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NOW THAT THE 1982 Research Journal is published, we must put out the call for articles for the 1983 number. In an effort to get the Journal out on a faster schedule this year, members are requested to send their submissions to Cliff Kachline, 94 Fair St, Cooperstown, NY 13326. Cliff may serve as editor or co-editor this year. For the benefit of new members, articles should be no more than ten double-spaced typewritten pages. Material should be original and substantive and should reflect the research activities of the Society.

THE NATIONAL PASTIME will be published as an annual again in 1983 and will be available in September or October. Editor John Thorn welcomes all who would like to write for TNP to drop him a note at 18 Virginia Avenue, Saugerties, NY 12477, describing your projected contributions. He wishes to stress that previous published work is by no means a requirement, as demonstrated by several of the more interesting pieces in the debut issue. John also has several research files which he can provide to members interested in developing an article for TNP.

ZIP COLLINS' dream of a retirement home for former ballplayers, noted in the house column of TNP, caught the attention of Dr. David Berland, a staff psychiatrist with the Menninger Foundation. He would like to see old Zip's dream become a reality, obviously with the financial support of an appropriate institution. If other members would like to work toward this goal, they can write to Dr. Berland at the Menninger Foundation, Box 829, Topeka, KS 66601, or to Editor Thorn at the address noted above.

MORE THAN 30 members have signed up for the new SABR research committee on nineteenth century baseball. Among the committee's contemplated activities are: Compiling accurate rosters for significant pre-1871 teams; pictorial documentation; statistical research; identification of bibliographic and archival sources; and creating player profiles for the benefit of the Hall of Fame Veterans Committee. If you are interested in this era and area of work, write either of the co-chairmen, John Thorn or Mark Rucker, 137 Circular St, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866.

SPEAKING OF MARK RUCKER, he has agreed to take over as Microfilm Librarian from John Schwartz, who performed this operation since 1981. It will take a little while for the transfer, for many reels are on loan, but if members want to borrow a microfilm reel of Sporting Life (1883-1917), they should designate the year to Mark at the above address. There is no charge, but the user must pay for return postage.

TWO SURVEY BALLOTS are included with this Bulletin. For convenience's sake, they are carried back-to-back and will be sent to the same recipient - Stan Fleming. Members may fill out one or both as their interests dictate. One survey is to pick the ten greatest minor league players of all-time so that they can be featured in Volume II of Minor League Baseball Stars. A primary source document for selections is the first volume of MLBS. If you do not have a copy and want to participate in the survey, you may want to order one for \$4 from SABR, c/o Bob Davids, 4424 Chesapeake St NW, Wash. DC 20016. The second survey is to select the persons born in 1883, 1884, and 1885 who contributed the most to baseball so that the centennial celebrity may be featured in the annual Research Journals. We are not extending to 1886, where Ty Cobb easily outruns the pack. See the survey ballots for further instructions.

SURVEY BALLOT FOR CENTENNIAL CELEBRITIES

Each year the Society selects the person born 100 years ago who made the greatest contribution to baseball. This contribution can be made in many different ways, such as serving as a player, manager, coach, umpire, executive, etc. In 1981 the selection was Branch Rickey. In 1982, Ed Reulbach won out in a close race with Jack Coombs and Babe Adams. In this survey we will make selections for 1983, 1984, and 1985. The lists of the more prominent candidates for those years are carried below. Confirmation of birth years was made by the Biographical Research Committee of SABR. Please select up to three candidates by order of rank for each year. Just write in 1, 2, 3, opposite your selections at left and return your ballot as directed.

1883 - 1983

Rank

- _____ Jimmy Archer, good fielding catcher
- _____ Chief Bender, star hurler, coach
- _____ Bill Carrigan, catcher and manager (two world titles)
- _____ Hal Chase, excellent first baseman; controversial figure
- _____ Russ Ford, hurler, 20-game winner three times
- _____ Lefty Leifield, hurler (123-96) 2.47 ERA
- _____ Owen Wilson, strong-armed outfielder; 36 triples in 1912
- _____ Other

1884 - 1984

- _____ Bob Bescher, outfielder, outstanding base stealer
- _____ Eddie Cicotte, top hurler, implicated in Black Sox scandal
- _____ Jake Daubert, first baseman, twice NL batting champ
- _____ Billy Evans, umpire, executive and writer
- _____ John Henry Lloyd, Negro League star
- _____ Sherry Magee, outfielder, RBI leader, good base stealer
- _____ George Moriarty, player, umpire, manager
- _____ Jack Quinn, long-service hurler (247-216)
- _____ Nap Rucker, Dodger southpaw, 2.42 ERA
- _____ Burt Shotton, outfielder, coach, manager
- _____ Other

1885 - 1985

- _____ Shano Collins, AL player and manager
- _____ Art Fletcher, shortstop, manager, and coach
- _____ Buck Herzog, infielder and manager
- _____ Ed Konetchy, first baseman, fielding leader; 181 triples
- _____ Fred Luderus, first baseman, long-ball hitter
- _____ Ivy Olson, versatile infielder
- _____ Slim Sallee, southpaw hurler (172-143) 2.56 ERA
- _____ Other

NAME _____ DATE _____

Return this ballot to Stanley Fleming, P.O. Box 67, Greenville, KY 42345

SURVEY BALLOT FOR SELECTION OF TOP MINOR LEAGUE PLAYERS

There is no Hall of Fame for Minor League players. There has been no nationally coordinated effort to recognize these nearly forgotten stars. The 1978 book "Minor League Baseball Stars" carried the playing records of some 175 of the top stars from 1877 to 1977. The second volume of MLBS, now in preparation, will carry the records of more than 150 additional minor league players. We also plan to feature in that second volume profiles of the top ten minor league players as selected by members of SABR. That is the purpose of this ballot. Please select ten or fewer names in order of rank. Make your selection as balanced as possible, including pitchers, and base it solely on what they did as players in the minors and not on what they did or did not do in the majors. Level of play in the minors in terms of league classification is another factor to consider. Most of the more prominent players are listed with this ballot. Return your signed ballots to the person designated at bottom of page.

<u>Regulars</u>	<u>Player Selection</u>	<u>Pitchers</u>		
Buzz Arlett	1. _____	Ramon Arano		
Babe Barna		Bill Bailey		
Larry Barton	2. _____	Clyde Barfoot		
Joe Bauman		Dick Barrett		
Jack Bentley	3. _____	Spider Baum		
Steve Bilko		George Boehler		
Zeke Bonura	4. _____	Jim Brillheart		
Ike Boone		George Brunet		
Frank Brazill	5. _____	Earl Caldwell		
Bunny Brief		Tony Freitas		
Ollie Carnegie	6. _____	Lefty George		
Buster Chatham		Sam Gibson		
Moose Clabaugh	7. _____	Charles Hall		
Ripper Collins		Harry Krause		
Merv Connors	8. _____	Joe Martina		
Nick Cullop		Alex McColl		
Luke Easter	9. _____	Stoney McGlynn		
Ox Eckhardt		Prince Oana		
Hector Espino	10. _____	Johnny Ogden		
Bud Fowler		Joseph Pate		
Ray French	Jay Kirke	Gordon Nell	Roy Sanner	George Payne
Johnny Gill	Clarence Kraft	Ted Norbert	Muscle Shoals	Ken Penner
Jack Graham	Gene Lillard	Lou Novikoff	Ed Sicking	Herman Pillette
Ken Guettler	Hugh Luby	Ray Perry	Stuffy Stewart	Rube Robinson
Tedd Gullic	Fritz Maisel	Al Pinkston	Harvey Strohm	Tom Sheehan
Truck Hannah	Kid Mohler	Jim Poole	Perry Werden	Fr. Shellenback
Spencer Harris	Howie Moss	Bill Raimondi	Geo. Whiteman	Bill Thomas
Joe Hauser	Ed Mulligan	Joe Riggert	Max West	Bob Tiefenauer
Fred Henry	Joe Munson	Lee Riley	Ab Wright	Hal Turpin
Eddie Hock	Rocky Nelson	Paul Strand	Yam Yaryan	Paul Wachtel
Geo. Hogriever				
Pete Hughes				
Smead Jolley				
Frank Kelleher				
Stanley Keyes				

NAME _____ DATE _____

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A BOSTON/NEW ENGLAND Regional Meeting will take place March 12 at Calvary Baptist Church in the Dorchester section. Pastor James Smith is the organizer and he has come up with a good program. Bob Wood, Bob Huckabee, Art Craig, Pete Palmer, and writer Til Ferdenzi are already committed to making presentations. Pete has agreed to take interested members, after adjournment, to the nearby computer center which houses AL stats for a demonstration. Visitors should ask Bob Wood to tell that story about his dad, Smoky Joe, who was coaching Yale and had two of his sons pitching against each other in the Yale-Colgate game. New members from the area who did not receive a flyer and who want to attend, contact Rev. Smith at 617/479-7854. This will be the Boston area's first meeting in eight years and it should result in a big crowd.

THE SOCIETY is reprinting the 1975, 1976, 1977, and 1978 Research Journals, which have been out of print for varying lengths of time. A note will go out with the April Bulletin making it convenient to order at that time.

BASEBALL GOLD is the name of a new periodical aimed primarily at San Diego and NL fans. Editor Fred Rodgers is looking both for subscribers and writers who can donate articles on colorful players, baseball lore, famous games, unusual statistics, etc. Fred's partner is Kurt Bevacqua of the Padres and they publish 20 issues a year, including two per month during the season. An annual subscription for SABR members is \$7.95. Fred will send you one free copy if you write him at 9766 Kenora Woods Lane, Spring Valley, CA 92077 or call 619/698-1763.



RON GABRIEL has some Jackie Robinson stamp first day issue covers and will make them available to members at a 33% discount. The envelopes include a drawing of Robinson and the reference: Issued by Brooklyn Dodger Fan Club - Elected to Baseball Hall of Fame, 1962 - Brooklyn Dodgers, Ebbets Field 1947-1956. He also has some with the Cooperstown cachet and some with the 8-2-82 Brooklyn postmark as well. If interested send a check for \$3 to Ron at 5512 Cornish Road, Chevy Chase, MD 20814.

THE BABE RUTH STAMP which will be issued in Chicago in July to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the first All-Star Game was unveiled at the Ruth birthplace in Baltimore on February 6, his birthdate. Hall of Fame president Ed Stack participated in the ceremony and several other SABR members attended. The Babe is shown in a familiar full-length batting pose.

PHIL LOWRY is completing a manuscript describing each of the 600 ballparks that have been used for major league games since 1871. Included are neutral sites, locations and dimensions, teams and years of use. Parks used by Negro Leagues from 1920 to 1950 are also included. Phil is looking for members with expertise in particular cities who could assist in reviewing data on local sites. If you are willing to help, contact Phil at his new address: 14 Bates Avenue, Ringstead, Northamptonshire NN14 4DY England.

AFTER ALL THESE YEARS, someone is doing a book on Bobo Newsom. That someone is Mike Ross, a close follower of the game while living in England the last 24 years. If any one has unpublished information on old Bobo and is willing to share it with Mike, send it on to him at 2 Maida Avenue, #B, Little Venice, London W2, England. He will reimburse you for special mailing costs.

DAVID CHRISMAN's second volume of the History of the International League is available for purchase. It is in paperback with 183 pages and covers league play from 1932 thru 1947 when the Newark Bears and Montreal Royals were the loop's third and fourth dynasties. If you are interested in a copy, send \$8.95 to Dave at 717 Milford Mill Road, Pikesville, MD 21208.

JAMES RILEY wants to inform members who have already ordered his book, The All-Time All-Stars of Black Baseball, that it will be distributed in March. After a six-months delay to make substantial changes and additions, it went to the printer in late January. It includes all-time teams from the 1900-50 era of Black Baseball. Several SABR members were involved in the selection process and are mentioned in the book. In all, nearly 300 players are featured in some capacity. The book is available only from TK Publishers, Box 779, Cocoa, FL 32922. Total cost is \$14.95.

RICHARD LINDBERG has completed his book, Whose on Third? The Chicago White Sox Story, and it will be available from the publisher in early March. It is 350 pages long with two sections of photos of players from 1900 to date. The author describes it as the definitive work on the White Sox with an all-time roster, unusual records, games to remember, myths debunked, etc. He has a 15% discount for members. If interested, send a check for \$13.35 to Icarus Press, PO Box 1225, South Bend, IN 46624.

AP SPORTSWRITER Dennis D'Agostino is working on his second book, The Voices of Summer, to be published by Leisure Press in 1984. It will consist of a series of taped-and-transcribed interviews with veteran baseball announcers, past and present. Dennis requests members with any information, anecdotes or special memories of their local announcers to please contact him at 38 Independence St, Tarrytown, NY 10591. Dennis' first book, This Date in NY Mets History, was recently released by Stein and Day.

TONY CONIGLIARO NIGHT will be held at Fenway Park June 6 with proceeds going toward his substantial medical expenses. Manny St. Martin, a TC fan via Yankee Stadium, is making a donation and wonders if others want to do it as a coordinated SABR effort. If you do, make out your check to the Boston Red Sox c/o Tony Conigliaro Fund and mail to Manny at 17 North Woodside Avenue, Lodi, NJ 07644. He will present the checks on behalf of SABR.

REMEMBER NICOLLET PARK is the theme for Stew Thornley's efforts to raise funds among Minneapolis Miller fans to erect a plaque at the old park site, now a bank building. The bank has agreed to the display. So, any of you who saw a Nick Cullop, Joe Hauser, or Buzz Arlett home run go sailing out of there, consider making a small donation to Remember Nicollet Park, c/o Stew Thornley, 974 17th Avenue, SE, Minneapolis, MN 55414.

RAY WELSH, running instructor for the Cincinnati Reds, 1972-75, has published a book entitled Baseball on the Run. It deals with running in general, base running and stealing, and conditioning. Members interested in that subject might contact the publisher, Four Maples Press, River Road, Minisink Hills, PA 18341, for price and other information.

WHEN LOU BROCK broke Ty Cobb's career record for thefts in 1977, he said he couldn't recall one steal of home among his 900 thefts (Cobb stole home 35 times). But Brock was saved from a shutout; researchers found he scored on a double steal with Billy Williams when he was with the Cubs May 24, 1964.

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FOUR OLD BASEBALL RESEARCH JOURNALS have been reprinted. They are the 1975 and 1977 numbers, which have been out of print since 1980, and 1976 and 1978, which sold out last December. Basically they are the same books as before, although corrections have been made where feasible. They also have been made the same book size, 9x6 inches, as the later Journals, they are perfect bound and they have identification on the spine like the 1982 Journal. Since we have so many new members, we are sending out an order form with this mailing which includes these four books as well as all the other SABR publications. Consolidated tables of contents are carried on the reverse side. Remember that the 1981 Baseball Historical Review is a compilation of the best articles from the first three Journals, which we do not plan to reprint.

THIS IS THE LAST CALL for 1983 membership renewal. The 10 percent who have not (yet) signed up are being sent another renewal card for their convenience. This year's members will receive the Membership Directory, the Research Journal, The National Pastime, and Bulletins. You also will get discounts on books and the opportunity to participate in national and regional meetings.

While citing the benefits, we also find it necessary to state what membership does not include, and this is based on a report of members who attempted to gain admission to parks/clubhouses during spring training by showing their SABR membership cards. Please be reminded that the SABR guidelines, as published in the Directory, specify that "Identification as a member of SABR . . . should NOT be used to attempt to obtain special privilege or other advantage." The Guidelines also provide that use of the SABR membership list for commercial purposes is permitted only upon authorization of the president or the board.

TOM JOZWIK continues to organize onsite for the National Convention July 15-17 in Milwaukee. He is getting final price figures for lodging and meals at Marquette University, where we will meet. Initial contacts are being made regarding speakers. Consideration is being given to having a tail-gate party prior to the Saturday night game between the Twins and Brewers. We will have all the information with the convention reservation form that will be sent out with the June Bulletin. Keep it on your calendar.

BILL JAMES, publisher of Baseball Abstract, wants to hire a research and editorial assistant. The position is full time and would require that you re-locate in Lawrence, Kansas. A high degree of writing ability, a facility with statistics and an extensive knowledge of baseball are mandatory; computer skills and typing ability would be helpful. Send resume or contact Bill at Box 2150, Lawrence, Kansas 66044. (Did you notice that George Will in his column of April 7 described the Baseball Abstract as the most important scientific treatise since Newton's Principia?)

Phil Piton, 79, died in a Columbus, Ohio, hospital January 23 following heart bypass surgery. He had served as President of the National Association of Professional Baseball Leagues from 1963 to 1971, a period of growth for the minor leagues. His association with baseball dated back to 1929 when he began work in the office of Commissioner Landis. Phil joined SABR late in 1979. His interests, in addition to the minors, were club-player relationships and operating rules.

STAN FLEMING reports that more than 500 ballots have been sent in on the two surveys carried with the February Bulletin. The centennial survey seems to be going OK, but the minor league survey has some drawbacks. First, the name of Jigger Stutz was inadvertently left off the ballot; second, many voters apparently did not consult Minor League Stars, particularly the top ten listing on page 20, and instead voted for recognizable names. As a result (to cite one example), the player who led the minors in career runs, hits, doubles, and total bases did not get enough votes to rank in the top 25. The executive board will review the results and consult with the minor league committee to see what can be done.

PROGRESS is being made on the second volume of Minor League Stars. More help is needed, however, to fill the gaps in the playing records of the more than 150 stars to be included in this book. If interested in helping, contact John Pardon, Minor League Committee Chairman, at PO Box 728, Crugers, NY 10521.

COLLEGE BASEBALL COURSES are cropping up around the nation. Marty Appel has one going in New York State. One has been under way several years at Texas Tech, but this year it will be altered to include a public debate between historians Joe King and Lowell Blaisdell. The topic: "Is Free Agency Damaging the Old Game?" Affirmative, Blaisdell; negative, King. At Montevallo U in Alabama, Bill Plott and Sid Vance are conducting "The Writings of Baseball/Introduction to Sports Writing" for both English and Journalism credit. One writing assignment includes covering a ball game. Sounds like a tough course.

MORT BLOOMBERG, 126 Triangle St. #A-7, Danbury, CT 06810, is compiling a master list of available full-game tapes of games prior to 1960. He invites your cooperation in supplying the names of announcers and whether the games were live or re-creations. He already has information on game 3 of the 1936 World Series, and games 3,4,6 of the 1948 classic.

CAMDEN HOUSE, Academic Publishers of Columbia, SC, is publishing a facsimile edition of Henry Chadwick's The Game of Baseball (1868). It is planned as the first reproduction of several rare and historically important baseball books, one of which will be A.G. Spalding's America's National Game (1911). If you are interested in acquiring facsimile books of this type, contact James Hardin, Camden House, Drawer 2025, Columbia, SC 29202, for a flyer. The books are pretty expensive, but he will discount 15% for SABR members.

BOB SCHMIERER says his anniversary book entitled 100 Years of Phillies Memorabilia will be out April 30. It includes a listing of every player who wore the uniform since 1883, illustrated cards of the top players, etc. He is reducing the cost for members about 30% to \$4.50 per copy. Make your check out to Eastern Pennsylvania Sports Collectors Club (EPSCC) and send to P.O. Box 37, Maple Glen, PA 19002.

Society for American Baseball Research



The Society for American Baseball Research was established at Cooperstown, NY, August 10, 1971. In January 1972 we published our first Baseball Research Journal, and this publication has been issued annually since then. The Society also has issued separate publications on special topics. In addition, SABR published in 1982 the premiere issue of The National Pastime, a large-format, bountifully illustrated tribute to the great American game.

In 1981 SABR published the Baseball Historical Review, a compilation of the leading articles from the first three Research Journals, which were out of print. In March 1983 SABR reprinted the 1975, '76, '77, and '78 Journals, which also had been sold out.

At the present time, we have 13 SABR publications available for sale at moderate prices. Information on The National Pastime is carried at right; the tables of contents of the other publications are listed on the back of this flyer. An order blank is carried below. Check your library, and order what you want from SABR, P.O. Box 323, Cooperstown, NY 13326.

THE National Pastime

A REVIEW OF BASEBALL HISTORY

Printed on heavyweight paper and perfect-bound, the magazine features a striking design and high-quality reproduction of rare baseball photographs and art, much of it never before published. On the cover, reproduced in full color, is what may be the finest single piece of baseball art ever created, Thomas Eakins' dazzling painting, *Baseball Players Practicing* (1875).

Most important, *The National Pastime* contains some of the best writing the sport has to offer, with a lineup of contributors and articles that can compete in any league. To name just a few:

- LAWRENCE S. RITTER: An "unknown" interview with Yankee hurler Marty McHale, conducted in 1963 for *The Glory of Their Times*.
- G. H. FLEMING: The author of *The Unforgettable Season* offers a "Rashomon-style" view of the celebrated Merkle blunder.
- DAVID VOIGT: An examination of how the authority of modern-day managers has eroded.
- BOB BROEG: The veteran sportswriter recalls his years on the road with the Cardinals and Browns.
- PETE PALMER: A prominent statistician proposes a new theory of predicting team success, correlating runs and wins.
- HAROLD SEYMOUR: A historian reflects on baseball and the evils of intercollegiate athletics.
- FRANK J. WILLIAMS: The records mess — why all the encyclopedias are wrong, and how they can be righted.
- JOHN B. HOLWAY: Ray Dandridge, the great third baseman for whom Jackie Robinson's coattails weren't long enough.

... plus many other fascinating articles, original drawings, and a portfolio of nineteenth-century tintypes, stereo views, and photographs.

BACK ISSUES OF SABR PUBLICATIONS STILL AVAILABLE -- ORDER FORM

Baseball Research Journals--

___ 1975 (112 pages)--\$3.00 ___ 1978 (116 pages)--\$4.00 ___ 1981 (188 pages)--\$5.00
___ 1976 (128 pages)--\$4.00 ___ 1979 (160 pages)--\$5.00 ___ 1982 (184 pages)--\$5.00
___ 1977 (144 pages)--\$4.00 ___ 1980 (180 pages)--\$5.00

___ Minor League Baseball Stars (128 pages featuring all-time leaders and year-by-year career records of 170 minor league greats; published 1978)--\$4.00

___ Great Hitting Pitchers (70 pages; published in 1979)--\$2.50

___ Baseball Historical Review (112 pages; published in 1981)--\$4.00

___ This Date in Baseball History (56 pages; published in 1982)--\$2.50

___ The National Pastime (premiere issue of 88-page magazine; published 1982)--\$5.00

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1	1974--In the earliest opening in major league history, the Atlanta Braves 7-6 in 11 innings defeated the Atlanta Braves 7-6 in 11 innings at Riverfront Stadium. Vice President Gerald R. Ford was the first ball. In his first time at bat, Henry Aaron hit off Jack Billingham. It was his 714th, tying Babe Ruth's record.
April 5	
1	1971--In what was to be their last opening day, the Atlanta Braves 4-3 in 11 innings defeated the Atlanta Braves 4-3 in 11 innings at Atlanta-Fulton County Stadium. The Braves' first home run was hit by Hank Aaron off Jack Billingham. It was his 714th, tying Babe Ruth's record.
April 6	
1	1972--For the first time in history, the major league season began with a general player strike that was to last 133 days. The strike was called by the players because of the general player strike that was to last 133 days. The strike was called by the players because of the general player strike that was to last 133 days.
April 7	
1	1969--The Yankees spoiled the managerial debut of the Senators, 8-4, in the opener at Stadium. President Nixon and a crowd of 45,000 fans watched the Yankees defeat the Senators, 8-4, in the opener at Stadium. President Nixon and a crowd of 45,000 fans watched the Yankees defeat the Senators, 8-4, in the opener at Stadium.
April 8	
1	1974--In the home opener at Atlanta, Henry Aaron hit off Jack Billingham. It was his 714th, tying Babe Ruth's record.

THE NEW LIBRARIAN at the Hall of Fame in Cooperstown is Thomas Heitz, 42, former chief of library services for the New York State Department of Law. He has been a SABR member for several months. We have not heard whether or not a baseball historian also will be hired.

SABR MEMBERS who want to receive a free copy of The Coffin Corner, the monthly publication of our brother organization, the Professional Football Researchers Association, should send a request to Bob Carroll, 12870 Rt. 30, N.Huntingdon, PA 15642.

REGIONAL MEETING ROUND-UP

THE ANNUAL Middle Atlantic Regional Meeting will be held in Philadelphia on June 11. A flyer is being mailed out to a large number of area members. A reunion of former players will be part of the function. If there are any questions, contact Kit Crissey, the organizer, on 215/745-8503.

FORMER PLAYERS Bobby Doerr, Larry Jansen, and Pete Ward were guests at the Pacific Northwest Regional at Portland State U in Oregon, February 20. Jim O'Donnell, Rod Hansen and Sam Regalado (nephew of Rudy) presented reports. The subjects included a statistical analysis of major league expansion teams, and assimilation of Latin players into U.S. baseball and culture. Seventeen members and guests were present. Jim Price, regional organizer, reports that a summer meeting probably will be held in Seattle on August 6.

THERE WAS a good turnout in bad weather at the Boston Regional conducted by Jim Smith at his church on March 12. There were 54 members and guests in attendance, including a reporter from the Boston Globe, which carried an interesting article on March 14. Program items included a review of minor league ballparks by Art Craig; brief committee reports by John Pardon (minor leagues) and John Thorn (19th century baseball); a display of photos and memorabilia from the career of Joe Wood by son Bob; a talk on the New England Museum of Sports by Dick Johnson; and a discussion of encyclopedia statistics and a computer demonstration by Pete Palmer. One of the ladies of the church prepared a SABR cake, but it was decorated so nicely, no one wanted to cut into it. Another meeting is tentatively planned for this fall.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA held its first regional meeting at the Oakland Coliseum April 3 prior to the A's-Giants exhibition game. Fifty members and guests attended the function, which was organized by Gene Sunnen. Former Dodger second baseman Nate Oliver was the guest speaker. George Land presented a series of slides set to the record "Talkin' Baseball;" Dan Orum described his new publication, the A's News, to which SABR members have contributed; Martin Pulvers described the baseball literature course he teaches at Stanford. Jim Birch assisted with arrangements. This was an important step in bringing together for the first time researchers of the Bay Area.

TERRY CASHMAN, singer/songwriter, former minor league pitcher and member of SABR, has recorded five baseball record albums and 22 singles and will make them available to members for 20% discount. If interested, write to Lifesong Records, 94 Grand Avenue, Englewood, NJ 07631, for the 3-page flyer.

HARVEY FROMMER is discounting his three books: Rickey and Robinson (\$13), Baseball's Greatest Rivalry: Yankees and Red Sox (\$13), and New York City Baseball 1947-57 (\$11), or all three at a bargain \$30. Order from Harvey at 791 Oakleigh Road, North Woodmere, NY 11581.

SEYMOUR SINOFF is making available his Book of Baseball Records to members at a reduced price, from \$10 to \$7.50 postpaid. The 1983 book, just out, has 380 pages. If you want a copy, send a check for \$7.50 to Elias Sports Bureau, 500 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY 10036.

FRED SMITH still has copies available of two publications he compiled: Brooks Robinson's Baseball Quiz (64 pages, \$3) and The 995 Tigers (232 pages, \$9.95), which contains brief biographical sketches of every Detroit player, 1901-81. To order either, write Fred Smith at Box 120, Lathrup Village, MI 48076.

MEMBERS interested in baseball fiction, poetry and fan opinion may want to order the Minneapolis Review of Baseball, a quarterly journal put out by Ken LaZebnik. The 34-page edition issued last November included, among other stories, a fine four-page piece by George Kaplan on last year's SABR convention in Baltimore. A yearly subscription is \$4 and can be obtained by writing to: Minneapolis Review of Baseball, 1501 South 4th Street, Minneapolis, MN 55454

JOHN HOLWAY has completed the second booklet in his BlackBall Series, this one entitled Smokey Joe and the Cannonball. It is about Joe Williams and Dick Redding, two of the greatest hurlers in Negro League history. It includes 35 pages of complete biographical details, rare photos, rare box scores, and statistical data. The price is \$3.50 for members. John's address is 7805 Chase Court, Manassas, VA 22110.

TOT HOLMES says the Dodgers Blue Book for 1983 has more pages and photos than last year, plus new features and updated stats. The price for members is \$5, a reduction of nearly 20%. Send to Tot Holmes, Box 11, Gothenburg, NE 69138.

Speaking of the Dodgers, we are reminded that Stan Fleming, who is tabulating our survey results, named his infant son Edwin Donald after his favorite player, Duke Snider. Oops, now we cant include Snider in our "real name" player quiz at the Convention.

SPORTS ILLUSTRATED is scheduled to carry an article on The National Pastime in their April 18 issue.

RESEARCH NOTES: Bill Haber and his Bio-Research buddies finally closed out the search for the oldtime player known as Frank Shugart, one of the few to connect for 3 homers in one game and 3 triples in another. He was born (not in Chicago) in Luthersburg, PA, Dec. 10, 1866, and died in nearby Clearfield, Sep. 9, 1944. His real name was Frank Shugarts, rather than William Frank Shugart. . . . Jerry Malloy was flipping through an old copy of the New York Age and found an obit for Frank Grant, probably the best black player of the 19th century. Grant died May 26, 1937, in New York City. . . . Walt Kuczvara is completing the minor league RBI records of oldtime stars, including Bunny Brief, a really great run producer. The editor is helping with another great RBI-man, Lou Gehrig. With Hartford in 1921, 1923, 1924, Gehrig had 6, 75, and 139, for a total of 220 in 205 games. And did you know that "Lefty Lou" hurled a CG victory over New Haven Sep. 20, 1923? . . . Bob Hole reports that Frank Shellenback, the great PCL hurler, had a remarkable hitting record as well. He batted .271 and hit 63 homers over his minor league career. Wes Ferrell led major league hurlers with 38 homers. . . . Tim Otheos reminds us that Larry Anderson of Seattle pitched in 40 games in 1982 and did not get a win or loss. In 1965 Arnie Earley of the Red Sox was 0-0 until his 57th and last outing of the season when he was pinned with a defeat.

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NATIONAL CONVENTION TIME is rapidly approaching. SABR's annual meeting will be held at Mashuda Hall on the Marquette University campus in Milwaukee on July 15-17. The convention officially opens on Friday night with a reception and panel discussion featuring former major league players or other baseball personalities. Ken Keltner will be there and efforts are being made to contact Joe Hauser, Stan Landes, Sal Bando and others. Saturday morning will be devoted to the annual business meeting, and the banquet, with a prominent guest speaker, is set for early afternoon. Following the banquet, we'll head for the Stadium and a tailgate party (and possibly a SABR softball game) prior to attending the 7:30 Brewers-Twins contest. The convention concludes with a Sunday morning program of 10-minute research presentations by members.

A reservation form is enclosed. Those planning to attend are urged to return their completed form promptly to Tom Jozwik, the convention coordinator. A big turnout is anticipated. The Brewers are generously providing free game tickets which necessarily will be limited to SABR members and spouses. Try to get your reservations in by June 30. Tom will get a response back to you with late information, directions to site, etc.

Taxi fare from the bus or train station to the Marquette campus at 19th and Wisconsin Avenue runs about \$3, while limosine service from the airport costs \$5. For those who can supply arrival time information, the host committee will try to provide pickup service at a reduced fare. Marquette is offering SABR members who drive a special \$1.50 parking fee for the entire weekend.

Early arrivals or late departures can be achieved at existing rates if you specify the extra dates on the reservation form. A tour of several Milwaukee attractions has been arranged for Saturday morning for spouses and children. The tour will include visits to the lakefront, a brewery, and the Mitchell Park Domes, a fascinating botanical garden which has a \$2 admission charge.

The tailgate party is a Milwaukee baseball tradition and, besides affording a chance for socializing and light athletic opportunity, will include the equivalent of an evening repast--corn on cob, brats, hot dogs, potato chips and soft drinks, plus a bag of peanuts to take to the game.

Members interested in making a research presentation on Sunday should so indicate on the form. The topics will be screened for relevance, interest and overlap to provide the basis for a snappy, balanced program. Similarly, any SABR authors desiring to sell copies of their books or others wanting to display or sell items must make advance arrangements as noted on the form.

Charles Albert, 71, died of a heart attack at Sibley Hospital, Washington, DC, on March 9. He had worked for the Chesapeake & Potomac Telephone Co. for 40 years prior to his retirement six years ago. For a portion of this time he played semipro baseball for area teams. A member of SABR since 1978, Charles was interested in baseball records and history of the 1920-40 period as well as ballparks. He had been a regular attendee at Baltimore/Washington regional meetings and sometimes in Philadelphia. Charles leaves his wife, two sons and two daughters.

CLIFF KACHLINE, former historian for the Baseball Hall of Fame, has been selected as executive director of SABR, subject to the approval of this new position at the National Convention in July. The executive board made the selection based primarily on his knowledge of the past and present baseball scene, his recognition by other baseball organizations, his writing/editing capability, and his present immersion in SABR administrative activities. It no longer is possible to operate the Society on a volunteer basis. The board determined that changes in operating procedures have been necessitated by the sizeable boost in the work load, both because of the rise in membership (to more than 3700 by mid-May) and the increase in number of publications put out.

The duties of the new executive director are highlighted in the constitutional changes which are carried in a separate enclosure. The membership should review these amendments, many of which are affected by the new position, to get a better knowledge of the structure and activities of the Society and the need for a paid employee to be in charge of its day-to-day operation. If there are questions about the proposed amendments, please contact the secretary, William Humber, 15 Beech Avenue, Bowmanville, Ontario, L1C 3A1.

After lengthy deliberation, the executive board also recommended an increase in membership dues in 1984 from \$15 to \$20. Expenses for reprinting five of the Research Journals and the launching of a new publication last year in The National Pastime have taken big bites out of the treasury. And the salary of the new executive director is a new budget item. Actually, the members have been getting more than the \$15 they pay out in dues. Last year, for example, they received The National Pastime (\$5), Research Journal (\$5), This Date in Baseball History (\$2.50), the Membership Directory (valued at \$4), the Ten-Year Index (\$1), plus the newsletters, book discounts, and other benefits. Although there is justification for the increase in 1984, board members make the recommendation with reluctance.

While discussing financial matters, it might be appropriate to mention that SABR is a not-for-profit corporation and has been granted tax-exempt status by the IRS. This means that any donations to the Society are tax deductible to the parties making them.

Members interested in being considered for officer positions for the next year should contact Stan Grosshandler, chairman of the Nominating Committee. His address is 4905 Richland Drive, Raleigh, NC 27612. Hard work and dedication are prerequisites. It is necessary to attend four board meetings a year even though there is not full compensation for travel and lodging. If you are interested, get in touch with Stan and he will send you criteria for each post.

WHAT WILL BE the convention site for 1984? for 1985? Consideration is being given to Providence, RI, in 1984, but this is no certainty. California in 1985 is another possibility. We welcome proposals from different areas. Send to Bob Davids, 4424 Chesapeake St. NW, Washington, DC 20016.

--Proposed Amendments to SABR Constitution

(Note: New language is underlined; parts to be deleted sometimes shown in ~~THIS/DELETE.~~)

Article I--Name

- A. The organization shall be known as ~~the~~ the Society for American Baseball Research, Inc., and shall hereinafter be referred to as the Society.

Article V--Officers and Committees (Two new sections; reletter others accordingly)

- C. An executive director shall be appointed by the Society's executive board under such terms and for such a period of time as are mutually agreeable.
D. In addition to the above ~~mentioned~~ officers, there shall be four directors.....
G. In the event of the death, incapacitation or resignation of a director other than during the final year of his term, a successor shall be elected at the annual meeting to complete the unexpired term.

Article VII--Meetings

- C. Delete the phrase "and those who have furnished a written proxy."

Article X--Dissolution

- A. If the Society should ever be compelled to dissolve, all obligations and liabilities shall be satisfied. The remaining assets, if any, shall be distributed in accordance with the Society's Articles of Incorporation as amended.

--Proposed Amendments to SABR By-Laws

Article 3--Officers and Functions (New section E; reletter other sections accordingly)

- A. President (New section 5; delete old section 5)
1. Shall preside over the annual meeting;
3. Delete "and shall receive reports from said committees;"
5. Shall work with the executive director in public relations matters;
B. Vice-President (New section 2; delete old sections 2, 3; renumber accordingly)
2. Shall work with the executive director in regional development and prepare a report on same for the annual meeting.
C. Secretary (Delete old sections 1 and 2; renumber others accordingly)
1. Shall take minutes at the annual meeting and at all executive board meetings and distribute same promptly to all executive board members;
D. Treasurer (Delete old sections 1, 2 and 3; renumber others accordingly)
1. Shall review the Society's annual and periodic financial reports and submit recommendations regarding same to the executive board;
2. Shall prepare and submit expense reports covering the executive board meetings;
4. Delete "but successive terms of service are considered desirable;"
E. Executive Director
1. Shall be the Society's chief administrative officer;
2. Shall carry out directives of the membership and the executive board;
3. Shall supervise the Society's fiscal operations and submit quarterly and annual financial reports to the executive board;
4. Shall submit an annual budget and periodic lists of recommended projects to the executive board;
5. Shall be responsible for public relations and regional development;
6. Shall serve as editor of such publications as may be determined by the editorial and executive boards;
7. Shall be an ex-officio member of all committees and shall receive reports annually from all committees.
F. Directors
2. Shall serve a four-year term, ~~one/director/elected/each/year/~~ but may not be elected to successive four-year terms;
G. Executive Board
1. Shall advise the executive director and the officers;

Article 4--Quorums (New section; renumber succeeding section)

- A. Fifty (50) members shall constitute a quorum for an annual meeting.
B. A majority of the executive board membership shall constitute a quorum for an executive board meeting.

Article 5--Committees

C. Auditing Committee

1. Shall audit the expense reports of executive board meetings and report on same to the membership at the annual meeting;
2. Shall examine the annual financial report of the Society's accountant and report on same to the membership at the annual meeting.

SABR RESERVATION FORM
ANNUAL CONVENTION AT MILWAUKEE, JULY 15-17, 1983

Name _____ Others in party _____
(including children)

Address _____ Tel. _____

I/We plan to attend the convention but will be staying at home _____ or with friends and relatives _____ and therefore will not need accommodations.

Arrival date & time _____ Departure date & time _____

Traveling by car? _____ By plane? _____ Bus? _____ Train? _____

If pickup is desired, list airline/train _____ flight# _____ arvl time _____

Each room at Mashuda Hall has a bath. Double rooms include two single beds. Families with small children can, if they desire, bring a cot or sleeping bag if all want to share a room. Anyone having questions about rooms, etc., should contact Tom Jozwik (414/466-5384). On accommodations, prices shown below include two nights (Friday and Saturday).

<u>Accommodations:</u>		Persons	Cost
Single	\$42.00	_____	_____
(two nights) Double (per person — sharing)	34.00	_____	_____
Double (two persons)	68.00	_____	_____

Functions:

Friday:	Dinner 6:00 p.m.	6.50	_____	_____
	Reception and program 7:15-10:15	2.00	_____	_____
Saturday:	Breakfast 7:30-8:30 a.m.	4.00	_____	_____
	Business meeting 8:30-12:00	—	_____	_____
	Tour for spouses 8:30-12:30 busfare	3.00	_____	_____
	Banquet 1:30-3:30	10.50	_____	_____
	Transportation to Stadium	2.00	_____	_____
	Tailgate party at Stadium	4.50	_____	_____
	Game tickets (members & spouses only)	—	_____	_____
Sunday:	Breakfast 7:30-8:30 a.m.	4.00	_____	_____
	Research/workshop seminars 8:30-12:00	—	_____	_____
	Lunch 12 noon	6.50	_____	_____
	TOTAL COST		_____	_____

If interested in making a brief and dynamic research presentation at the Sunday session, indicate the subject _____

Authors and other SABR members wishing to sell or display their books, etc., please indicate items to be made available and amount of space (one or two square feet) desired _____

Please return this form, together with check payable to SABR equal to one-half of the TOTAL COST figure, to: { Mr. Tom Jozwik
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Be prepared to pay the balance by check upon arriving. } Milwaukee, WI 53222

Should you find it necessary to cancel out, your deposit will be refunded providing Tom Jozwik receives notice prior to July 11. Telephone 414/466-5384.

CAPPY GAGNON reports that the Third Annual Los Angeles Regional Meeting had 30 members present and 10 guests, including seven speakers. Among the latter were Babe Herman, Wally Berger, and Kurt Bevacqua. Research presentations were made by Allan Roth, Tim Doherty, Rick O'Brand, Fred Rodgers and Arthur Cantu. Bob Hoie won the trivia quiz, which consisted of one question from each member. Most then attended the Dodgers-Padres game where Steve Garvey broke the NL consecutive game record. A well planned event.

THE FIRST SABR MEETING in Cooperstown since the organizational gathering there on August 10, 1971, took place on May 12 with 10 members and three guests present. The host, George Tillapaugh, displayed his baseball stamp collection, which is much broader than the few issued in this country. Cliff Kachline conducted the meeting, which consisted of brief statements by those present, including Tom Heitz, new librarian at the Hall of Fame, Whitey Wilshere, former AL hurler, and executive board members Frank Phelps, Bob McConnell & Bob Davids.

Another Cooperstown meeting is being considered for the evening of July 31, following the Hall of Fame inductions. Visitors who may want to get together at that time should contact Cliff Kachline, c/o SABR, PO Box 323, Cooperstown, NY 13326.

TWO NEW DISTAFF MEMBERS--Pam Mitchell of Chapel Hill, NC, and Danielle Withrow of Durham--have arranged for a regional meeting to take place Saturday, June 25 at the park of the Durham Bulls of the Carolina League. Miles Wolff, head of the Durham club, also is a SABR member. Efforts are being made to bring out such former players as Buck Leonard, Enos Slaughter, Smoky Burgess, and Tommy Byrne. A flyer is being sent out to area members. Further questions may be directed to Pam at 228 Forest Hill Road, Chapel Hill, NC 27514.

LAST CALL for supplying membership applications and changes of address for the 1983 Membership Directory. Quite a few new members to whom we sent yellow information cards to fill out have not yet returned them. Without a completed application form we cannot include full information for the Directory. Send your pertinent data and address changes to SABR, PO Box 323, Cooperstown, NY 13326.

The Directory will be ready for mailing in mid-July. The National Pastime will be out in September or October and the Research Journal a little later. Some new members who have joined in the last few months wonder where their 1983 publications are. Unfortunately, they do not come out in the first part of the year. This should change in 1984 because editor John Thorn feels he can get next year's TNP out by May. He has already received enough articles to fill this year's publication. Cliff Kachline and Bob Davids have received between them about 25 articles for the Research Journal. Several more could be used, including a strong piece on statistical analysis.

SABR Research Committee chairmen are reminded to send in their annual reports of committee activities to Bob Davids, 4424 Chesapeake St, NW, Washington, DC 20016. You also should prepare a brief summary of this report for presentation at the business meeting of the Annual Convention in Milwaukee July 16.

IS SABR going to have its first member in China? Allen Abel of the Toronto Globe & Mail is being assigned to Peking for two years. There hasn't been much baseball connection with China. Harry Kingman, the only major league player born on the mainland, died recently in California at 90 years of age.

INSIDER'S BASEBALL, the Scribner's Anthology of the best articles from the first ten Research Journals, has been published and is in the book stores. It is a hardcover book with 274 pages and 20 illustrations. The statistical articles have been updated through the 1982 season. It sells for \$14.95, but SABR has purchased 200 copies and will sell them to members for \$12 postpaid. If interested, make check out to SABR and order from John Pardon, PO Box 728, Crugers, NY 10521. Members with byline articles in the book will receive one free copy.

MARK RUCKER has taken over as microfilm librarian. If members want to borrow a microfilm reel of Sporting Life (1883-1917), they should designate the year to mark at 137 Circular St, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866. There is no fee, but the user must pay for return postage. Please be prompt and careful in your handling of this microfilm as others are waiting to use it.

A SPECIAL collector's edition 1984 baseball calendar has been published by The Sporting News. It features more than a dozen historic baseball portraits taken by Charles Conlan of immortals of the 1915-25 period. By identifying yourself as a SABR member you can obtain a copy of the calendar at the reduced price of \$7 by sending a check to Marketcom, 550 Rudder Road, Fenton, MO 63026.

BRAVES BANNER is a new monthly Atlanta Braves team newspaper put out by SABR members Larry Cancro, Doak Eving and Jack Tyson. They print eight issues each season with features on past and present players, history and statistics, and a big minor league section. They had a three-part series on "Homes of the Braves" (Boston-Milwaukee-Atlanta) in the first issues this season. To subscribe, send \$7 for 8 issues to Braves Banner, PO Box 89162, Atlanta, GA 30312.

LEW LIPSET has published Volume 1 of The Encyclopedia of Baseball Cards (19th Century). It has 140 pages and 150 photos and includes all the better known issues prior to 1900. Members may order at 20% discount (\$8.95) from Lew at PO Box 137, Centereach, NY 11720.

TWO BOOKLETS are available from Merritt Clifton. His Relative Baseball (1979) compares the 610 top pitchers and batters with their contemporaries. It has 60 pages, mostly statistical, for \$2. His Disorganized Baseball is a history of the Quebec Provincial League and includes player profiles, interviews, and records of 100 major leaguers and others who played in this mostly outlaw circuit. There are about 40 large-sized pages, Xeroxed, and it sells for \$6 in U.S. funds. Order from Merritt Clifton at Box 129, Richford, VT 05476.

RON HAYER is at work on a book which includes a chapter about Monte Ward's perfect game, Providence over Buffalo, June 17, 1880. If any one has a good narrative account of the game (Ron has the box score), please contact Ron at 40 Christine Drive, East Hanover, NJ 07936.

BILL GUY, radio announcer at a public FM station in Kenosha, WI, would like to do ten-minute radio interviews with SABR members at the Milwaukee convention. Those who have something interesting to talk about and would like to be interviewed, please contact Bill at 3414 Pierce Blvd, Racine, WI 53405.

THIS IS THE LAST Bulletin by the current editor. Cliff Kachline will take over with the August issue. Send your items to him, c/o SABR, PO Box 323, Coopers-town, NY 13326. It has been a hectic 12 years and 67 Bulletins. Thank you for your patience and your cooperation.

Bob Davids

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MEMBERSHIP CONTINUES TO CLIMB steadily. The 4,100 plateau was reached early this month. Of the 1,806 who were members for 1982, only 130 failed to renew. This represents an attrition rate of about seven percent--the lowest in the organization's history.

THE MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY went into the mails (via Bulk Rate) the last week in July, and everyone--except for those who joined in the past week or two --should have received his or her copy by the time this Bulletin arrives. It is interesting to note that of the 3,974 members who are included in the Directory almost half--1,940--reside in the northeast quadrant of the U.S., i.e., from Ohio east and North Carolina north. In addition, Ontario, Quebec and other eastern Canada provinces had 99 members. New York led all states with 517, followed by California with 448 and Pennsylvania with 272.

LIKE THE PUBLIC in general, SABR members are a mobile group. During the past six weeks more than 50 changes of address were received by SABR headquarters. While the Bulletin is mailed First Class, other publications are shipped via Bulk or Book Rate and are not forwarded unless the addressee specifically instructs the postoffice to do so. Members are reminded they are responsible for paying for replacements of any SABR publications they do not receive as a consequence of failure to notify the SABR office (P.O. Box 323, Cooperstown, NY 13326) in advance of the mailing date of a publication.

A RECORD 262 PERSONS attended the SABR National Convention in Milwaukee on July 15-17. This surpassed the previous high of 227 for the 1982 convention in suburban Baltimore (Towson). Local chairman Tom Jozwik, his wife Marilyn and the entire Milwaukee host committee did a bangup job of organizing this year's affair. The torrid heat that gripped much of the country last month overtaxed the Marquette University airconditioning facilities at times, but the slight discomfort occasionally experienced only added to the hot time that everyone seemed to have. Convention highlights appear on pages 2-3-4.

Convention attendees and other friends will be pleased to know that not only did Marilyn Jozwik hold up well under the arduous assignments she handled in connection with that event, but on August 4 she presented husband Tom with a 7-pound, 3-ounce son, Stephen Edward. Both mother and baby are doing fine. The Jozwiks also have a 2-year-old daughter.

COMPUTERS ARE PLAYING an increasingly important role in the compilation and evaluation of baseball data. Several members who have their own computers have expressed an interest in sharing or exchanging results of their efforts. To that end, the SABR office is willing to serve as coordinator in bringing together any who desire to participate in such an arrangement.

BESIDES AN ATTENDANCE RECORD of 262, the National Convention in Milwaukee on July 15-17 established various other records. They included most participants in the Friday evening player panel, largest total of presentations by members, most time devoted to presentations, most extensive media coverage and probably most food consumed per attendee.

ABC NEWS had a five-man crew, headed by producer John Entine and broadcaster Chris Bury, on hand for almost the entire convention. They filmed much of the activity, including the tailgate party, and interviewed many members. A five-minute segment of Sam Donaldson's ABC-TV newscast on Sunday evening was devoted to the convention, showing the diversity of the Society. Brief segments also were featured on various local programming.

BECAUSE OF THE MANY presentation requests, president Bob Davids decided to open the convention at 4 p.m. on Friday--some three hours ahead of schedule. A big percentage of the attendees, of course, had already arrived. Several members delivered their presentations at that time, with the others following on Sunday morning as originally planned.

FOUR EX-MAJOR LEAGUE PLAYERS, a former umpire and two Negro League players comprised the Friday evening panel. Member Bob Allen, who was on the staff of the Milwaukee Braves for 12 years, served as master of ceremonies. Making up the panel were Ken Keltner (also a SABR member), Andy Pafko, Mike Hegan, Fabian Gaffke, umpire Stan Landes and Ted "Double Duty" Radcliffe and Lester Lockett, who performed in the old black leagues. As usual, the session was a huge success as the seven provided entertaining and enlightening comments about their careers. Keltner's lovely wife also supplied observations from the distaff side.

THE SATURDAY MORNING PHASE of the meeting was devoted exclusively to business aspects of the Society. Following an attendance report, treasurer Bill Hugo summarized the organization's financial status. He disclosed that SABR wound up 1982 with an effective balance of \$24,000 in the treasury and that the budget for 1983 showed estimated income of \$88,500 and expenses of \$88,100, excluding salary for the proposed position of executive director.

HIGHLIGHTS OF OTHER REPORTS included: John Pardon announced the pro bono CPA who checks the SABR financial records found everything in order and that the auditing committee, headed by Eric Simonsen, approved the expense reports of the Executive Board, which averaged \$345 for each of three meetings....The Collegiate Baseball Committee is compiling data on major league players who coached college teams and has chosen all-star teams for 20 colleges....The Minor Leagues Committee still is seeking to help Bob Hoie fill voids in the records of certain players preliminary to publication next year of a new edition of Minor League Baseball Stars. Art Cantu is making good progress in preparing a list of every man who ever played in the minors (an estimated 400,000), Vern Luse is busy compiling pre-1900 averages and Jerry Jackson has virtually completed an all-time list of minor league managers....The Biographical Research, Negro Leagues, Statistical Analysis and Baseball Records Committees are continuing with ongoing projects and are open to additional assistance....Pete Palmer disclosed that he and John Thorn are collaborating on a new book on statistics tentatively titled "The Unseen (or Invisible) Game."....Bob Bluthardt announced the new Ball Parks Committee has made considerable headway, with Phil Lowry having completed a manuscript for a Ball Parks book.

CONTINUING WITH REPORTS, John Thorn, co-chairman of the new 19th Century Committee, revealed his group has uncovered information on several players who are not now listed in any encyclopedia and that one of the committee's goals is to obtain a photograph or woodcut of every player and park from the pre-1900 period....Speaking for the Publications Committee, Bob Davids said the Membership Directory had just come off the press, the second edition of The National Pastime will be ready in October and the 1983 Baseball Research Journal will appear shortly thereafter.

CHANGES IN THE SABR CONSTITUTION and By-Laws, as presented in the insert to the June Bulletin, were approved overwhelmingly by the membership. A major facet of the changes involved creation of a position of executive director. The Executive Board's selection of Cliff Kachline for the position also was endorsed by the membership.

A PROPOSAL TO INCREASE DUES to \$20 annually starting in 1984 produced some discussion. Several members inquired whether the hike was sufficient to cover the rising costs anticipated in the next few years. Bob Davids responded in the affirmative. The membership then unanimously approved the increase.

TENTATIVE PLANS for a SABR Library were presented. It was pointed out that the Society already has microfilm of The Sporting Life plus the Tattersall collection and material donated by Alex Haas, Roy Hughes and kin of several deceased members. In addition, Dr. Steve Boren recently donated a sizeable number of duplicate publications, and SABR recently arranged with the New York Public Library to obtain microfilm of the Spalding-Chadwick-Wright collection and anticipates receiving shortly microfilm of The Sporting News. (Only The Sporting Life microfilm is currently available to members; future Bulletins will announce the availability of the others.) The Executive Board is open to suggestions regarding a facility to house the SABR Library.

AS THE FINAL ORDER of the business meeting, the Nominating Committee offered the following slate of officers for the coming year: President--Bob Davids (incumbent); vice-president--Cappy Gagnon (succeeding Tom Evans); secretary --John Pardon (succeeding Bill Humber); treasurer--Bill Hugo (incumbent). Eric Simonsen was nominated for a four-year term as director, succeeding Pardon, and Tom Jozwik for a one-year term, replacing Kachline. All of the nominations were endorsed by the membership.

AN ATTRACTIVE NEW SABR BANNER was unveiled during the meetings. Featuring a green background, it contains the organization's full name as well as the logo in white lettering.

DESPITE A SLIGHT airconditioning problem, the annual banquet on Saturday afternoon went smoothly. Hal Goodnough, former goodwill ambassador for the Milwaukee Braves and now a SABR member, was the featured speaker. To cap the program Bob Bluthardt put on his slide presentation on famous old ball parks.

A THUNDERSHOWER that struck late during the banquet ended almost as quickly, and the subsequent festivities at Milwaukee County Stadium went off without a hitch. Some members started with a softball game. All then participated in that famous Milwaukee tradition--a tailgate party. Most gorged themselves on the brats, hot dogs, roasted corn on the cob, etc., before proceeding into the Stadium to watch the Brewers beat Minnesota.

THE BREWERS, through Dick Hackett, vice-president of marketing and a SABR member, provided some of the finest seats in the park. Everyone in the group was delighted with the accommodations. Late in the game one member collapsed in his seat and, with Dr. Steve Boren at his side, was rushed to the hospital. Fortunately, the stricken party recovered quickly--presumably the heat had gotten to him--and returned to Mashuda Hall later that evening.

THE CONVENTION CONCLUDED on Sunday morning with a series of presentations and a Baseball Trivia Contest conducted by the president. The West team of Art Ahrens, Eddie Gold, Dick Topp and Steve Boren beat the East, composed of Ron Liebman, Ted DiTullio, Tom Zocco and Craig Wright. A rundown of the research presentations, including the descriptive topics, follows:

Ed Doyle--Baker Bowl and Shibe Park
Dick Sisler--Cadico All-Star Baseball
Eddie Gold--A Plague on the Plaques
James Riley--Negro League Players Who Deserve Hall of Fame Recognition
Richard Winship--World Series Players Who Missed the Regular Season
Bruno Wolff--Baseball Computer Game (with demonstration)
Ted DiTullio--Meaning of Romance Language Player Names
Cappy Gagnon--Batting Eye
John McCormack--Playing Managers
David Voigt--A Triptych for the Expansion Era (Robinson, O'Malley, Miller)
Jules Tygiel--Integration of Baseball After World War II
George Wiley--New York Yankee Domination, 1936-1939
John Holway--Joe DiMaggio's 56-Game Hitting Streak
Alden Mead--Fluctuations and Probability in Baseball
Stew Thornley--Minneapolis: City of Protests
Mike Macchione--All-Time Teams by Zodiac Signs
Steve Boren--100-RBI Rookies

IN CONNECTION with the convention, the host committee conducted a poll to select an all-time Wisconsin-born big league team. With two points awarded for each first-place vote and one point for second-team selection, the team chosen was as follows: 1B-Ed Konetchy, 78 points; 2B-Jim Gantner, 98; 3B-Ken Keltner, 95; SS-Tony Kubek, 86; SS/OF-Harvey Kuenn (46 as SS, 60 as OF); OF-Al Simmons, 113, Andy Pafko, 94, and Ginger Beaumont, 75; C-Billy Sullivan, 48; P-Addie Joss, 110, Kid Nichols, 108, and Burleigh Grimes, 107; manager-Pants Rowland, 96.

A SIDELIGHT to the convention was the initial appearance of SABR T-shirts. The shirts are beige with green printing showing the Society's full name and logo plus a reproduction of the player that is shown on SABR envelopes. Nearly ten dozen were sold at the convention. Many members wore them to the Brewers-Twins game, while president Bob Davids and grandson Eddie donned theirs for the Cracker Jack Old Timers classic. The T-shirts can be ordered at \$7 for adult sizes, \$6 for youth sizes by writing to the SABR office. Be sure to specify size--extra-large, large, medium or small for adults and large or medium youth sizes. Allow several weeks for delivery.

NEXT YEAR'S convention site still has not been determined, but Providence, R.I., is a likely candidate. A Florida location during spring training was suggested, but drawbacks include the fact that children are still in school at that time. A convention in California in 1984 also seems impractical due to the Olympics. The Executive Board hopes to reach a decision shortly.

THE LARGEST ATTENDANCE YET for a regional meeting--108--turned out for the sixth annual Philadelphia-Reading session on June 11. The gathering included 66 members, seven former major leaguers--*Tom Ferrick, *Frank Hiller, *Joe Munson, Ed Walczak, *Roy Hughes, Al Rubeling and Larry File--and five former Negro Leaguers--*Gene Benson, *Sy Morton, *Buddy Burbage, *Bill Cash and Al Woodard. (*Indicates SABR member, with Ferrick joining since the meeting.)

Kit Crissey again served as emcee. Research presentations were made by the following: Tom Knight--"George Magerkurth: Setting the Record Straight;" Dick Cramer--"Edge 1.000;" Lloyd Johnson--"The Syracuse Stars of 1877;" Frank Phelps--"The Zero Hitters;" Ed Doyle--"A Letter from Ty Cobb to Connie Mack;" John Holway--"Reassessing the V in MVP," and George Wiley--"Yankee vs. A's Pitching, 1927-32." Manny San Martin made a brief talk thanking members for contributing to the Tony Conigliaro Fund. After lunch the players took part in a question-answer session. This was followed by a Phillies-A's historical quiz, with Dick Cramer besting Joe Stanton for first prize. George Wiley then offered a slide presentation titled "When Baseball Magazine Went to War," after which the 1949 and 1950 World Series films were screened before the group headed for the Vet and the Phillies-Pirates game.

NORTH CAROLINA'S FIRST regional meeting, held at Durham on June 25, attracted approximately 30 persons, including 15 members. The meeting was arranged by Pam Mitchell and Danielle Withrow and was held in the Durham park's stands during early batting practice. Enos Slaughter and Hall of Famer Buck Leonard were special guests, regaling all with baseball anecdotes. Stan Grosshandler spoke on the history of SABR and two other members made presentations. After ordering in a pizza dinner, the group remained for the Durham-Alexandria game.

COOPERSTOWN WAS THE SCENE of a second regional meeting in 12 weeks on July 31. With many members in town for the Hall of Fame inductions, 50 persons showed up for the SABR session that evening. Included were two ex-Negro League players, Sy Morton and Larry Kimbrough, both SABR members, and Tommy Brown, 1963 Washington first baseman and later a member of the Green Bay Packers. Besides Brown and Morton, others who made brief talks were John Pardon, Art Craig, Frank Keetz, Bill Ivory, Renwick Speer, Ted Patterson, Jim Bankes, Phil Wood and Keith Sutton.

JIM PRICE REPORTS that 26 members attended the Pacific Northwest regional meeting held at the Kingdome on August 6. Lonny Frey of nearby Everett was a special guest and told about the day with the Dodgers when Hack Wilson gave Boom Boom Beck his nickname. Doug Simpson was elected president of the group, replacing Price, who had served in that role two-plus years. After the meeting, the members were guests at the Mariners-Angels game.

CINCINNATI'S NEXT REGIONAL meeting is set for September 24. The site again will be the St. Paul United Methodist Church. Bill Hugo and wife Isabelle are again handling arrangements.

A SABR ADVISORY BOARD has been formed to assist Camden House in choosing and finding rare, important books for its Baseball Classics facsimile reprint series. Anyone interested in helping in this effort should contact Frank Phelps, Bob McConnell or John Thorn. The first reprint, The Game of Baseball by Henry Chadwick (1868), a limited edition, is still available for \$25.50 (which includes a 15% SABR discount) plus \$2.50 for shipping and insurance from Camden House, Drawer 2025, Columbia, SC 29206. Anyone signing for the entire series will receive a 20% discount on future publications.

AN HOUR-LONG DOCUMENTARY titled "There Was Always Sun Shining Somewhere," which chronicles the rich history of the old Negro Leagues, will be shown on National PBS on Wednesday evening, September 7. The program contains historic newly-discovered footage of the 1930s and 1940s. It is narrated by actor James Earl Jones and was produced by independent director/producer Craig Davidson, a SABR member, and his Refocus Productions crew.

BOB BLUTHARDT, director of education for Fort Concho Museum in San Angelo, Tex., has been asked by SITES (Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service) to put together an exhibit on baseball to be shown in Japan in 1985. Bob would welcome any ideas, assistance, etc., on the theme that the display should take, location of artifacts, research sources, etc.

WALT WILSON has compiled club-vs.-club won-lost records for all National League teams 1876-1982 and for American League teams 1901-1982. Each team's breakdown is shown separately. SABR members may receive any one team's record free, together with the price for other teams, by writing to Walt at Box 30133, Chicago, IL 60630.

SABR MEMBERS CONTINUE to grind out new baseball books. The Gabby Hartnett Story--From Mill Town to Cooperstown is the title of one written by James M. Murphy, a retired newspaperman. He and Hartnett were longtime friends. Published by Exposition Press, the hardcover book regularly sells for \$9.50. Identify yourself as a SABR member and you can obtain a copy at the special price of \$7.50 by writing Murphy at 605 Armistice Blvd., Pawtucket, RI 02861.

BOB BROEG'S NEWEST book, My Baseball Scrapbook, includes 53 profiles and 160 photos ranging from Connie Mack to Pete Rose. The \$14.95 tome is being offered to SABR members--autographed personally or as a gift--for \$11.95. His Redbirds, a history of the Cardinals updated through 1982, also is available at a reduced \$13.95. The combination price for both is \$24.95. Send checks to: Sport Mark, P. O. Box 14391, St. Louis, MO 63178.

JOHN THOM HAS AUTHORED Champion Batsmen of the 20th Century, which recalls baseball's closest batting races and profiles the game's leading hitters. The 96-page softcover book, which includes 32 full-page vintage photos, can be obtained for \$6.95 from Bat & Ball Press, Box 83333-S, Los Angeles, CA 90083.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY PRESS is giving SABR members a 15% discount on Baseball's Great Experiment by Jules Tygiel. You can forward your check for \$14.50 to Vera Plummer, Oxford University Press, 200 Madison Ave., New York, NY 10016.

THE THIRD VOLUME of Dave Voigt's American Baseball will be released by Penn State Press the last week of August. It covers the tumultuous 1946-1982 era and is subtitled "From Postwar Expansion to the Electronic Age."

HARVEY FROMMER'S NEW book, Baseball's Greatest Records, Streaks and Feats, has a September publication date. He is making it and two of his other books --Baseball's Greatest Rivalry: Yankees and Red Sox and Rickey and Robinson--available to SABR members at \$13 each or all three for \$37. Frommer's address is 791 Oakleigh Road, North Woodmere, NY 11581.

SEYMOUR SIWOFF has made available a limited supply of the 1983 edition of The Book of Baseball Records (regularly \$10) at a special price of \$7.00. Orders should be directed to SABR, P. O. Box 323, Cooperstown, NY 13326.

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CONSIDERABLE MEDIA ATTENTION has been focused recently on several SABR members. Under the title "The Gnomes of Baseball," Time magazine carried a two-page story in its September 5 edition on the efforts of Bill James and Pete Palmer. The article described the pair as "leaders of a small numbers-crunching band who call themselves baseball scientists or sabermetricians" and claimed they "and other fanatics are rewriting the game." Two other members--Craig Wright and Dick Cramer--also were mentioned in the piece. The author of the story, John Leo, evidently became personally enchanted with the activities of the group and the Society and has since joined SABR.

THE SOCIETY AND JAMES also were featured prominently in a five-page article in the September 26 issue of Forbes magazine. The piece carried the heading "The hardest single act in all of sports" and made the point that so much of baseball, "from the nightmare physics of batting to its antiquated and often suspect statistical notions, makes little sense."

SEVERAL OTHER MAGAZINES, including Sports Illustrated, Atlantic Monthly and Psychology Today, likewise contained references to SABR recently. In addition, three members--Cappy Gagnon, Bob Hoie and Larry Bortstein--were featured in a column about the Society written by sports editor Allan Malamud of the Los Angeles Herald-Examiner. The result of the publicity has been to induce many additional fans to join. Membership passed the 4,350 level early this month.

PROMOTIONS HAVE ELEVATED two SABR members, both prominent Pacific Coast League executives in recent years, to the top rank of pro sports. David Hersh, general manager and part owner of the Portland club the last five years, was appointed director of minor league operations by the New York Yankees, and Jack Quinn, G.M. at Vancouver, was named to a similar position with the St. Louis Blues of the National Hockey League. Before departing Vancouver for his new job, Quinn saw the team set a PCL single-game attendance record when 41,875 turned out for the first baseball game ever in Vancouver's new domed stadium.

THE FIRST TRIPLE-A World Series, played at Louisville on September 15-19, saw three general managers who belong to SABR heading up the participating teams. Besides Hersh (Portland), they were Dave Rosenfield (Tidewater) and Jim Burris (Denver). Numerous other minor league officials who are SABR members were on hand, and two of the official scorers--John Carrico and Cliff Kachline--also are SABR members. Tidewater won the double round-robin series.

The 1983 edition of The National Pastime is expected to go in the mail late this month. Edited by John Thorn, the publication is again being printed by AG Press of Manhattan, KS, under the supervision of manager Dean Coughenour, a SABR member. Copies will be mailed from Manhattan via Book Rate. Any member who moved but failed to send in the change of address by October 14 should advise the SABR office pronto (607 547-8728) to assure delivery of his TNP.

David R. Henderson, who joined SABR early this year, died in Jackson, TN, on July 22 at the age of 25. An avid sports fan, he had been confined to a wheelchair for a number of years with muscular dystrophy. Despite the handicap he had graduated with honors from the University of Tennessee at Martin in August 1982. David had moved with his parents, Rev. and Mrs. Gordon H. Henderson, from Trenton, TN, to Jackson just a little more than a month before his death.

THE THIRD EDITION of The National Pastime is scheduled for next spring. While the second issue is just now going to press (see page 1), editor John Thorn is prepared to welcome article submissions or inquiries about topics for the 1984 edition. He also has generated an "idea bank" for aspiring writers who need a subject and research guidelines to go with it.

NEW BOARD MEMBER Eric Simonsen touched off what has become a chain-letter-type of reaction. It began when he paid for a SABR membership for a Price Waterhouse associate. That person in turn sent in a check for memberships for two other members of the firm, and one of them, seeking to continue the "chain letter," paid for two more PW associates. Altogether the chain-reaction ripple effect produced more than half a dozen new members for SABR.

REQUESTS HAVE BEEN received from numerous members inquiring how to organize a regional meeting in their area. A set of guidelines and suggestions has been prepared and will be available beginning November 1. With the tremendous growth in membership during the past year, many cities are now in position to host a regional get-together for the first time. It is the Society's hope that some member in these areas will volunteer to head up a committee to plan such a meeting. Anyone interested in doing so can obtain a copy of the guidelines and a list of members in the area by writing to the SABR office, P. O. Box 323, Cooperstown, NY 13326.

CINCINNATI'S THIRD ANNUAL regional meeting was attended by 40 persons, including 21 members. It was held at St. Paul United Methodist Church in suburban Maderia on Saturday, September 24. Hall of Famer Waite Hoyt was the featured speaker. Roy Hughes also made a talk, and presentations were given by Jack Carlson (players who threw lefthanded and batted both ways), Bill Straub (Jim Bunning as Republican candidate for governor of Kentucky) and Hal Steinhart (the PONY or NYP league). Bill Hugo headed up the committee, which also included Carlson, Bob Littlejohn, Dick Miller and Greg Park. Isabelle Hugo and several other SABR wives served a cafeteria-style meal.

THE TENTH ANNUAL Baltimore-Washington regional meeting will be held Saturday, October 29, in the Dirksen Senate Office Building in Washington. It will start at 12:30. Former major leaguers expected to attend include baseball/football star Tommy Brown and 91-year-old Zip Collins. The SABR Executive Board will hold its quarterly fall meeting following the regional get-together.

ALTHOUGH NEW MEXICO currently boasts only 13 members, Carol Palmer of Socorro is attempting to organize a regional meeting. Tentative plans call for one in December, with a possible followup gathering in the spring after Albuquerque's Dukes begin their season.

A GROUP OF NEW YORK CITY area members, headed by Vince Russo, hopes to arrange a regional meeting. The committee would like to hear from others interested in attending and participating. No date has been set, but late January or early February is a possibility. For further information or to offer input, contact Vince Russo, Mike Getz, Garrett Kelleher or John Pardon.

INSIDER'S BASEBALL, an anthology of the best articles from the first ten SABR Research Journals, has been selling well and the publisher is pleased, reports Maron Waxman, executive editor of Charles Scribner's Sons. She advises Scribner's is hoping for a third printing before Christmas to carry them through the spring. The handsome hardcover book, with 274 pages and 20 illustration, normally sells for \$14.95. However, SABR members can secure a copy for \$12 postpaid by sending a check made out to SABR to: John Pardon, P. O. Box 728, Crugers, NY 10521.

THE LONG-RANGE PLANNING Committee, chaired by Eric Simonsen, held a five-hour meeting in Albany on October 1 and developed numerous recommendations which will be presented to the Executive Board for consideration. Further details will be included in the December Bulletin.

A 30-MINUTE DOCUMENTARY titled "Jonron," highlighting Latin-Americans who played in the majors and old Negro leagues, was aired on public television in Milwaukee in August. It may also be shown nationally on PBS next spring. The producer-director is Raul Calvan, a SABR member. "Jonron," which is home run in Spanish, begins with the evolution of professional baseball in Cuba in the late 1800s and emphasizes the contributions of Latin-Americans to baseball.

AN ARTIST/MEMBER, Bill Forsyth of Pecos, NM, was scheduled to have a one-man painting exhibition at the Los Llanos Gallery in Sante Fe from October 14 to November 4. He hoped to show three baseball paintings among other works.

THE BASEBALL ANALYST, founded by Bill James and now edited by Jim Baker, is a growing publication dedicated to the advancement of Sabermetrics. It consists of articles dealing with the mathematical analysis of baseball records and statistics, all written by subscribers. New subscriber/authors are welcomed. The annual participation fee is \$12. Inquiries, submissions and subscriptions can be sent to Jim Baker, 945 Kentucky Street, Lawrence, KS 66044.

PETE PALMER is continuing a research project aimed at determining how many batters were hit by pitched balls during the years 1897-1908. Major league stats do not include HBP for this period. Anyone having availability to major league city newspapers for those years and willing to dig out the data from game accounts, etc., can contact Pete at 12 Farmcrest Ave., Lexington, MA 02173.

RON MAYER is working on a book which includes a chapter on Charlie Robertson, who pitched for the Chicago White Sox, St. Louis Browns and Boston Braves. Any member with information about Robertson's private life as well as his baseball career is urged to write Ron at 40 Christine Drive, East Hanover, NJ 07936.

THE ORANGE BASEBALL and other colored baseballs are the subject of a research project being pursued by Dennis Piano. He hopes to publish the results of his findings in a year or so. Anyone with material to contribute can send it to Dennis at RD 2, Box 235-A, Flemington, NJ 08822.

A FIVE-PAGE PAPER on the 1983 practices of major league clubs in providing free or reduced-rate admissions for youths, titled "Knothole Gang Survey," has been prepared by Michael Frank. To obtain a copy, send a legal-size SASE to Mike at 100 Arden St., New York, NY 10040.

The third part of the Retroactive Rookie Survey--covering the years 1922-1931--is enclosed with this Bulletin. Please follow the instructions on the ballot, particularly that part about the combined selection of pitcher and regular player. Also please avoid the temptation to select a prominent name over a first-year man who may have faded after a good rookie season.

Has your wife--or husband, as the case might be--reminded you that it's not too early to begin thinking about Christmas? What better gift could you give a friend who enjoys baseball than a membership in SABR, a copy of the second issue of The National Pastime, or one or more of the back-issue SABR publications! The SABR office will be pleased to send a note to the recipient informing him or her of your gift.

BASEBALL BRIEFS, a four-page newsletter about interesting and unusual happenings of the 1983 season, is available free from Bob Davids upon request. You can write him at 4424 Chesapeake St. NW, Washington, DC 20016.

THE CULTURAL HISTORY of black baseball from the inception of the Negro leagues in the 1920s to their demise is presented in a new book titled Invisible Men. Written by SABR member Donn Rogosin, it is a story of first-class baseball, exotic travel, gambling, big money and racism. The book, published by Scribner's, lists at \$14.95, but members may obtain a copy at \$12 postpaid by sending a check made out to the author to: Donn Rogosin, 117 Laurel Lane, Austin, TX 78705.

ANOTHER BOOK on the old-time Negro players, The All-Time All-Stars of Black Baseball by Jim Riley, is available in both hardcover and softcover editions. It contains biographical information on nearly 300 Negro League performers. Copies (\$14.95 for hardcover, \$12.95 for paperback, with \$2 extra for foreign orders) can be obtained from: TK Publishers, Box 779, Cocoa, FL 32922.

FRONT PAGE: A Century of News and Sports, edited by Bob Broeg, has been published by the St. Louis Post-Dispatch. The 312-page coffee-table book is being offered to SABR members, autographed by Broeg, at a discounted \$19.95. Baseball stories include the 1903 World Series, Vander Meer's successive no-hitters, Thomson's dramatics, midget Eddie Gaedel, one-armed Pete Gray, etc. Broeg's own reduced-price books also can be ordered--My Baseball Scrapbook at \$11.95, Redbirds at \$13.95--or \$24.95 for both. All three books are available from: Sport Mark, P. O. Box 14391, St. Louis, MO 63178.

COPIES OF member Barry Gifford's book, The Neighborhood of Baseball: A Personal History of the Chicago Cubs, published in 1981 by E. P. Dutton and originally priced at \$12.50, can now be obtained for \$5.00 postpaid by writing to: Creative Arts Book Co., 833 Bancroft Way, Berkeley, CA 94710.

BESIDES PUBLISHING Volume III, which came off the press late in August, Penn State Press has reprinted Volumes I and II of Dave Voigt's American Baseball. The latest volume is devoted to the 1946-1982 era. All three books are now on sale at bookstores at \$16.75 each for hardcover, \$10 for paperback.

THE 1984 VERSION of Rich Tourangeau's Play Ball! calendar features four-color photos of 15 playing greats, including Joe DiMaggio, Brooks Robinson and Juan Marichal, and a tinted shot of the 1934 N.L. All-Star team plus 1,700 birthdays and other dates. For a copy send \$6 (or \$11 for two)--and mention your SABR affiliation--to: Tidemark Press, Baseball 1984, P.O. Box 813, Hartford, CT 06142.

ANOTHER MEMBER, Kent Dudrear, has produced The American Ball Park 15-Month Calendar. It contains 15 large black-and-white park photos and can be obtained for \$6.95 from Scottsville Sports, Scottsville Road, Scottsville, NY 14546.

THE TEN-YEAR INDEX to Baseball Research Journals is still available. To get a copy of the 30-page booklet, send \$1.50 to the SABR office (or \$1.00 with an order for other SABR publications)...The new SABR T-shirts are a hot item. Nearly 20 dozen already have been sold. They are available in extra large, large, medium and small adult sizes (\$7) and youth large and medium (\$6).

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NEWSLETTER OF THE SOCIETY FOR AMERICAN BASEBALL RESEARCH

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EVER WONDER HOW closely players follow baseball after retiring from the diamond? While no definitive study ever has been done, a check of SABR's roster discloses that 33 former major and Negro League performers are members. With the exception of two whose memberships were provided by friends, all joined after attending a SABR regional meeting or national convention or upon learning about SABR's fine array of publications. Every position is well represented by the group of 33. In their prime these men would have constituted a formidable All-Star Team. Heading the list of ex-players who belong to SABR are three Hall of Famers--Waite Hoyt, Brooks Robinson and Ralph Kiner. The balance of the group consists of: Pitchers--Tom Ferrick, Frank Hiller, Joe Stanka, Larry Kimbrough, Ed Walczyk; catchers--Joe Garagiola, Tim McCarver, Bob Scheffing, Jim Fanning, Bill Cash, Bill Starr, Bill Steinecke; infielders--Tony Lupien, Chuck Stevens, Oscar Roettger, Edward (Red) Borom, Roy Hughes, Tony Kubek, Joe Orenge, Ken Keltner, Clarence Israel, Sy Morton; outfielders--Andy Pafko, Charlie Metro, John (Zip) Collins, Joe Dwyer, Gene Benson, Joe Munson (Carlson), Buddy Burbage, Jeep McClain. In addition, the SABR membership includes a number of former minor leaguers. If they will identify themselves, we will be pleased to list them in a future Bulletin.

THE ENTHUSIASTIC RECEPTION given the second issue of The National Pastime, which went in the mails on October 28, and the appearance shortly of the 1983 edition of the Baseball Research Journal are a fitting climax to the most successful year in SABR's history. When 1983 began, membership stood at 1,800 and was starting a steady ascent. As December arrived, the total had exceeded 4,500--and was still climbing. But even more exciting days are ahead as you will learn upon reading in succeeding pages about plans that have been approved by the Executive Board.

THE 1983 RESEARCH JOURNAL was being readied for the press when this was written. As was the case last winter, it will be placed in the mails to all '83 members immediately after Christmas. Because of the heavy accumulation of administrative duties that occupied the executive director's time, Bob Davids again served as editor of the Journal.

----- TIME TO RENEW FOR 1984 -----

SABR operates on a calendar-year basis--January 1 through December 31. As a result, the time to renew your membership for 1984 is at hand. A card for this purpose is enclosed. Some who joined in recent months for 1983 may feel it was "a short year," but should bear in mind that they received all of the '83 publications that full-year members enjoyed, with one (Baseball Research Journal) still to come. Everyone--even those who have recently submitted a completed application--is requested to fill out and return the enclosed card so it can be placed in SABR's permanent files. Persons who have just joined for 1984 and others who have already paid their '84 dues should simply mark "Paid (and list date of payment)" on the bottom of the card.

BOARD OKAYS PROVIDENCE CONVENTION, ADDITIONAL PUBLICATION

APPROVAL OF Providence, RI, as the site of SABR's 1984 annual convention and finalization of plans for two issues of The National Pastime next year marked a fruitful 5½-hour meeting of the SABR Executive Board in suburban Washington, DC, on October 29. All nine Board members and the executive director were on hand for the session.

ERIC SIMONSEN presented a convention proposal on behalf of a four-member Providence committee consisting of Larry Groff, chairman; Dick Waldbauer, Leonard Levin and Syd Cohen. Next year marks the 100th anniversary of what is regarded as the first World Series. It saw Hoss Radbourn pitch the Providence Grays to the championship over the New York Metropolitans. In approving the Providence bid, the Board stipulated the convention should be held on the last weekend in June or the first or second weekend in July. A decision on the exact dates was to be made as soon as the International League schedule became available. Full details will appear in the February Bulletin.

MEMBERS ARE ASSURED of receiving at least one additional publication in 1984 as a result of approval of plans for two issues of The National Pastime. The first, slated for next spring, will be a pictorial issue devoted to pre-1900 baseball and is expected to be the start of a series of pictorial editions, with future issues covering succeeding periods. As in the past the fall issue will feature articles by members.

BESIDES THE ANNUAL Research Journal and two issues of TNP, the Board hopes to provide members with one other publication in 1984 assuming the budget permits. This would offset the absence this year of a third publication, plans for which fell victim to the increased workload caused by the membership explosion.

IN OTHER ACTION the Board established an ethics committee, approved a formal set of Guidelines for Organizing and Conducting Regional Meetings, authorized funds to help underwrite the cost of microfilming the Knickerbocker Baseball Collection held by the New York Public Library, heard a report from the Long Range Planning Committee, approved committee budgets, studied recommendations offered by the 1983 Milwaukee convention chairman, reviewed the organization's financial report and a report by the executive director, established policy covering the purchase of extra copies of publications by those who contributed articles and discussed suggestions for two other new committees.

THE ETHICS COMMITTEE, which will handle any grievances, will be chaired by the president. He will appoint other members from the Board. The Knickerbocker project represents SABR's second such collaborative venture with the NYPL. The Long Range Committee presented ideas for establishing a SABR facility, a subject which is to be pursued further at the next meeting. The policy on purchases of publications by contributing authors provides they can buy up to five copies at half price plus shipping charges.

THE TWO OTHER new committees that were proposed would pursue specific phases of research. One is a Bibliography Committee. Its objectives would be to locate, identify, evaluate, classify and describe baseball literature and other materials, including books, periodicals, newspapers, manuscripts, etc., covering all areas of the sport. The other is a Photograph Committee. Its proposed aims include ascertaining the sources of baseball photos, obtaining prints or negatives where possible and acting as a clearing house to aid SABR authors. If you are interested in participating in either group, the persons to contact are: Bibliography Committee--Frank Phelps, 253 Bernard Dr., King of Prussia, PA 19406, and Photograph Committee--Brian Beebe, c/o Dynamic Air Freight Inc., 2700 Greens Road E-400, Houston, TX 77032.

NEW ADDRESS FOR SABR -- IT'S NOW P.O. BOX 1010

Because of the sharply-increased volume of mail being received, SABR has given up its small-size post office box in favor of a larger one. This switch has resulted in a minor change of address for the organization. Instead of old Box 323, all mail from now on--including 1984 membership renewals--should be sent to: SABR, P.O. Box 1010, Cooperstown, NY 13326.

BUMBRY, DRABOWSKY, ROTBLATT AMONG GUESTS AT REGIONALS

AL BUMBRY of the world champion Orioles stole the show at the ninth annual Washington-Baltimore regional meeting. The gathering, which was held in the Dirksen Senate Office Building on October 29, attracted a banner turnout of 111. Bumbry, whose appearance was arranged by Phil Wood, wowed the audience with his candid and amusing stories about his Vietnam experience, the Orioles' camaraderie, Earl Weaver and Reggie Jackson. Another special guest was Dr. Frank Sykes, 91-year-old Negro League pitcher. John Holway, who brought him as well as Dr. Sykes' son and grandson, interviewed him about his days in the old black leagues. Presentations also were made by Cappy Gagnon on Burt Keeley's overlooked iron-man feat, Joe McGillen on Chuck Klein's remarkable assist total of 1930, Betsy Tunis on her Hal Chase research, Gary Hailey on a simplified offensive rating system and Holway on his IVP (inclusive victory percentage) formula for determining the most valuable player. As usual, Bob Davids made the arrangements for the meeting.

SIXTY-ONE PERSONS, including 42 members, attended the Chicago regional meeting held on November 20 in the recreation hall of McClurg Court Apartments on the lakefront. Former major leaguers Moe Drabowsky, Marv Rotblatt and Otto Denning and ex-umpire John Rice were guest speakers. Presentations were made by Art Ahrens--Casting of Movie Actors as Ball Players; Joe Naiman--Research on Yankee Players Since 1961; Eddie Gold--Cub Heroes of the Past; Tom Jozwik--All-Star Game Pitchers; Bill Loughman--Microfilm of Daily Sports Pages; Genevieve Duffin--Major League Lineups, and Don Zminda--1977 White Sox Season. A trivia contest pitting Ahrens, Gold and Rich Topp against the audience wound up in a tie. The husband/wife SABR teams of Marge and Jon Daniels and Barbara and Rich Topp organized the meeting.

CAL KOONCE, former major league pitcher, was the featured guest at a regional meeting held in Durham, NC, on November 5. Thirteen members participated in the session, which was arranged by Danielle Withrow. The competition of two college football games in the area that day doubtless kept some others from attending. Koonce is now coach at Campbell University in Buies Creek, NC.

THE FIRST regional meeting of New Mexico members will be held on December 19 starting at 7 p.m. in the hospitality room of Albuquerque's Sunwest Bank. Carol Palmer has spearheaded the planning and has lined up members Pat McKernan, who is general manager of the Albuquerque PCL club, and former sports writer Bart Ripp as speakers.

A MILWAUKEE regional meeting has been arranged for Saturday, January 21. Those interested in attending and/or making a presentation should contact Tom Jozwik at 4317 N. 89th St., Milwaukee 53222 or by phone (414 466-5384).

A TORONTO regional get-together has been scheduled by Bill Humber for Saturday, February 25. It will be held at Seneca College, 1750 Finch Ave. East, starting at 9:30 a.m. Members interested in making a presentation or attending should contact Bill at the college (491-5050 ext. 456) or write him at 15 Beech Ave., Bowmanville, Ont. L1C 3A1.

THE EXTREMELY RARE book, Sol White's Official Base Ball Guide, published in 1907, is the second in the series of rare and historically-important baseball publications that are being reproduced in limited edition by Camden House. The Sol White Guide is devoted to black baseball and contains some 50 photographs. An introduction by Red Barber and a brief biography of White are being added. The facsimile book, due off the press in mid-February, will sell for \$27 plus \$2.50 for postage/handling. It can be ordered from James Hardin, Camden House, Drawer 2025, Columbia, SC 29202. A 15 percent discount is offered to SABR members.

A STATISTICAL STUDY done by Lenny Mendonca as part of an economics honors course at Harvard last spring was featured in the Sports World Specials section of the New York Times late the past season. The 85-page paper, entitled "Racial Discrimination in Major League Baseball," showed that black players as a group outhit their white teammates, but that the dearth of black players at the bottom of the batting averages reflects a lingering racial prejudice focused on mediocre black players. A copy of the report, which earned him a summa, can be obtained for \$10 by writing Mendonca at 5 East 22nd, Apt. 8-G, New York, NY 10010.

LONG-SUFFERING CUB rooters and fans in general can find plenty to cheer them up in the book Cub Fan Mania. Written by Bob Ibach, the Cubs' P.R. director who is a SABR member, and his assistant, the 96-page book regularly sells for \$5.95 postpaid, but is being offered to SABR members at a reduced \$4.95. Checks should be sent to: Cub Fan Mania, P. O. Box 991, Arlington Heights, IL 60004.

AN EIGHT-PAGE booklet titled The Almost Official Fan's Guide to the New York Yankees is being offered free to SABR members--as long as the supply lasts--through the efforts of Carl Lundquist, who prepared it. The booklet contains a brief history of the Yankees and a 40-question quiz. To obtain a copy, write to: Les Boyle, Getty Refining & Marketing Co., P. O. Box 1650, Tulsa, OK 74102.

A COMPUTER ANALYSIS of ballpark effects and normalized team performance covering the 1983 season has been prepared by Bill Carr. It features team statistics by opponent and by park, including adjustments for the effects of the park. The 48-page booklet, consisting of ten pages of explanatory material and the remainder statistical breakdowns, can be obtained for \$7.00 postpaid by writing to Carr at 20 Northwest Pass, Ballston Lake, NY 12019.

BILL JAMES has arranged to reprint the early issues of The Baseball Analyst. They sell for \$2.75 each. Back issues of The Baseball Abstract, another James publication, also are available at \$6 for the 1977 edition (covering the 1976 season), \$8 each for 1978 and 1979, \$10 for 1980 and \$13 for 1981. Orders for either publication should be sent to: Susan McCarthy, Box 2150, Lawrence, KS 66044.

THE MINNEAPOLIS REVIEW of Baseball is entering its fourth year of publication. A quarterly, the magazine of 50-plus pages is priced at \$1, but editor Ken LaZebnik is offering a one-year subscription for \$3.00. If interested, you can write him at 1501 S. 4th St., Minneapolis, MN 55454.

A UNIQUE LITERARY baseball magazine titled Spitball is being published on a quarterly basis by Mike Shannon. A subscription to the publication, which has 36 to 48 pages and features poetry, fiction and book reviews, costs \$6.00 a year, but is available to SABR members at a reduced \$5. Orders can be sent to Mike Shannon at 1721 Scott, Covington, KY 41011.

BILL MEAD is offering a reduced price on copies of his out-of-print 1978 book about wartime baseball, Even the Browns: The Zany, True Story of Baseball in the Early Forties. Bill has about 75 copies available at \$7.95 postpaid, which is a dollar off the cover price. You can write him at 7520 Radnor Road, Bethesda, MD 20817. He'll autograph your copy if you so request.

ANYONE WANT final official 1983 minor league averages? John Montague of the Howe News Bureau (P. O. Box 574, Dover, MA 02030), Bill Weiss of P. O. Box 5061, San Mateo, CA 94402 and Ed Williams of P. O. Box 144, Shawnee, AR 74801 are making their compilations available at \$10 or less per league. Write them for details.

THE NEW YORK CITY regional planning committee hopes to hold its first meeting on a Saturday evening early in the 1984 season. Those interested in attending are urged to contact Vince Russo (516 454-4642 or 212 544-9799), Mike Getz (212 259-5379), Garrett Kelleher (212 815-4270 or 914 357-3744) or John Pardon (914 737-1265).

INDIANAPOLIS, which has around 20 members, may shortly be holding a regional. Keith Kehlbeck has agreed to help organize the session and can be contacted at 3215-A Nobscot Dr., Indianapolis 46222 or by phone at 317 926-3004.

THE NUMBER of cities holding or planning regional meetings continues to grow, but there still are many metropolitan areas with 10 or more SABR members which have yet to show any indications of a regional get-together. A partial listing of such cities is shown below. If any member in these areas is interested in trying to organize a regional meeting, drop a note to the SABR office and you will be provided with a copy of the new Guidelines for Organizing and Conducting Regional Meetings. Labels with the names and addresses of area members also can be supplied.

CITIES WHICH would seem ready for a regional meeting, with the approximate number of members in the city (bear in mind that in many cases the figures fail to include suburban members because of our unfamiliarity with the suburbs), include: Albany-Schenectady, NY (40); Atlanta, GA (25); Baltimore, which generally joins in the Washington regional but might want to hold its own (40); Buffalo, NY (20); Cleveland, OH (30); Columbus, OH (20); Dallas-Fort Worth, TX (35); Denver, CO (12); Detroit, MI (60); Houston, TX (36); Kansas City, MO (20); Las Vegas, NV (19); Long Beach, CA (19); Madison, WI (20); Miami, FL (12); Minneapolis-St. Paul, MN (40); New Orleans, LA (18); Phoenix-Mesa-Scottsdale, AZ (26); Pittsburgh, PA (27); Richmond, VA (10); Rochester, NY (17); Sacramento, CA (14); St. Louis, MO (60); San Diego, CA (35); Wilmington, DE (13).

REPORT OF NINETEENTH CENTURY COMMITTEE

THE EFFORTS of the 19th Century Research Committee, which is nearing its first anniversary, continue to be of a generally individual character, but the hope is that more of the members will pool their interests and talents in 1984. To date the most interesting and important finds have come from those members who have been working in the photographic area. Some of the newly-excavated views of individuals, teams and stadia will appear in the special pictorial issue of TNP in the spring. A recent find is what is believed to be the earliest example of a scorecard sold at a baseball game. It is from the Athletics vs. Atlantics championship game of October 1, 1866 in Philadelphia. Biographical research is proceeding on players such as Jim Creighton, Levi Meyerle, Dave Orr and Dickey Pearce. Committee members interested in statistical reconstruction may avail themselves of the heretofore little-known scorebooks for all games played by the Boston Red Stockings of 1871, the first year of professional league play, and 1873 as well as complete accounts of all World Series and Temple Cup games.

Two valued members were removed from SABR ranks recently with the deaths of Milton C. Riske of Cheyenne, WY, and Luis R. Rigual of Miramar, PR. Riske, a member since 1977, died in October at age 66 following a long bout with cancer. Rigual, who joined just a year ago, fell victim to a heart attack although he was just 26. He was sports director of a TV station in Puerto Rico. Riske, a retired school teacher and football coach, was honored a month before his death when the athletic facilities at Cheyenne's Central High were renamed the Milt Riske Athletic Fields in tribute to his long involvement in the school's athletic program. He coached two American Legion state baseball championship teams in 1953-54 and in 1971 was named coach of the year by the Wyoming Football Coaches Association. Milt also was a free-lance writer and radio commentator.

MICROFILM OF the Spalding-Wright-Chadwick Collection belonging to the New York Public Library has been acquired by SABR. It consists of 12 reels and is now being catalogued. Information on the contents of each reel--and how to arrange to borrow same--will appear in the February Bulletin. Preservation of this historically-important material was made possible when funds were provided by SABR and the Hall of Fame to microfilm the documents.

BALLOTS FOR the retroactive rookie survey have been streaming in, Lyle Spatz reports. If you haven't returned your ballot (from the October Bulletin), you should do so promptly. Lyle advises he also is receiving requests for ballots for the first two phases of the rookie survey. Unfortunately, those phases have been completed and no ballots are available.

AN ITEM in the August Bulletin offering to help coordinate efforts of members with computers who want to share or exchange data brought nine responses. A letter went out to each member of "the team," and presumably they have been in contact with each other. Should anyone else want to participate, send a note to the SABR office and you will be supplied with the names of those involved.

THE PREMIERE (1982) issue of The National Pastime and Minor League Baseball Stars are both virtually sold out, but other back-issue SABR publications are still available. If you want a list of same, contact the SABR office.

FIVE MEMBERS attended the annual Negro League reunion held at Ashland, KY, on November 3-4. They were Jim Riley, Dick Clark, Donn Rogosin, Craig Davidson and John Holway. Davidson and Rogosin showed their film, "There Was Always Sun Shining Some Place." The reunion honored Chet Brewer, 75, pitcher of the old Kansas City Monarchs, and Ted Page, 80, outfielder with the Pittsburgh Crawfords. Commissioner Bowie Kuhn and Ernie Banks also attended.

SOME 500 booksellers entered the Oxford University Press baseball quiz created to promote Jules Tygiel's book, Baseball's Great Experiment: Jackie Robinson and His Legacy, and the winner was another SABR member, Lote Thistlethwaite, who owns Eeyore Books in Cotati, CA. His prize was two tickets and air passage to the opening game of the World Series.

A 31-YEAR stint as sports information director of Seton Hall College came to an end when Larry Keefe decided to retire. A SABR member for many years, Keefe started at Seton Hall in 1945 as a professor of English and took over as SID in 1952. He was 69 in September.

MARK RUCKER, whose artwork adorns the cover of the new issue of The National Pastime, received a special honor last month. He was one of 30 contemporary artists selected from among 180 entries to participate in the 46th annual Exhibition of Artists of Central New York.

KEN NIGRO, who resigned at season's end after one year as the Yankees' director of media relations, has been appointed director of special projects with the Orioles. Ken, a former Baltimore sportswriter, joined SABR in 1982.

JACK MATHEWS is researching all 276 Hoosier-born major leaguers and hopes to compile resumes, interviews, statistics, etc. Anyone interested in helping on the project can contact Jack at 1446 Cambridge Drive, South Bend, IN 46614.

JOHN KRICH is planning a book on baseball in Latin America and would like to hear from anyone who has researched the subject and would be willing to share the information. He can be reached at 573 Eureka St., San Francisco, CA 94114.

BILL BORST hosts a program titled "The Baseball Professor" on a St. Louis TV station and would be pleased to arrange for members who visit St. Louis to appear on the show. Contact him at 72 Fair Oaks, St. Louis, MO 63124.