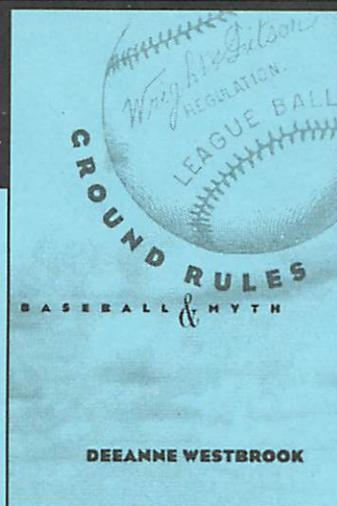
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