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ANNUAL CONVENTION SET FOR JULY 6-8

Old Hoss would obviously be pleased! It was 100 years ago that Charles "Old Hoss" Radbourn and the Providence Grays were the talk of the baseball world. Radbourn won 60 games for the Grays during the regular season and then pitched the team to victory in the first World Series. To commemorate that event SABR will hold its national convention in Providence this year. The organizing committee has been hard at work formulating plans for the affair. The dates and place have already been established --Friday, July 6, to noon on Sunday, July 8, at Brown University. In recent years the national convention was formally scheduled to start around 7:30 p.m. on Friday, but because of the large increase in the number of presentations and events, this year's program will probably begin about 2 o'clock. Those planning to attend should bear this in mind and try to arrive on Friday morning or even Thursday afternoon. Plans for the convention will be finalized in the next few weeks, and full details, including a schedule and reservation form, will be included in the April Bulletin. By far the largest turnout ever for a SABR convention--possibly 350 to 400 persons --is anticipated. Eric Simonsen, chairman of the 1975 convention held in Boston, directed formation of this year's organizing committee. Larry Groff is serving as chairman, while other members are Dick Waldbauer, Syd Cohen, Leonard Levin, Fred Stinson, Joe Lawler, Don O'Hanley and Father Gerald Beirne.

TWO MORE NAMES can be added to the list in the December Bulletin of former major leaguers who belong to SABR. In addition, one of the game's most prominent active umpires has joined. The ex-players, both pitchers, are Tim McNamara, who signed on in September but went overlooked when the list was compiled, and Bill Sayles, a recent joiner. The umpire is Doug Harvey of the National League. Incidentally, to clear the record, Ed Walczyk was an infielder rather than a pitcher.

SEVEN OTHER MEMBERS have been identified as having played in the minor leagues. With their position and first/last years under contract, they are: Jim Basso, of, 1941-57; Bobby Dews, c, 1933-47; Ross "Bumps" Horning, ss, 1941-47; Cecil Johnson, p, 1948-49; Dwayne Kling, 3b, 1950-54; Tom Mee, inf, 1950-52, and Jim Ryan, p, 1941-52. It would seem likely that others will turn up. Horning had an experience not too unlike that behind the Max Flack-Cliff Heathcote trivia question; moments after finishing infield practice with Sioux Falls, he was sold to Duluth and had to hustle to the other dressing room to change uniforms for a Northern League game.

UPCOMING EVENTS TO MARK ON YOUR CALENDAR

Besides the national convention mentioned above, the dates, starting times and sites were set for five regional meetings when this was written. They are:

Pacific Northwest--1 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 19, at Holiday Inn in Yakima
Toronto--9:30 a.m., Saturday, Feb. 25, at Seneca College, 1750 Finch Ave. East
South Florida--7:30 p.m., Friday, Mar. 23, at meeting room of Broad & Cassel,
1108 Kane Concourse, Bay Harbor Islands
Boston--1 p.m., Saturday, Mar. 31, at Calvary Baptist Church, 286 Ashmont St.
Philadelphia/Reading--9 a.m., Saturday, Apr. 28, at Holiday Inn in Reading
New York City--1 p.m., Saturday, May 5, at Shea Stadium

More information on these and other regional meetings appears on pages 2-3.

Death has removed four more persons from the membership rolls. Shortly after appearance of the December Bulletin with names of ex-players in SABR's ranks outfielder John "Zip" Collins passed away in Prince William General Hospital in Manassas, VA, on December 19. The oldest of the player group at 91, Zip performed in the majors between 1914 and 1921. The others summoned to their reward were John S. Warren, long active in youth baseball in Medfield, MA, and owner of a team in the semi-pro Cranbury League, who died on December 6 while in Washington, DC, on business; James D. Waters of Van Nuys, CA, and Nicholas H. Gietzen of Milwaukee, WI, whose son Norman also belongs to SABR.

REGIONAL MEETINGS BOOMING--30 OR MORE LIKELY IN '84

A HUGE INCREASE in regional meetings this year appears a certainty. Members from more than 30 cities sent in requests for a copy of the Guidelines for Organizing and Conducting Regional Meetings. Most have indicated they are working on plans for such an event. The enthusiasm generated at these gatherings has played a big part in the expansion of SABR membership and sometimes has laid the groundwork for a new publication or project.

THE FIRST SABR regional meeting took place in suburban Washington (Bethesda, MD) in November 1974. It was organized by Bob Davids, SABR founder, and Ron Gabriel. The Washington-Baltimore area has had a regional every year since. In the belief that members might find it of interest to know which cities have hosted regionals prior to this year, the full list is presented herewith, including the years:

*Washington	74 75 76 77 78 79 80 81 82 83	Detroit	81 82
Boston	75	Milwaukee	81 82
Chicago	76	Minneapolis	81 82
Los Angeles	76	# { Seattle	81 82 83
Raritan, NJ	77	{ Portland, OR	82 83
+Philadelphia	78 79 80 81 82 83	Cheyenne, WY	82
Greenfield, MA	78	Albuquerque	83
Toronto	80 82	Cooperstown	<u>83</u>
New Orleans	81	Durham, NC	<u>83</u>
Cincinnati	81 82 83	Oakland	<u>83</u>

*Several of the Washington meetings have been held in suburban Baltimore.

+Philadelphia regional held in Reading, PA, in alternate years.

#Pacific Northwest membership had both summer and winter regionals in 1982 and 1983, alternating between Seattle and Portland.

Note: Underlined figures indicate two regionals were held that particular year.

A SUMMARY OF the plans for the upcoming regionals listed on page 1 and a list of contacts in other areas are presented below. Members living in these cities who have an interest in participating in a regional meeting are urged to get in touch with the contact person. If your city or area is not listed and you are willing to try to organize a regional, a letter to the SABR office will bring you a copy of the Guidelines and information on the number of members residing in your area.

SOME REGIONALS FEATURE luncheons and/or game tickets. Members planning to attend these meetings are urged to call or write the contact person as early as they can to enable the organizers to plan accordingly -- and also to avoid the possibility of being "shut out" because there no longer is space available. Bear in mind, too, that guests are welcome. Inviting a friend to accompany you to a meeting is a fine way to get him or her interested in joining SABR. Now to the summary:

PACIFIC NORTHWEST--Mel Stottlemire's new job as a Met coach cancelled his possible attendance, but potential guests are Hub Kittle, Harland Clift, Mike Epstein, Ray Orteig, Paul Gehrman. Member presentations slated. Contact: Doug Simpson (206 392-6660)

TORONTO--Theme is "Baseball Research in the 21st Century" featuring presentation on computer research, Baseball Video Show by Bill Humber and Minor League baseball tour by David Leslie. Contact: Bill Humber (491-5050 ext. 456).

SOUTH FLORIDA--Will be holding first meeting ever. Hope to have several present and former players. Contacts: Dan Silverberg, 20100 Highland Lakes Blvd., N. Miami Beach 33179 (day 305 625-5255, night 305 935-2002), Mike Segal, 2270 NE 202 St., No. Miami Beach 33179 (day 305 808-1000, night 305 932-9809).

BOSTON--Program will include 1983 Red Sox highlights film, presentations by Bob Richardson on 19-century baseball, Bob Huckabee on Federal League, Pete Palmer on methods of analyzing player careers, also panel of Til Ferdenzi, Cliff Kachline, Tom Shea. Contacts: Rev. Jim Smith (617 479-7854), Paul Doherty (617 522-2342).

PHILADELPHIA/READING--Annual player reunion begins with 9 a.m. reception, meeting 10-5, Reading-Buffalo game 7 p.m. Members wanting to make 10-minute presentations on research subjects should advise topics. Guests welcome. For meeting/luncheon reservations send \$11 check payable to SABR Baseball Reunion to: H. E. Crissey, 1806 Benton #1, Philadelphia 19152. Early reservations helpful; deadline April 14. If staying overnight, call Holiday Inn (215 929-4741) and specify SABR for special \$27 single, \$35 double rate. Outlet shopping tours planned for spouses. Contacts (all AC 215): Crissey (745-8503), Al DelRossi (383-5399), Frank Phelps (265-1622).

NEW YORK--Program will run from 1-5 p.m., to be followed by buffet dinner at Shea Stadium and Mets-Houston game at 7:30. Cost of meeting and meal, \$15, plus \$8 for press-level box seat. Send reservations to Garrett Kelleher, 9 Van Dyke, Suffern, NY 10901. Contacts: Kelleher (day 212 815-4270, night 914 357-3744), Vince Russo (day 516 454-4642), Mike Getz (212 259-5379).

OTHER CITIES or areas where regionals are planned or are expected to be held this year and the names of the persons to contact (addresses and phone numbers are given only if different than listed in Membership Directory):

ALBANY, NY (Capital District)--Robert Giblin....ARIZONA (central)--Thomas Karnes
....BALTIMORE--William Gehring.....BUFFALO--Michael Dugan.....CHICAGO--Marge and
Jon Daniels and Barbara and Richard Topp....CINCINNATI--William Hugo....CLEVELAND
--Robert Carr and Richard Derby....COLUMBUS, OH--Dr. John Draeger (page 157 in
Directory)....COOPERSTOWN--Cliff Kachline, P. O. Box 1010....DALLAS-FORT WORTH--
Fred Harrison, 1814 Burning Tree Lane, Carrollton, TX 75066 (214 245-7315).....
DETROIT--John S. Wilson.....INDIANAPOLIS--Keith Kehlbeck, 3215-A Nobscot Drive,
Indianapolis 46222 (317 926-3004).....JAPAN--Kazuo Sayama, Masaru Ikei, Yoshihiro
Okubo....KANSAS CITY--Vern Luse, P.O. Box 16835, Raytown, MO 64133 (816 524-8251)
.....LAS VEGAS--Joe Digles and Donald Cleland....LOS ANGELES--Cappy Gagnon (see
meeting report on page 4).....LOUISVILLE--Robert Bailey.....MADISON, WI--Cary
Kendall....MILWAUKEE--Thomas Jozwik (see meeting report on page 4)....MINNEAPOLIS--
ST. PAUL--Robert Tholkes, Alden Mead and Stew Thornley....NEW MEXICO--Carol Palmer
(see meeting report on page 4).....OAKLAND-SAN FRANCISCO--Eugene Sunnen.....
PITTSBURGH--Francis Boslett....POUGHKEEPSIE, NY--Charles Steinhorn, Vassar College,
Box 453, Poughkeepsie 12601 (914-452-7000 Ext. 2097)....ST. LOUIS--Erwin Fischer
and William Borst....WASHINGTON, DC--L. Robert Davids (202 362-6889).

CHECK YOUR ADDRESS ON ENVELOPE LABEL

Nearly 70 members received their copy of The National Pastime several weeks late because of failure to notify the SABR office of address changes. While the Bulletin is sent first class, other publications are shipped Bulk Rate and thus are not forwardable. To assure prompt receipt of your SABR material, be sure to check the address shown on the label on the envelope in which this Bulletin arrived. If it is incorrect in any way, please advise us immediately.

GREENBERG BIG HIT AT L.A.; SCHRAMKA AT MILWAUKEE

HANK GREENBERG DELIVERED another home run as guest speaker at the fourth annual Los Angeles regional. The Hall of Famer occupied center stage for nearly 1½ hours and wowed the 34 members and five guests who attended the January 28 gathering at the West Hollywood Sheriff's Station. In a question-answer session that followed his talk, Hank responded to a request to compare the quality of today's players with those of his heyday by pointing out that when he played the only sport that an athlete could pursue for financial gain was baseball. Host Cappy Gagnon's Notre Dame research helped him land Greenberg, who was originally signed for Detroit by Notre Damer Jean Dubuc. The meeting also was highlighted by presentations by Allan Roth on boo-boos in official statistics and fielding errors by position by team, Dave Anderson on results of his table-game simulation "World Series" between teams of college products (Southern Cal, with 65 major leaguers, downed Notre Dame, with 62 big leaguers, four games to none), Bob Hoie on some mythology surrounding Pete Reiser, Dick Juline on the number of Hall of Famers in All-Star Games, Art Cantu on his project of alphabeticizing minor leaguers of all time, Rick Obrand on high schools producing the most major leaguers, Dave Sanders on "imaginary" baseball and Jerry Mezerow on the 1957 Hollywood Stars. Seven members--Gagnon, Anderson, Roth, Hoie, Chuck Carey, Lefty Blasco and Andy Polizzi--have attended all four L.A. regionals. Mike Scharf, 14, was the youngest member present. Frank Swain of Santa Barbara and Bruce Erricson of San Diego each traveled 120 miles to attend.

PAUL SCHRAMKA, former Cubs' outfielder, spoke and fielded questions at Milwaukee's third regional on January 21 at the Capitol Library. Twenty-five persons, 19 of them members, participated. It was noted that the Cubs have retired Schramka's uniform number 14; the number, of course, was subsequently worn by a fellow named Banks. Burr and Theresa Oxley came 165 miles from Wisconsin Rapids and Don Zminda nearly 100 miles from Evanston, IL, for the session. Zminda gave a narrated slide presentation on the White Sox' surprisingly-successful 1977 season. Bruno Wolff explained and demonstrated his computerized Sports Complex baseball game. Various attendees took turns acting as managers in an abbreviated 6-0 Sports Complex win by the 1927 Yankees over the 1948 Indians. Three films obtained from the library --"Who's on First?" with Abbott and Costello, "The Glory of Their Times" and the 1982 World Series highlights film--enhanced the meeting's audiovisual emphasis. The attendees held their own Hall of Fame election, using the same candidates considered recently by the BBWAA. Only Luis Aparicio and Harmon Killebrew gained the necessary three-fourths vote. Tom Jozwik emceed the session.

TEN MEMBERS and five guests attended a regional in Albuquerque, NM, on December 19. Pat McKernan, G.M. of the Albuquerque Dukes, and journalist Bart Ripp, both members, made interesting presentations and responded to questions. The group also discussed the possibility of bidding for a future SABR national convention. Carol Palmer headed up the session and already is planning another for May.

MINOR SNAFUS caused a delay in the delivery of SABR publications to some members recently, and a sincere apology is hereby offered to those affected. In the case of overseas members a misunderstanding apparently resulted in their copies of The National Pastime and December Bulletin being shipped surface mail rather than airmail. This situation has been rectified for the mailing of this Bulletin. Similarly the postal permit on the envelope containing the December Bulletin led to confusion in some postoffices, resulting in handling like Third Class matter even though "FIRST CLASS" was clearly printed under the permit. This problem also has been corrected. The firm that printed the Baseball Research Journal delivered the first several hundred on schedule and they were promptly airmailed to overseas members. However, some snafu stalled delivery of the bulk of the copies and thus delayed the general mailing until January 16.

Remember that SABR has a new address--P. O. Box 1010, Cooperstown, NY 13326.
The phone number to call if you need information on SABR is 607 547-8728.

HEAR YE, HEAR YE -- IMPORTANT REMINDER

Membership cards for 1984 will be sent out with the April Bulletin. If you were a SABR member last year and have not yet renewed, please remember that now is the time to forward your 1984 dues. In past years a "Second Renewal Notice" was sent with the February Bulletin to those who had not renewed. However, the tremendous growth in membership during the past year has made the practice of hand-inserting such a notice impractical. Instead a replica of the renewal form appears at the bottom of this page. If you still have the yellow card that was enclosed with the December Bulletin, we'd prefer that you use it in renewing. Otherwise use the printed form shown below-- or a photocopy of same. The form also can be used to enroll a friend. If you cannot recall whether you are paid up, drop a note to the SABR office.

TWO GENEROUS DONATIONS were received by SABR recently. Dr. Steve Borcn presented the organization with a large number of publications--hardcover books, Guides, Who's Whos, etc.--while Pete Palmer made a substantial cash contribution to the Tattersall Fund. Various organizations also have contributed copies of current publications for the projected SABR Library. Once plans are finalized, details will be carried in the Bulletin. Meantime, members are urged to keep in mind that SABR is incorporated as a not-for-profit organization and all donations are tax deductible under IRS regulations.

AS MOST MEMBERS are aware, the Pacific Coast League made history last year with a woman umpire. SABR may also be able some day to claim a gal umpire from the minor league ranks. Perry Lee Barber, one of our members, attended Harry Wendelstedt's Umpire School this winter for the third consecutive year. Perry says she began umpiring three years ago and called 'em in a Utah semi-pro league last summer. She advises the SABR T-shirt she wore at Umpire School this year made a big hit and prompted some fellow umpire candidates to inquire about joining SABR.

MEMBER DENNIS MAHER is historian of the newly-formed Chisox Club and serves as editor of the group's newsletter. The organization, formed last summer with Ken Harrelson as honorary chairman, holds luncheons during the season at which some Sox players are present. A major Chisox Club project is to raise money to help young children with medical problems. Anyone interested in joining (dues \$10) can write to Chisox Club, Twenty-third and Lake Sts., Chicago, IL 60616.

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SOCIETY FOR AMERICAN BASEBALL RESEARCH MEMBERSHIP FORM

NEW RENEWAL

Name _____
Last Name First Name Middle Name

Address _____ Phone _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Date/Place of Birth _____
Joined SABR _____
 Mo Year

Education _____

Occupation _____
(include name of company or school)

Send this card with your check for \$20 (U.S. funds) to cover annual membership dues to: SABR, P.O. Box 1010, Cooperstown, NY 13326. (Overseas members include appropriate mailing surcharge if airmail delivery is desired.)

Signature _____ Date _____

Areas of Baseball Interest
 (Check maximum of five items other than "Baseball in General")

0 Baseball in General
 1 Specific Team
 2 Minor Leagues
 3 Negro Leagues
 4 Baseball Records
 5 Biographical Research
 6 Statistical Analysis
 7 Ball Parks
 8 Hall of Fame
 9 19th-Century Baseball
 10 Socio-Economic Aspects
 Other

Note: Circle checked items where you would be willing to assist in research.

SOME OF SABR'S newer researchers have been contacting The Sporting News, the Elias Sports Bureau and the P.R. offices of the Commissioner, the two major leagues and some of the clubs for information. These organizations generally are happy to be of assistance if the request involves a single query where the answer can readily be found. However, none is geared to providing extensive research service, and SABR members engaged in research projects should consider alternate sources for information such as their local public and college libraries. Even the several baseball and all-sports libraries scattered around the U.S. are unable to devote much time to research for other persons, but in most instances they welcome those who want to visit their facilities to pursue research.

THE WEATHER in much of the U.S. has hardly been conducive recently to cavorting in SABR T-shirts, although several orders were received. More than 300 T-shirts have been purchased by members to date. The shirts, which are cream colored and show the Society's full name, logo and a reproduction of an old-time player in green ink, are priced at \$7 postpaid for adult sizes, \$6 for youth sizes and can be ordered from the SABR office. They come in extra-large (46-48), large (42-44), medium (38-40), small (34-36) and youth large (14-16) and youth medium (10-12).

SOME 1,000 ORDERS for back-issue SABR publications have been received since last April when the availability of reprints of the 1975-76-77-78 Baseball Research Journals was announced in the Bulletin. All told, the orders were for around 4,800 publications. The premiere (1982) issue of The National Pastime and Minor League Baseball Stars have both been completely sold out. The stock of several other publications also is getting low. An order form is printed below (see the renewal card on reverse side) for those who might wish to order.

DISA 'N' DATA: A project which Stew Thornley was boosting attained fruition when a plaque commemorating the site of old Nicollet Park, home of the Minneapolis Millers, was unveiled....SABR was well represented at last fall's annual dinner of the Association of Professional Baseball Players, which aids indigent former players. Cappy Gagnon, Bob Hoie, Dick Beverage, Larry Bortstein, Tim Doherty, Jerry Mezerow and, of course, Chuck Stevens, secretary-treasurer of the APBPA, all were on hand....Bill Humber was named director of the Continuing Education Division at Seneca College in Toronto, where he is a member of the faculty.... Eddie Gold, Art Ahrens and Rich Topp have made guest appearances on a Chicago radio show hosted by former sportswriter Bill Gleason.

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BACK ISSUES OF SABR PUBLICATIONS STILL AVAILABLE -- ORDER FORM

Baseball Research Journals--

			1981 (188 pages)--\$5.00
___ 1975 (112 pages)--\$3.00	___ 1978 (116 pages)--\$4.00	___ 1982 (184 pages)--\$5.00	
___ 1976 (128 pages)--\$4.00	___ 1979 (160 pages)--\$5.00	___ 1983 (184 pages)--\$5.00	
___ 1977 (144 pages)--\$4.00	___ 1980 (180 pages)--\$5.00	___ Journal 10-Yr. Index--\$1.00	

~~Sold Out~~ Minor League Baseball Stars (128 pages featuring all-time leaders and year-by-year career records of 170 minor league greats; published in 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

~~Sold Out~~ The National Pastime (premiere issue published in 1982)--\$5.00

___ The National Pastime (second issue, 88 pages; published in 1983)--\$5.00

Also: Insider's Baseball (hardcover 274-page anthology of SABR articles published by Scribner's in 1983; regular price \$14.95)--\$12.00

Send checks (payable to SABR) and orders to: SABR, P. O. Box 1010, Cooperstown, NY 13326

THE SABR EXECUTIVE BOARD will hold its quarterly winter meeting on Saturday, February 18, at Howard Johnson's in King of Prussia, a Philadelphia suburb. The agenda is expected to include adoption of a budget, finalization of publication plans for 1984 and consideration of several new committees. As a result of an item in the December Bulletin, Frank Phelps reports he received responses from 21 members interested in participating in a Bibliography Committee and Brian Beebe had nine responses about a Photograph Committee. In addition, 22 members have indicated they are willing to share or exchange results of their computer efforts.

FOR THE BENEFIT especially of new members, here is a list of the organization's officers and directors, who constitute the Executive Board:

President--L. Robert Davids; vice-president--Cappy Cagnon; secretary--John Pardon; treasurer--William Hugo; directors--Frank Phelps, Robert McConnell, Eric Simonsen, Thomas Jozwik. Executive director--Clifford Kachline.

IN SABR'S EARLY years, with only a few hundred members, committee chairmen were readily able to find prospects for their groups by looking through the Directory and checking each person's interests. The recent membership explosion makes that approach impractical. It now is incumbent on members who are interested in working with a particular committee to contact the chairman to volunteer their services. All committees can always use additional dedicated members who are willing to dig in and assist in research. So that you may know whom to contact, here is the list of current committee chairmen (addresses given only if different than shown in the Directory):

Ballparks--Robert Bluthardt; Baseball Records--Everett Cope; Biographical Research--Joseph Simenic; Collegiate Baseball--David K. Anderson; Minor Leagues--John F. Pardon; Negro Leagues--Philip J. Lowry, 4709-B Edwards Mill Road, Raleigh, NC 27612; Nineteenth Century--John Thorn and Mark Rucker; Statistical Analysis--E. P. "Pete" Palmer.

IN AN EFFORT to keep the membership informed of activities of SABR committees, each chairman has been requested to prepare a report for inclusion in the Bulletin. Reports of two more committees are presented in this issue.

BALLPARKS COMMITTEE COMPLETING MANUSCRIPT

THE BALLPARKS Committee, organized in November 1982, presently has approximately 20 members. Their interests embrace various aspects of research and statistical study. The prime project currently involves assisting Phil Lowry in completing his manuscript in preparation for publication. Phil's seven-year effort accounts for every park, stadium and arena used by professional baseball, football, hockey and basketball over the past century. Committee members have supplied research materials, photos, available dates and facts plus critical readings of certain chapters. Future plans include publishing an index to research materials for the study of ball parks. Some members also have expressed interest in establishing plaques or other means of commemorating long-forgotten parks. On an individual basis members study statistics, research former parks and assemble research data that is shared and discussed through correspondence and an informal quarterly mailing by the committee chairman.

PREPARATION OF MINOR LEAGUE STARS II CONTINUES

MORE THAN 20 members responded to a request for research assistance in digging up or compiling data needed to complete player records scheduled for inclusion in Minor League Baseball Stars II. Bob Hoie and Bob McConnell are coordinating the project. They have indicated the volume could be ready for publication this year. Art Cantu continues to work on an all-time list of minor league players and expects to have 400,000 or more names. He says he has completed about two-thirds of the list. Vern Luse is working on a manuscript devoted to the pre-1900 era and also has compiled averages on about 50 leagues for that period.

ARTICLES ARE needed for the 1984 editions of The National Pastime and Baseball Research Journal. If you wish to submit a story, contact John Thorn, 18 Virginia Ave., Saugerties, N.Y. 12477 about TNP and Cliff Kachline, P.O. Box 1010, Cooperstown, N.Y. 13326, about the Journal. All materials should represent original research.

SEVERAL MEMBERS of the Ballparks Committee met for dinner at Rusty's, a Manhattan restaurant owned by Rusty Staub, on December 28. Taking part in the affair were chairman Bob Bluthardt, Vin Russo, Doug Alford and Mike Frank. Three other SABR members--Jack Campaign, Steve Nadel and Jay Gauthreaux--joined them. Alford displayed the recently-completed collection of photos he took of every current major league park. This was the second year the group gathered at Rusty's. Others are invited to join the informal gathering scheduled for next December.

NUMEROUS QUERIES have been received asking how to buy tickets for the annual Hall of Fame game, which this year will feature the Detroit Tigers against the Atlanta Braves on Monday, August 13. To be eligible to buy tickets, a person must send a postcard postmarked March 5-9 to: Cooperstown Baseball Committee, P. O. Box 590, Cooperstown, NY 13326. The postcard must include your printed name, address, zip code and phone number plus number of tickets (maximum of four) and seat location desired--first or third base or outfield. A drawing of postcards will be held later in March. Senders of those selected will receive a ticket order form.

VOLUME III of The History of the International League is now available from the author, David F. Chrisman. The book covers league play from 1948 through 1960 and includes an addenda which lists all-time leaders in hits, runs, doubles, triples, homers, etc., from 1884 through 1982. It sells for \$8.95 and can be ordered from Chrisman at 717 Milford Mill Road, Pikesville, MD 21208.

KIT CRISSEY'S latest book on World War II baseball, Athletes Away, has just come off the press. A selective look at pro players who were in the Navy, it contains 75 pages and five photos. To obtain a copy, send \$4 to: Harrington Crissey, Jr., 1806 Benton St., Apt. 1, Philadelphia, PA 19152. He also has copies of Teenagers, Graybeards and 4F's: Volume 2 (The American League) available at \$11, but says he is temporarily out of Volume 1 (The National League).

BASEBALL TRIVIA NEWSLETTER is a new monthly publication being produced by John Grabowski. Each issue contains facts, figures, lists, puzzles, games and quizzes. SABR members can order it at a 25% discount--or \$15 for a year, \$7.50 for six months or \$2 for a sample issue. Send checks to: Baseball Trivia Newsletter, 217 Crystal Avenue, Staten Island, NY 10302.

DO YOU HAVE any letters from former major league players? Fred Stinson of 20 Humphreys Road, Barrington, RI 02806 would like to see xerox copies for possible inclusion in an anthology. He'd especially like one from Charlie Root.

A BASEBALL SONGBOOK, Fenway to Candlestick in Song, is being offered by composer Pat Hotso Casey. Consisting of 304 xeroxed looseleaf pages (8 1/2 x 11), including an index, this wealth of baseball music can be obtained by sending \$35 to Pat Hotso Casey, P. O. Box 1334, South Pasadena, CA 91030.

A LIST of no-hitters by ball parks is being made available by Kent B. Dudrear. To obtain a copy, send a 20¢ stamp to: Scottsville Sports, 2608 Scottsville Road, Scottsville, NY 14546.

A SMALL NEWSLETTER directed at amateur baseball coaches called The Diamond Mind has begun its second year of publication. Prepared by Robert D. Stephenson and issued six times a year, it is priced at \$10.95 for one year or \$16.95 for two, but is being offered to SABR members at a discounted \$7.95 for one year or \$14.95 for two. Send orders to: The Diamond Mind, P. O. Box 2127, Kokomo, IN 46901.

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IT'S TIME TO MAKE RESERVATIONS FOR ANNUAL CONVENTION

Another chapter in The Boys of Summer saga has begun unfolding on baseball diamonds throughout the northern hemisphere. Summer, of course, is officially still some two months away, but most people are now finalizing vacation and travel plans. For many SABR members, these plans will include attendance at the annual SABR convention set for July 6 - 8 in Providence, RI. The organizing committee has completed most of the arrangements and is now busy lining up guests for the Friday evening player-manager-umpire panel and for the role of guest speaker at Saturday's banquet. A number of prominent ex-players and officials are being contacted, and as in the past an outstanding lineup of talent is expected. The names of the panelists and guest speaker will appear in the June Bulletin.

Members are reminded that this year's convention schedule has been expanded. In the past the festivities officially got under way on Friday evening, but the Providence convention will officially begin at 1:30 on Friday afternoon. The earlier start was arranged to accommodate the growing number of interesting research presentations by members. Presentations again will be limited to ten minutes each. A commemorative symposium and the player-manager-umpire panel are listed for Friday evening. The symposium will mark the 100th anniversary of Providence's victory in the first World Series back in 1884. Saturday morning will be devoted to the annual business meeting, a session which almost all attendees have found to be enjoyable and informative. The banquet, a Baseball Quiz Bowl and a visit to nearby Pawtucket for an International League game will complete the Saturday program. An innovative workshop on writing and publishing, plus additional research presentations, will round out the schedule on Sunday morning.

A reservation form appears on page 5. Those planning to attend are urged to forward their completed form promptly to Eric Simonsen, convention coordinator. A turnout of 400 or more is anticipated, and it will be helpful to the committee--as well as to you--to get your reservation in early. The committee will have materials sent to each party responding to facilitate planning by those who might want to spend a few additional days in the area. Persons interested in making a research presentation, participating in the Quiz Bowl and writing/publishing workshop, or desiring to sell or display books they have authored should indicate same on the reservation form. All requests will be screened by the committee.

As part of the convention festivities, the committee hopes to stage a simulated two-inning re-enactment of the 1884 World Series. Plans call for authentic replicas of the old-fashioned flannel uniforms worn by the world champion (continued on page 2)

YOUR 1984 MEMBERSHIP CARD IS ENCLOSED

A membership card for 1984 is enclosed with this Bulletin. Be sure to look for the card before tossing out the envelope. Because of the handling problems and costs that would be involved, it was decided to include a membership card with each Bulletin rather than to hold out cards on those members who have not yet renewed. (A separate notice has been sent to all non-renewals.) Members are reminded that the membership card does not entitle the holder to any special privileges and is not to be used for such purposes.

SPRING ISSUE OF THE NATIONAL PASTIME READY JUNE 1

The spring edition of The National Pastime, an all-pictorial issue devoted to pre-1900 baseball, is expected to be in the mails around June 1. Editor John Thorn and artist Mark Rucker, who is preparing the layouts, have chosen about 250 photographs for the publication. Altogether they examined an estimated 7,000 pictures. They made extensive use of the Hall of Fame archives and took pictures of historic items in the collections of SABR members Barry Halper, Bruce Foster, Lew Lipset and others in assembling a collection of some 1,400 photographs. Many of those being used have never before been published. The cover of The National Pastime will feature an original drawing by renowned baseball artist Dick Perez.

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Providence Grays and New York Metropolitans, with the game to be played under 1884 rules. SABR members are being offered a chance on a first-come, first-served basis to order one of the uniforms, which will be made to the desired size, and to play in the game. Estimates of the uniform costs are \$150 to \$175 each. Anyone wishing to own or sponsor one of these historic uniforms should contact committee member Syd Cohen immediately at 44 Knollwood Ave., Cranston, RI 02910 (phone 401 944-8990).

Besides Simonsen and Cohen, the organizing committee includes Larry Groff, chairman; Father Gerald Beirne, Joe Lawler, Leonard Levin, Jim Murphy, Don O'Hanley and Fred Stinson.

Hall of Famer Hank Greenberg and Paul Scramka are the latest former major league players to be enrolled in SABR. As was noted in the February Bulletin, Hank served as guest speaker at the Los Angeles regional earlier this year, and Paul filled a similar role at the Milwaukee regional. Both joined shortly thereafter.

The list of SABR members who played minor league baseball also has increased with the identification of nine additional names. One of them, C. E. "Pat" Olsen, even appears in a New York Yankee team picture although he never actually performed in a regular-season major league game. Pat, a pitcher, and SABR member Oscar Roettger both trained with the Yankees in 1924 and were included in the group photograph taken that spring. After riding the bench the first several weeks of the season, Pat and Lou Gehrig asked to be farmed out. Gehrig went to Hartford, Pat was sent to Springfield. Upon gaining his master's degree from Texas A&M in 1927, Olsen decided to give up his four-year pro baseball career and enter business. He went into the manufacturing of oil field tools, meantime pitching for various semi-pro oil company teams, and eventually joined Ty Cobb in baseball's millionaire class. Of the 474 World Series games played in this century, Pat has attended 236--just one short of half of them.

Other SABR members boasting minor league playing backgrounds, with their position and first/last years, include: Bill Crissman, p, 1974-75; Jim Kolker, of, 1952-53; Lyle Krall, ss, 1954-58; Roman Loyko, of, 1947-55; Joe Macko, 1b-p, 1947-63; Ray Maloney, c, 1943-52; Jim McGreal, c, 1939-49, and Al Toth, of, 1942-49. Another member, Ed Boell, umpired in the minors from 1943 to 1949, while Joe Hoopel, who is on The Sporting News editorial staff, served as batboy at Billings in 1957 when Krall was the team's shortstop. Doubtless there are other members who played or umpired in the minor leagues. If they or a friend will provide the appropriate information, we'll be pleased to recognize them in a future issue.

Robert G. Quincy, long-time sports editor and sports columnist of the Charlotte (N.C.) Observer and a SABR member since early 1983, died at age 61 in Charlotte on February 9 following a long battle against cancer. Bob, who also served as sports director of radio and TV stations in Charlotte, was voted sports writer of the year in North Carolina on five occasions.

SCHEDULE OF REGIONAL MEETINGS

Kansas City--11 a.m., Saturday, April 14, in Embassy Room of Adams Mark Hotel
Carolinas--4 p.m., Sunday, April 15, at Durham Athletic Park
Philadelphia/Reading--9 a.m., Saturday, April 28, at Holiday Inn in Reading
New York City--1 p.m., Saturday, May 5, at Shea Stadium
Madison, WI--Saturday, June 9 (contact Cary Kendall at 608 257-2920)
Chattanooga--Saturday, June 30 (contact Hugh Moore, Jr., at 615 265-8881)

Note: For reservations for Reading or New York meetings, you should immediately call Kit Crissey (215 745-8503) or Garrett Kelleher (914 357-3744), respectively

OAKLAND'S SECOND annual regional drew a banner turnout of 110 persons, including approximately 60 members. They enjoyed a 1½-hour session in the Oakland Coliseum on March 31 and then took in the A's-Giants exhibition. Through the Oakland club, organizer Gene Sunnen obtained Curt Flood as speaker. Flood discussed the A's as well as his baseball experiences, including the reserve system and his suit. Jules Tygiel spoke about his recent book on Jackie Robinson and then joined with Flood in a question-answer session. Rich Zitrin gave a talk on the Rotisserie League and Sunnen discussed Bill James' Project Scoresheet. The group voted to hold another meeting this summer, probably in San Francisco during All-Star Game week.

THE BUFFALO APEA'S initial regional attracted 13 members. Organized and conducted by Mike Dugan, it was held at the Forks Hotel in suburban Cheektowaga on March 31. The program was highlighted by presentations by Joe Overfield, Rich Swiniuch, Jim Zygaj and Al Toth. Overfield gave a talk on and showed photographs of the parks used by Buffalo teams through the years. Swiniuch gave a report on the regional he attended in Toronto. Zygaj spoke about the Buffalo Bisons' last pennant-winning season of 1959, and Toth related many interesting and amusing stories about his five-year minor league career.

DESPITE A HEAVY snowstorm 36 hours earlier, 48 persons were on hand for the Boston regional on March 31. Included were seven members of the Providence SABR convention committee. Rev. Jim Smith, who organized the meeting, served as emcee. Presentations were made by Bob Richardson, who told how his hobby of collecting 19th-century baseball cards got him interested in baseball research; Bob Huckabee, who discussed the Federal League's near-coup in signing Walter Johnson; Ralph Evans on old Braves Field and various park changes, Merritt Clifton on the old Quebec Provincial League of the 1920-1970 period, and Pete Palmer on his player evaluation ratings. A panel of Til Ferdenzi, Tom Shea and Cliff Kachline talked about unforgettable baseball characters, and Syd Cohen made a report on plans for the SABR convention.

HIGH WINDS and rain limited the turnout for South Florida's first regional meeting on March 23 to eight persons, but organizer Dan Silverberg reports they had a fine time. Besides engaging in a general baseball discussion, the group decided to meet again in late May or early June in conjunction with a Fort Lauderdale Yankee game.

APPROXIMATELY 70 persons, including 35 members, attended the Toronto regional held at Seneca College on February 27. Talks were given by Mike Wise on "What If?" (about careers interrupted by war service or injury), Avron Pozen on the 1919 Black Sox, David Weiss on Innovative Baseball, Tony Formo on use of the computer in baseball, Scott White on Pete Reiser, David Leslie on Minor League Travelogue and organizer Bill Humber on baseball and the media. The Toronto group agreed to have another meeting in the fall, probably in November.

WIDESPREAD ILLNESS cut sharply into attendance at the Pacific Northwest regional in Yakima on February 19, but the 12 members who showed up had an enjoyable time. Harlond Clift, scheduled as guest speaker, had to cancel because of a critical injury suffered by his son. Art Peterson, who spent a year in Hiroshima, delivered a report on baseball in Japan. Jim O'Donnell shared his lists of teams such as All Nice-Guy (Friend, Goodfellow, Love), Wall Street (Stock, Bonds, Fanks), etc. Paul Andresen presented a proposal for a regional newsletter. The group approved plans for a summer meeting on August 11, possibly in the Kingdome.

The SABR Lending Library has been handled for the past year by Mark Rucker. Due to increasing personal business commitments, he has asked to be relieved of that responsibility. As a result, starting May 15 members wishing to borrow microfilm of Sporting Life should send their requests to the SABR office, P. O. Box 1010, Cooperstown, NY 13326. Information on availability of microfilm of the Spalding-Wright-Chadwick collection will appear in the next Bulletin.

BOARD OKAYS FOURTH 1984 PUBLICATION--NEW MINOR LEAGUE STARS

A new Bibliography Committee was formed, a special facilities fund was established and a 1984 publications schedule was approved at the quarterly meeting of the SABR Executive Board on February 18. The day-long session, held in the Philadelphia suburb of King of Prussia, also dealt with such items as budgets, constitutional changes and operational guidelines.

The Bibliography Committee, to be chaired by Frank Phelps, will endeavor to locate, identify, evaluate, classify and describe baseball literature and other materials covering all facets of baseball. Its findings are expected to produce valuable reference tools for researchers. Proposals to set up a Photographic Committee and a Computer Committee were tabled pending further study.

Looking to the future, the Board decided to create a special facilities fund and to that end voted to designate \$1 from each member's dues, starting this year, for that purpose. The money could eventually be used to provide office and/or library space for the organization.

This year's publication schedule was completed with approval of plans to publish a completely new edition of Minor League Baseball Stars in the fall. The decision assures members of receiving four publications in 1984. Plans for two issues of The National Pastime this year--one in the spring, one in the fall--had previously been okayed. The Board also agreed on an August publication date for the Baseball Research Journal.

In other action the Board reviewed the 1984 budget, studied proposed plans for the Providence convention, considered possible sites for the 1985 convention, approved plans for a membership drive, discussed purchase of a computer for administrative use and voted to present the following Constitution and Bylaws changes for consideration at the annual meeting (proposed changes are underlined):

Constitution: Amend Article X--Dissolution to read: "If the Society should ever be compelled to dissolve, all obligations and liabilities shall be satisfied. All the remaining assets and property shall be distributed in accordance with the Society's Articles of Incorporation." (Note: The Society is in excellent financial health. The proposed revision would merely conform the Constitution with changes made in SABR's Articles of Incorporation at the request of IRS.)

Bylaws: Article 4, Section D: Delete section 2, amend #3 to read: 2-Each committee shall report to the executive director annually in writing.

Bylaws: Article 4, Section E--Regional Groups: 1-The executive director and vice-president, working in conjunction, shall encourage regional meetings, and the editorial board shall give publicity to such meetings. 2-All activities of regional groups shall be in accordance with guidelines set forth by the executive board.

The next meeting of the Executive Board has been set for May 19 in Cooperstown.

The SABR Executive Board has learned of a program of grants-in-aid, ranging in size up to \$3,000, for research projects and would consider backing an application for a qualified baseball research project. Anyone interested should forward the following information immediately to the SABR office: Subject and significance of the research project and your research experience and background. The Board will evaluate all applications at its May 19 meeting.

(A photocopy of this form may be used by those wishing to keep their Bulletin intact.)

REGISTRATION FORM

SABR CONVENTION AT PROVIDENCE, RI, JULY 6-8, 1984

Your Name MIKE DEMPSEY Telephone _____

Mailing Address _____

Names of others in your party (if children, list ages) _____

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

Each room at the Brown University facilities has a bath. Double rooms include two single beds. Room accommodations are for both Friday and Saturday night; the committee cannot accommodate anyone for one night only. The room rates below are the total per person for two nights.

	No. of Persons	Cost
Accommodations: Single--per person	\$36.00	
Double--per person	\$22.00	<u>22.00</u>
(I will share room with <u>JOE FERRARO</u>)		
Meals: Plan 1--Includes Friday dinner, Saturday breakfast, Saturday banquet, Sunday breakfast . . .	\$32.00	
Plan 2--Saturday banquet only	\$15.00	
Tickets: Saturday evening Pawtucket-Rochester game . . .	\$ 3.00	<u>3.00</u>
Bus: To and from Saturday evening game	\$ 2.00	
Registration fee: To cover meeting room rentals, materials, etc. (Note: Each person age 16 and over must pay registration fee--except that only one fee is required per family unit.)	\$15.00	<u>15.00</u>
TOTAL COST		

A check or money order for the Total Cost (and made out to SABR Convention) must accompany each registration and should be sent to: Eric A. Simonsen, 6 Apple Tree Lane, Barrington, RI 02806. The deadline for receipt of registrations is June 27; forms received after that date cannot be accepted.

Should you find it necessary to cancel, a full refund will be made provided you contact Eric Simonsen (401 245-5856) before June 27. No refunds after that date.

Research Presentations: If you wish to make a research presentation, indicate the topic in the space provided. The committee will contact you later.

TOPIC _____

Baseball Quiz Bowl: Teams of four persons will vie against other teams. If you are interested in participating, indicate your choice below.

___ Assign me to a team. My special area of baseball knowledge is _____
___ I have my own team; it includes _____, _____, _____

Writing/Publishing Workshop: ___ I wish to participate in the workshop.

Displays/Sales: These will be limited to baseball publications authored by SABR members and to SABR-sponsored items. Persons wanting to display and/or sell their publications should list titles. The committee will contact you later.

Preparation of the 1984 Membership Directory will begin shortly. Anyone who has changed phone numbers, jobs, etc., since sending in his or her membership card should notify the SABR office immediately so these changes can be incorporated in the Directory. More importantly, if the address on the envelope in which this Bulletin arrived is incorrect, be sure to notify us promptly. Otherwise you will miss your copy of The National Pastime because bulk mail is not forwardable.

NUMEROUS QUERIES were received about the item in the February Bulletin mentioning the existence of "several baseball and all-sports libraries scattered around the U.S." Three facilities in that category are the Baseball Hall of Fame Library in Cooperstown, the First Interstate Bank Athletic Foundation (formerly the Helms and later Citizens Savings Athletic Foundation) in Los Angeles and the San Jose Sports Library in San Jose, CA. In addition, many SABR researchers have found very useful collections of valuable baseball reference material at the Library of Congress in Washington, New York Public Library, Notre Dame University Library and University of Illinois Library. If members having pertinent information on other such sources will send it along, we'll include it in future Bulletins. Meantime, here are some details on the first three facilities mentioned above:

THE HALL OF FAME LIBRARY invites SABR members to visit, call or write. Appointments in advance are suggested for visitors. A detailed statement of services and summary of collections are available on request. The person to contact is Thomas R. Heitz, librarian, P. O. Box 590, Cooperstown, NY 13326. (Telephone 607 547-9988)

THE FIRST INTERSTATE Bank Athletic Foundation unveiled new quarters last month at 2141 West Adams Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90018. It houses both a museum and a library. Access to the library is by appointment only. Founder W. R. "Bill" Schroeder is the managing director. (Telephone 213 614-2995)

THE SAN JOSE SPORTS Library is located at 180 West San Carlos, San Jose, CA 95113. It is open only Tuesday through Friday and an advance appointment is recommended. The director is Wesley Mathis. (Telephone 408 287-0093)

A SPECIAL OFFER TO THE MEMBERS OF THE SOCIETY FOR AMERICAN BASEBALL RESEARCH FROM GREENWOOD PRESS

Baseball night at New York City's Wallack's Theater gave popularity to a piece of Americana that might otherwise have been only a newspaper item. In early May 1889, actor De Wolf Hopper recited "Casey at the Bat" before a full house, and immortalized a poem that has become part of American social and literary history.

Mighty Casey is a study of the historical and literary record of "Casey at the Bat." Eugene Murdock begins with the poem's 1888 publication and theatrical debut. He considers the lively debates over authorship, rivalry among players calling themselves "Casey," and communities claiming to be "Mudville." He then details the poem's literary impact. Murdock includes some seventy "Casey" poems by other writers, organizing them by

subject: the pitcher who struck Casey out, Casey's redemption, parodies, an opera, and more. In conclusion, Murdock reviews the entire subject and comments on Casey's role in history and folklore.

This entertaining volume brings together poems based on "Casey at the Bat." The poems alone will delight lovers of baseball and Americana. In addition, Murdock's approach to historiographical problems adds new dimensions to previous works. Sport and baseball historians, folklorists, and students of popular culture will enjoy and profit by its reading.

MIGHTY CASEY: ALL-AMERICAN
by Eugene C. Murdock. March 1984.

Please send me _____ copy(s) of *MIGHTY CASEY* (ISBN 0-313-24075-2, code MMC1) at the special SABR member price of \$20.97, a 25% discount off the list price of \$27.95.

To qualify for this special price orders must be received by September 30, 1984 and must be presented on or accompanied by this form. All orders must be prepaid. We will pay postage and handling. This offer is for individual SABR members only.

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JOHN THORN is slated to appear on NBC-TV's "Today" show on April 27 in connection with the new book, The Hidden Game of Baseball, which he authored in collaboration with Pete Palmer. The book, published by Doubleday, is due out late this month.... Other SABR members who authored recently-released books are BOB CREAMER, with a biography on Casey Stengel, and LEE LOWENFISH, who collaborated with Tom Seaver on a book on pitching....RON GABRIEL was among the guest speakers at the Afro-American History Program put on by the Bureau of Engraving and Printing in Washington, D.C., February 28-29. The ceremony honored the memory of Jackie Robinson. Ron also will speak at the dedication of the Brooklyn Dodger Hall of Fame collection at Grand Army Plaza in Brooklyn on June 7....Dr. STEVE BOREN was the subject of a feature column in the February 28 edition of the Chicago Sun-Times. The article described Steve as "an expert on baseball trivia who seldom goes to the ballpark."....BILL SCHROEDER, founder and managing director of the First Interstate Bank Athletic Foundation in Los Angeles, has been confined to his home for several months as a consequence of emergency surgery in December and a serious auto accident in February....CARPINGTON MONTAGUE, an executive of the Chattanooga Lookouts, reports the club is applying for National Register of Historic Places status for Engel Stadium. Opened in 1931, it is the National Association's third oldest park.

TWO MEMBERS--Sid Robinson and Brent Shyer--are preparing a media guide and other publications for the baseball portion of the 1984 Olympics. Baseball was played as an exhibition or demonstration sport in the Games of 1904, 1912, 1936, 1952, 1956, 1964, after the close of the 1968 games and also possibly in 1900. If you have any information on any of these baseball games, Sid Robinson would appreciate it if you would contact him immediately at 4129 La Junta Drive, Claremont, CA 91711.

PHIL LOWRY is seeking to assemble data on the following items for which no official records have been kept: 1-All major league games which lasted beyond 1 a.m. (the latest finish thus far confirmed was 3:23 a.m. in Philadelphia on August 10, 1977); 2-All games which began earlier than 11 a.m., and 3-The shortest elapsed time for an official game. (A 4½ or 5-inning rain-shortened game probably took less time than the 9-inning record of 51 minutes on September 28, 1919 at the Polo Grounds.) Send any data to: Phil Lowry, 25212 Stockport Dr. #184, Laguna Hills, CA 92653.

TERRY BAXTER is seeking information to complete the biographies of three players. He needs the date of death (probably 1980-82) of Sammy T. Hughes, former Negro League performer, and data on Hughes' first wife and his parents; the years that Judy Johnson scouted for the A's, Phillies and Braves, and Sam Jethroe's minor league record for 1959 and any later years. If you can help, write Terry Baxter at 1701-A White Drive, Lee's Summit, MO 64063.

PROJECT SCORESHEET, a plan to bring together play-by-play accounts of every 1984 major league game, has been organized by Bill James. Additional volunteers still are needed to score games. Volunteers will have access to a wide variety of data not currently available. Those interested in participating should contact James (913 774-8211 or 913 749-2998) or Kenneth Miller (202 537-0845) promptly.

TOM GRANAHAN is looking for information about a baseball tabloid of the 1880-1890s called the New York Sporting Times. He's especially interested in years 1884-1890, specifically August/September 1886. The paper was owned and published by John B. Day, owner of the New York N.L. club. Tom can be reached at 5025 Morris Street, Philadelphia, PA 19144 (215 438-7984).

A PROJECT on baseball music has been started by members Jim Skipper and John Wells, both college professors. They are interested in the lyrics of recorded songs about The National Game and would appreciate it if anyone having same would send them to: Jim Skipper, 401 Stonegate Drive, Blacksburg, VA 24060.

THE TWELFTH annual convention of the North American Society for Sport History, commonly known as NASSH, will be held on the Shelby Campus of the University of Louisville on May 19-21. Anyone interested in sport history is invited. Further information can be obtained from Ronald Smith, 101 White Building, Penn State University, University Park, PA 16802.

RANDY LINTHURST found it pays to clean out closets. In doing so, he came across a carton of copies of a book that he published in 1976 titled Journal of Leo Smith-- Story of a 19th Century Shortstop. The 55-page diary account of playing on the 1884 Eastern League championship team earlier sold for \$2.75, but is being offered at \$1.75 postpaid. Write Randy at 325 W. Upper Ferry Rd. B-2, West Trenton, NJ 09628.

THE NEW EDITION of the Dodger Blue Book is again being offered to SABR members at a reduced price. It contains Dodger player records since 1890; career, season, playoff and World Series records; a special article on Eddie Stanky and many other features. For a copy send \$5 (includes postage) to: Tot Holmes, Box 11, Gothenburg, NE 69138.

SCORERS' MONTHLY HELPER, a newsletter for baseball/softball scorers, is published by Wirt Gammon, former Chattanooga sports editor and an official scorer for better than 40 years. The two-page publication, which covers all facets of scoring, costs \$6 a year. To order, write Wirt Gammon, 3104 Mason Drive, East Ridge, TN 37412.

THE BRC WEEKLY, with complete up-to-date stats on each major league player and team, is being issued by Ron Dunlap. It carries such breakdowns as day/night, home/away and natural/artificial turf. The price is \$2 an issue or \$6 per month, with 10% off to SABR members. Write to: Baseball Research Center, Box 23190, San Jose, CA 95153.

A CUB FAN'S Christmas Wish and Other Christmas Stories, a collection of three short stories, has been produced by member Bill Knight and associate Mike Foster. Normally priced at \$2.50, the 32-page booklet is available to SABR members for \$2 by writing to: Cubs Christmas Story, P. O. Box 885, Peoria, IL 61652.

THE ANNOTATED CASEY at the Bat has just been reissued in paperback by the University of Chicago Press. The 220-page collection of ballads, parodies and sequels to the famous baseball legend sells for \$6.95. Checks should be made payable to University of Chicago Press and sent to Stan Flona, University of Chicago Press, 5801 S. Ellis Avenue, Chicago, IL 60637. For group or bulk sales, call Stan at 312 962-7717.

NUMEROUS MEMBERS have inquired where they can buy the latest volume of Dave Voigt's American Baseball. The book (\$16.75 hardcover, \$10 paperback) can be ordered from Penn State University Press, 215 Wagner Bldg., University Park, PA 16802.

THE SECOND PRINTING of Merritt Clifton's A Baseball Classic is ready. The autobiographical novel concerns formation of the Portland Mavericks, an independent entry in the 1973-76 Northwest League, and a woman's attempt to play pro baseball. The book sells for \$2.50 and can be ordered from: Samisdat, Box 129, Richford, VT 05476.

CLUB-VS.-CLUB won-lost records for each season have been compiled by Walt Wilson. The prices for such data: All N.L. teams 1876-1983, \$20; all A.L. teams 1901-1983, \$16; individual teams, 50¢ to \$2. SABR members may receive one team's record free, plus prices for other teams, by writing Walt Wilson, Box 30133, Chicago, IL 60630.

FRED SMITH has turned out another book, Fifty Years with The Tigers. The 256-page softcover tome includes biographies of each of the club's current top executives and then, starting with Detroit's 1934 world champions, a story and statistics on each season thru '83 plus yearly batting leaders, award winners, etc. Priced \$9.95, the book can be ordered from: Fred T. Smith, Box 120, Lathrup Village, MI 48076.

PAUL GREEN has written a book Forgotten Fields featuring interviews with ex-players ranging from Joe Wood to Bobby Thomson. Also included are former Negro League stars Buck Leonard and Bill Byrd. The book contains numerous photographs never previously published of the players who were interviewed and is available for \$8.95 by writing to: Paul Green Book, Parker Publications, P. O. Box 340, Ridgeway, WI 53582.

WALTER LeCONTE'S first book, The Ultimate New York Yankee Record Book, was slated for release by Leisure Press of Oakland, CA, on April 9. The volume, containing about 250 pages, has the score of every Yankee regular-season game, 1903-1983, and encapsulates each season. It lists for \$9.95.

DAY BY DAY in Orioles History by Ted Patterson has been published by Leisure Press. The book is devoted to memories of the Orioles' 30-year history. Patterson served as play-by-play broadcaster of Oriole games the past two seasons.

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NEWSLETTER OF THE SOCIETY FOR AMERICAN BASEBALL RESEARCH
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CONVENTION PLANS ASSURE BUSY TIME FOR SABR MEMBERS

Excitement is building in Providence and among SABR members as the date of the annual convention approaches. A record turnout of at least 350 persons--and possibly more than 400--is being anticipated for the July 6-8 gathering, which will be held on the Brown University campus. The Providence organizing committee, under the leadership of Eric Simonsen and Larry Groff, has arranged for an action-filled weekend that includes several innovations and some special surprises.

Two innovations center around the reason for SABR's selection of Providence as the site of the 1984 convention, i.e., the fact that this is the 100th anniversary of the first World Series. The 1884 classic saw the Providence Grays, led by pitcher Hoss Radbourn, down the New York Metropolitans. A commemorative symposium featuring presentations on the social history of the Grays, biographies of the players, etc., is set for Friday evening, while on Saturday evening a two-inning re-enactment of an 1884 World Series game by teams wearing authentic replicas of the old-fashioned flannel uniforms of the period will be staged as a preliminary to the International League game at nearby Pawtucket.

The Friday evening schedule also includes what long has been considered one of the high spots of the annual conventions--a player panel. Three former pitchers who are natives of Rhode Island--Clem Labine, Brooklyn Dodger relief ace of the 1950s; Max Surkont and Dave Stenhouse--are among the players who will participate. The guest speaker at the Saturday banquet will be Lou Gorman, long-time major league executive who is now vice-president of baseball operations of the Boston Red Sox.

The deadline for receipt of convention registrations is June 27. Those who haven't as yet sent in theirs are urged to do so immediately. An abbreviated version of the original registration form appears on page 6 in case you no longer have the one that was contained in the April Bulletin. Incidentally, the committee has learned that instead of a separate bath for each room the Brown University facilities are arranged so that several rooms share a bath.

For those who contemplate attending their first SABR convention, it should be noted that many members bring their spouse and children and turn the (continued on page 2)

LAST CALL FOR 1884 REPLICA UNIFORMS AND CHANCE TO PLAY

A few of the replica 1884 Providence Grays and New York Metropolitans uniforms to be used in the recreation of the '84 World Series are still available. The wool flannel uniforms, consisting of shirt, cap and knee-high breeches, may be purchased at SABR's actual cost of \$185. They can be ordered in silver gray (Providence) or navy blue (New York) and will come complete with a formal certificate stating their authenticity. Socks (white for the Grays, navy blue for the Metropolitans) must be furnished by the individual purchaser, who can play in the game himself or designate someone to do so. The April Bulletin mention of the uniforms brought immediate orders from members in California, Indiana, Texas, Ohio, Virginia, New Jersey, Massachusetts and Connecticut. Orders for uniforms should be phoned to Syd Cohen (401 944-8990) no later than June 20.

MAILING DATES FOR THE NATIONAL PASTIME, MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

Some minor technical problems at the editorial level have necessitated a slight delay in the appearance of the spring issue of The National Pastime. However, the all-pictorial issue on nineteenth-century baseball is now ready for the press, and copies are scheduled to go in the mails to all members late in June. At the same time work is progressing on the 1984 SABR Membership Directory, and it is expected to be mailed during the week of July 9-13.

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trip into a family vacation. Around June 20 each person making a reservation will be sent a packet of materials that includes a map of the Brown campus as well as information on sights to see in Providence and other nearby areas. This will facilitate planning by those who may want to visit various New England attractions. The committee also will contact members expressing interest in making a research presentation or participating in the Quiz Bowl and authors wishing to offer their baseball publications for sale.

The tentative agenda for this year's convention is as follows:

Friday, July 6--

Noon --Registration opens
1:30-5:00--Research presentations
Committee meetings
5:00-6:30--Cafeteria-style dinner
7:00-8:45--President's welcoming speech
Commemorative symposium
9:00-10:15--Baseball panel

Saturday, July 7--

7:30-8:30--Cafeteria-style breakfast
9:00-noon--Annual business meeting
12:30-2:30--Banquet

Saturday (continued)

3:00-5:00--Baseball Quiz Bowl
Research presentations
5:30 --Buses leave for McCoy Stadium
7:00 --1884 World Series recreation
8:00 --Pawtucket-Rochester game
(Dutch-treat dining at park)

Sunday, July 8--

7:30-9:00--Cafeteria-style breakfast
9:00-11:00--Writing/publishing workshop
Research presentations
11:00-noon--Checkout

ANOTHER EX-MAJOR LEAGUER, Forrest "Spook" Jacobs, has been added to the SABR rolls. Spook, an infielder with the A's and Pirates in 1954-55-56, rejoined recently after dropping out briefly. He operates two Mister Donut shops in Milford, DE. Three more SABR members have been identified as former minor leaguers. They are Patrick Lutz, c-inf, 1964-66; Robert Kruthoffer, p, 1959-61, and Thomas Walsh, p, 1952.

ELLERY CLARK was among those who carried the Olympic torch during its cross-country trip to the XXIII Olympiad in Los Angeles. An article in USA Today reported that Clark, 75, took a turn with two other residents of Annapolis, MD. During his run with the torch he carried the two first-place medals won by his father, also named Ellery, in the long jump and high jump in the 1896 Olympics.

SABR LENDING LIBRARY EXPANDS --- ADDS THE SPORTING NEWS

Through the generosity of publisher Dick Waters of The Sporting News, the SABR Lending Library has recently been greatly expanded. He arranged to donate to the Society a complete set of microfilm of The Sporting News from its inception in 1886 through 1942. The reels are now being made available to members on a two-week loan basis similar to that which has prevailed with microfilm of Sporting Life (1883-1917). In addition, the SABR Lending Library now also has ready for loan to members microfilm of the following material obtained from the New York Public Library: Four reels of Henry Chadwick Diaries (1873-1907), four reels of Chadwick Scrapbooks (1860-1905), two reels of Harry Wright correspondence (1878-1885), and one reel each of Albert Spalding Scrapbooks (1874-1913), New York Knickerbocker Game Books (1845-1856) and Knickerbocker Club Books (1854-1868). For more information or to borrow a reel of microfilm, write to SABR headquarters, P. O. Box 1010, Cooperstown, NY 13326.

BOARD AWARDS '85 CONVENTION TO WEST COAST, OKAYS TWO REPRINTS

Seeking to provide as much lead time as possible, the SABR Executive Board voted at its spring meeting in Cooperstown on May 19 to award the 1985 annual convention to the California Bay Area. At the same time the Board took steps to fill voids in the organization's publications list by approving plans to reprint both the first (1982) issue of The National Pastime and the original edition of Minor League Baseball Stars.

The heavy concentration of members in the northeastern quadrant of the country--approximately half reside in states from Ohio east and North Carolina north, including the adjoining Canadian provinces--has led to most SABR conventions being staged in the East or Midwest. Only one has been held farther west than St. Louis. That was the 1980 conclave in Los Angeles. But next year will see another California setting.

After discussing several potential '85 sites at its February meeting, the Board requested and received a written proposal from Gene Sunnen, who headed up the Oakland area's two successful regionals. The proposal provides for next year's convention to be held at the University of California campus in Berkeley. The dates will be set as soon as the 1985 major league schedules become available.

The Board hopes to select future sites much earlier than has been the past custom, and regional groups interested in hosting the 1986 national convention are urged to put together a proposal and forward it to the SABR office.

The heavy influx of new members, many of whom have ordered back issues of various SABR publications, resulted in a complete sellout early in the year of the original TNP as well as the original Minor League Stars. Because of continuing requests for each, the Board decided to order a second printing of the premiere TNP and what will be a third printing of Minor League Stars. A special errata section will be added to the latter to include additional data that has been discovered since the previous printing, and a new price of \$5 has been established.

The reprints of the two publications will not be available for several months, and members are requested to hold off on placing orders for them until further information appears in a future Bulletin. Members also are reminded that the new edition of Minor League Baseball Stars scheduled for later this year will contain career records of a different group of players from the original edition as well as some other new material. Bob Hoie has been directing the research effort on Minor League Baseball Stars II just as he did on the first edition.

Looking ahead, the Board okayed proceeding with plans for a Ballparks book in 1985 and a 19th-Century Player Register in 1986. Phil Lowry has compiled the bulk of the data for the former, while the 19th-Century Committee headed by John Thorn and Mark Rucker is working on biographies and photos for the other publication.

Research proposals submitted by more than a dozen members were reviewed, and a vote was taken to select the top three. Depending upon the limitations set by the organization that offers the grants-in-aid, the first choice or each of the top three will be supplied with SABR's endorsement.

The Board's next meeting will be held on July 5 in Providence.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE SEEKING CANDIDATES FOR BOARD OPENINGS

The governing body of SABR is the Executive Board. It consists of eight members--the four officers and four directors. The president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer are elected annually, while board members are chosen for staggered four-year terms. As a consequence, five positions will be open to election at the annual meeting in Providence. Any member interested in being considered for a role as officer or for the one vacancy among the directors should immediately contact Stan Grosshandler, chairman of the nominating committee, at 4905 Richland Drive, Raleigh, NC 27612 (telephone 919-782-6513).

REGIONAL MEETING ROUNDUP — 190 AT NEW YORK SHINDIG

EVERYTHING SEEMS TO be regarded as bigger and better--at least by the natives--when it involves New York City or Texas. In the case of The Big Apple's first attempt, it proved beyond question to be the largest SABR regional thus far. A total of 190 packed the All-Star Room at Shea Stadium for the May 5 festivities. Research presentations were given by: Dr. Juan Elosua--A History of the New York Giants; Peter Berkowsky--Saves vs. Fails; Larry Yaffa--A History of Brooklyn's Park Circle-Parade Grounds Sandlot Complex; Dr. Larry Hogan, Black Baseball in New Jersey 1885-1950; Larry Ritter--Segments of interviews he taped years ago with Sam Crawford, Lefty O'Doul, Fred Snodgrass, Chief Meyers and others; Carl Lundquist--Fond Memories of Joe DiMaggio; John Holway--Tommy Holmes' 1945 Hitting Streak, and Marty Appel--Reminiscences about his baseball front-office days. Ed Lynch, Mets' pitcher, made a brief surprise appearance at the session. A baseball quiz prepared by Steve Nadel and Bob Slade was won by Ron Liebman, while a special "Fanatic Award" was given to Barbara Johnstone, who flew in from Toronto for the affair. A panel discussion that included Danny Gardella, Buddy Hassett, Hector Lopez, Ray Dandridge and Jack Lang capped the meeting, which was emceed by Tom Knight.

THE PHILADELPHIA AREA'S seventh annual regional, held at the Holiday Inn in Reading on April 28, attracted a turnout of 69, including 51 members. Seven players--former major leaguers Tommy Holmes, Jesse Levan and Bert Kuczynski and ex-Negro Leaguers Gene Benson, Sy Morton, Larry Kimbrough and Doc Sykes--attended and participated in an afternoon panel discussion. The morning session featured ten-minute presentations as follows: Carl Lundquist--Luke Sewell's pitcher-per-inning experiment in a 1945 exhibition; Lloyd Johnson--1877-78 International Association; Joe McGillen--Chuck Klein's 1930 assist record; Dutch Doyle--Home runs at Candlestick Park; Joe Lawler--Coal Town Ball Players; Dave Voigt--Thank God for Nuts (illustrated by slides); John Holway--Aries Streak Hitters; Tommy Holmes--A New Kind of Baseball for Children.

KANSAS CITY'S INITIAL regional meeting attracted a slightly smaller group than was anticipated, but the enthusiasm of those who attended more than offset the lack of numbers. In all, 15 members and seven guests turned out at the Adams Mark Hotel for the April 14 session, which commemorated the 100th anniversary of Kansas City's original major league team. Dean Vogelaar, P.R. director of the Royals, spoke to the assemblage for nearly an hour. Presentations were made by Harold Dellinger--Kansas City's 1884 Union Association team; Vern Luse--K.C. Western Association and American Association teams of 1888; Bill Carle--1914-15 K.C. Federal League teams, and Bill Felber--The 1920 A.L. race and Duster Mails' impact on Cleveland's pennant victory. A trivia quiz conducted by Jack Meyers was won hands down by Jamie Selko, who is stationed in the Army at Fort Riley. A "fanning bee" followed the 4 o'clock lunch and lasted until the members departed to attend the Royals-Brewers game.

APPROXIMATELY 40 persons, including 22 members, gathered in the Captain's Club at Franklin County Stadium on May 20 for Columbus' baptismal regional. George Sisler, Jr., general manager of the Clippers and himself a SABR member, delivered a short talk and then headed up a question/answer session that proved most enjoyable. During a discussion period that followed, various members expressed interest in making the affair an annual event and several offered to assist in organizing future meetings. The group capped the afternoon by taking in the Columbus-Pawtucket game.

ALTHOUGH A LAST-MINUTE out-of-town appointment cancelled Larry Jaster's appearance as guest speaker, the New Mexico regional at the Athletic Complex of the University of New Mexico on May 24 proved a big success. Eight members and five guests participated. Presentations were given by David Shoebottom on comparative seasonal batting records of Joe Jackson and Ty Cobb, Bart Ripp on the structural advantage of the Albuquerque Sports Stadium and their effects on hitters, and Charles Bonfanti on the March 31 Padres-Red Sox exhibition in Denver. Ripp also distributed copies of the latest issue of "Albuquerque Living" magazine containing articles on two SABR members--Pat McKernan, Albuquerque G.M., and artist Bill Forsyth--while Carol Palmer presented a letter written by Dick Gyselman, the first Albuquerque minor league product to make the majors in 1933. The New Mexico group expects to conduct another meeting in late August or early September.

SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING REGIONAL MEETINGS

Chattanooga--Saturday, June 30, at Engel Stadium
St. Louis--12 noon, Saturday, July 21, at Marriott Hotel
San Diego--2 p.m., Saturday, July 28, at Jack Murphy Stadium
Louisville--2 p.m., Saturday, August 4, at Redbird Stadium
Cooperstown--7:30 p.m., Sunday, August 12, at Tillapaugh's
Cleveland--Saturday, August 18 (arrangements pending)
Los Angeles--Saturday, August 25 (arrangements pending)

CHATTANOOGA--Carrington Montague, VP of the Chattanooga Lookouts, reports that more than 40 members and guests, including many from Atlanta, are expected for the first Chattanooga regional. After the meeting the group will attend the Chattanooga-Greenville doubleheader. (Contact: Hugh Moore, Jr., 615 265-8881)

ST. LOUIS--Through arrangements made by Jim Toomey, the Cardinals' P.R. director, the initial get-acquainted gathering of St. Louis-area members will be held at the Marriott next to Busch Stadium. Research presentations and an appearance by Terry Moore will highlight the program. Afterward the members will attend the Cardinal-Dodger game. Cost of the meeting and game is \$10. (Contact: Erwin Fischer, 314 831-4843)

SAN DIEGO--Phil Lowry, who only recently moved to San Diego, has arranged with the help of Fred Rodgers and Mil Chipp to set up San Diego's first regional. It will include a panel discussion, presentations and attendance at the Astros-Padres twi-night doubleheader. (Contact: Phil Lowry, 619 270-9843.)

LOUISVILLE--The initial get-together of Louisville-area members will feature research presentations and probably a guest speaker, followed by the Redbird-Oklahoma City game. (Contact: Bob Bailey, 502 228-5269)

COOPERSTOWN--With many SABR members planning to attend the August 12 Hall of Fame inductions, the second annual Cooperstown regional has been arranged for that same evening. Those who plan to be present or desire to make research presentations should contact Cliff Kachline care of the SABR office, P. O. Box 1010, Cooperstown, NY 13326.

CLEVELAND--The first regional meeting of northern Ohio members will take place the afternoon of August 18. The program tentatively includes a speaker and presentations. Spouses are invited. The Indians have provided tickets for the 7 o'clock game with the Brewers. (Contact: Bob Carr, 216 521-1112)

LOS ANGELES--Following the success of the January get-together, Cappy Gagnon has arranged for another Los Angeles meeting on August 25. Area members who have not attended any previous L.A. SABR session but are interested in the upcoming meeting should contact Cappy at 2798 Hacienda Dr., Duarte, CA 91010 (213 357-2002).

DODGER BLUE, official newspaper of the Los Angeles Dodgers, recently carried a full-page story on the SABR regional held in Los Angeles in January. The article detailed Hank Greenberg's appearance at the function and contained numerous quotes by Cappy Gagnon, organizer of the affair.

DAVID SHURY, a member from North Battleford, Sask., is president of the Saskatchewan Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum. He set up the project, which he terms his hobby, last year as a non-profit organization and has been collecting artifacts and information dealing with Saskatchewan baseball.

Death has claimed two more SABR members. Hal Middlesworth, who retired as P.R. director of the Detroit Tigers in 1979, passed away in Detroit on April 24 at the age of 74, while Malcolm Tarlov, 62, died in Norwalk, CT, on April 14. Middlesworth, a Detroit sportswriter for 25 years before joining the Tigers in 1960, had been a member of SABR since shortly after it was organized in 1971. Tarlov, who joined early this year, served as an advisor to President Lyndon Johnson during the Vietnam War and continued in that capacity for Hubert Humphrey during his unsuccessful presidential election campaign.

(A photocopy of this form may be used by those wishing to keep their Bulletin intact.)

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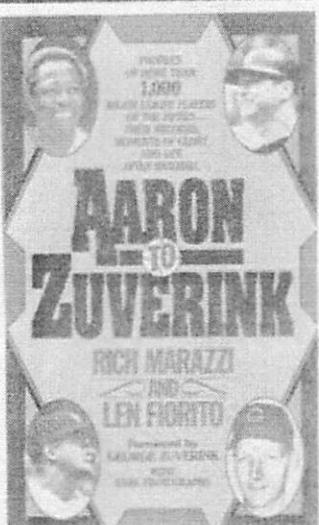
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Registration fee: <u>One fee per family unit</u>		\$15.00 _____
		TOTAL COST . . . _____

A check or money order for the Total Cost (and made out to SABR Convention) must accompany each registration and should be sent to: Eric A. Simonsen, 6 Apple Tree Lane, Barrington, RI 02806. The deadline for receipt of registrations is June 27; forms received after that date cannot be accepted.

Should you find it necessary to cancel, a full refund will be made provided you contact Eric Simonsen (401 245-5856) before June 27. No refunds after that date.

If you wish to participate in any of the following, please check the space provided: Research Presentation (list topic) _____,
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A SABR RESEARCH PROJECT to identify all the steals of home since 1900 is being coordinated by Bob Davids and Keith Sutton. They already have a list of 52 triple steals (interesting combos such as Cobb-Simmons-Cochrane and H. Aaron-Adcock-J. Torre), 38 extra-inning steals of home (Willie Davis in the 16th inning) and 40 steals of home by pitchers (Frank Owen three times). SABR members interested in supplying information for this project should contact Bob Davids at 4424 Chesapeake St. NW, Washington, DC 20016. For the benefit of new members, Bob also is coordinating the project to identify inside-the-park home runs hit since 1900, a project which has been underway for several years.

THE COLLEGIATE BASEBALL Committee's prime project is to determine the college, if any, that each player throughout major league history attended. The ultimate goal of the committee is to compile lists of all major league alumni for every American college and university. Anyone having access to a list of major leaguers from his alma mater or favorite college is asked to send a copy of same to the chairman of the Collegiate Baseball Committee--David K. Anderson, 416 Hilliard Ave., Monterey Park, CA 91754. He also would like to hear from members who are interested in participating in the project.

JACK MARCUM and Ted Greenstein are seeking data on the number of home openings for each major league team for every season 1946-1983. By home openings they mean the number of times a separate admission was charged, including those occasions when separate admission was charged for two games on the same day. Anyone who can help them should write to Jack at The University of Mississippi, University, MS 38677.

AN EFFORT to have a plaque placed at the site of old Griffith Stadium in Washington is being pursued by Charles Owen. Anyone familiar with ex-players, especially from the Homestead Grays, who performed there is asked to contact Owen at 4649 Dallas Pl., Marlow Heights, MD 20748. He wants to write the players to obtain their views. Another member, Stew Thornley, headed up a somewhat similar project that resulted in the installation last August of a plaque marking the spot where Nicollet Park once stood in Minneapolis.

A SERIES of programs titled "Before You Can Say Jack Robinson--Black Baseball in New Jersey in the Era of the Color Line, 1885-1950" will be presented at Union County College in Cranford, NJ, from September 23 to October 8. It is being headed up by Lawrence Hogan, a SABR member and associate professor of history at the school. The series will include a photo/memorabilia exhibit, presentations by John Holway, Craig Davidson and Donn Rogosin, appearances by former players and a research program designed to produce a guide to sources of information on the subject.

THE BROOKLYN DODGER Baseball Hall of Fame was to have its formal opening-day ceremony on June 7 at Grand Army Plaza in front of the Brooklyn Central Library. Three old Dodger favorites--Carl Erskine, Carl Furillo and the late Gil Hodges--were to be inducted. Tom Knight was listed as master of ceremonies.

RON GABRIEL, founder/president of the Brooklyn Dodger Fan Club, was the subject of a story in the May 9 edition of USA Today. It detailed how Ron is seeking to keep alive the memory of the team that left Brooklyn 27 years ago.

JIM HART, a retired truck driver of Cornwall, NY, has earned the title of "champion recruiter" of new SABR members. Last month alone he paid for gift memberships for 11 persons, mostly kin. This brings to 17 the number he has brought into the SABR fold since joining less than two years ago.

CITING THE Research Journal as its source, USA Today recently published a chart headed "Twilight Homers" showing how many four-baggers Carl Yastrzemski (49), Stan Musial (46), Ted Williams (44), Henry Aaron (42) and Willie McCovey (28) hit after their fortieth birthdays.

MARTY APPEL has teamed with Tom Seaver to produce Tom Seaver's All-Time Baseball Creasts. It contains biographies of some 50 players Seaver rates as tops from his childhood, his pro career and before his birth, along with his personal anecdotes and remembrances about each. The hardbound book sells for \$8.95, but SAER members can obtain copies at a discounted \$7.95 by writing to Appel at 95 Wellford Road, White Plains, NY 10607.

THE LATEST BOOK authored by Dan Schlossberg, titled The Baseball Book of Why, was released recently by Jonathan David Publishers. The 320-page hardcover, priced at \$11.95, covers a range of topics that includes teams, parks, equipment, players, managers and the history and strategy of the game.

JOHN HOLWAY has just come out with a new 50-page booklet titled Bullet Joe (Rogan) and The Monarchs. It includes numerous pictures and boxscores, the lifetime batting and pitching records of Rogan and Doby Moore, a hitherto-untold story about the first night baseball game and a foreward by Bob Feller. The booklet (price \$5) can be ordered from John, whose new address is 6 Kennedy St., Alexandria, VA 22305.

ONLY THE BALL Was White, Robert Peterson's classic on black baseball, has been re-issued in paperback by McGraw Hill. It reconstructs the story of Negro baseball from the days of the early black teams to the postwar integration starting with Jackie Robinson. The book contains 406 pages and costs \$7.95.

A NEW BIOGRAPHY titled simply Ty Cobb, written by Charles Alexander, has been published by Oxford University Press. The 272-page hardcover (\$16.95) gives a detailed portrait of the man who is still considered both one of the greatest and one of the most complicated persons ever to play baseball. It also provides an engaging picture of sports in America during Cobb's era.

KEVIN KERRANE'S Dollar Sign on the Muscle: The World of Baseball Scouting has been issued by Beaufort Books. Based on interviews with scouts from 15 clubs, the book offers a new appreciation of the scouts and reveals trade secrets, scouting reports and an analysis of scouting. The 307-page hardcover sells for \$15.95.

THE ULTIMATE New York Yankee Record Book, mentioned in the April Bulletin, is now available after a slight publishing delay and a price hike. The 384-page paperback lists at \$12.95 but is being offered by the author--Walter LeConte--at \$10.50 post-paid. Orders can be sent to LeConte at 4910 Harding St., Baker, LA 70714.

SOL WHITE'S Official Base Ball Guide, originally published in 1907, has just been reprinted in limited-edition hardcover (128 pages) by Camden House. It is the first known history of black baseball and sells for \$27 plus \$2.50 for postage/handling. Camden House's first reprint, The Game of Baseball (1868) by Henry Chadwick (180 pages), also remains available at \$30 plus \$2.50 for postage/handling. Both are offered to SABR members at a 15% discount. Orders should be sent to Camden House Library, Box 2025, Columbia, SC 29202.

A SPECIAL MAILING by Doubleday & Co. is affording SABR members an opportunity to obtain The Hidden Game of Baseball by John Thorn and Peter Palmer at a 20% discount. The 419-page hardcover (regularly \$17.95) takes a revolutionary approach to baseball and its statistics and provides a new understanding of the old figures.

BESIDES THE OFFER on The Hidden Game, members have received a number of other mailings this year, including one from Algonquin Press (headed by member Louis Rubin) on The Crooked Pitch by Martin Quigley (194 pages, list price \$16.95). It should be explained that the Society sells its membership list for one-time use to organizations that wish to offer a worthwhile baseball product to SABR members. The proceeds are added to the Society's treasury to help defray some of the costs of the various SABR undertakings.

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METS' UPSET WIN CAPS SUCCESSFUL CONVENTION BASH

Can you believe those New York Mets? They seem simply unwilling to follow the script that has been plotted for them by today's "experts" or by the game's historians. At any rate, like Davey Johnson's current crew, the squad of SABR members posing as the New York Metropolitan completely ignored the odds--or should we say recorded history?--and defeated the Providence Grays, 4-3, in the recreation of an 1884 World Series game staged as part of the annual SABR convention. (In case you forgot, the Grays swept the Mets in three games in that first Series 100 years ago.)

For many, the recreated 1884 contest was the high spot of the Society's fourteenth annual get-together. Unfortunately only a small percentage of convention attendees witnessed the game. Rain forced cancellation of the Saturday evening doubleheader in Pawtucket and with it plans to play the game at that time. However, with the co-operation of Pawtucket owner Ben Mondor, the 1884 recreation was rescheduled as part of Sunday afternoon's Rochester-Pawtucket twin-bill, but most convention goers had travel plans that precluded their remaining for the exhibition.

Dressed in authentic wool flannel uniforms of the period that cost them \$185 each, members of the two teams played three innings prior to the start of the 2 o'clock doubleheader and then played another two and one-half innings between games. Lefty Ralph Evans served them up--underhanded, of course, as was then the custom--for the Mets, while the pitcher for the Grays was John Husman, great-grandson of J. Lee Richmond, a Brown University product who pitched the majors' first perfect game back in 1880. In keeping with the rules of the day, batters were permitted to call for a high pitch or a low pitch. The umpire, Eric Simonsen, was decked out in a stovepipe hat, long black coat and mustache.

A running commentary supplied by Syd Cohen and Don O'Hanley kept fans in the stands informed of differences in baseball then as compared to now, including the practice of base-runners occasionally sneaking directly from first to third--and bypassing second base--when the umpire's back was turned. All in all, the exhibition provided the McCoy Stadium turnout of 3,846 with an entertaining interlude and an insight into baseball as it was played a century ago. It also was instrumental in a surge of media attention, with newspapers and TV stations from Providence to Boston giving considerable coverage to the contest and to the convention itself.

While the game climaxed--and was a highlight of--the convention, the 350 persons who



Representing the New York Metropolitan (left) were: Kneeling (l to r) — Jay Berman, Randy Burnham; standing — Mike Lavery, Ralph Evans, George Altomose, David Giles, Jim Smith, Brian Gettings. • The Providence Grays (right) included: Kneeling — Syd Cohen, Joe Lawler, Rich Tourangeau and Ken Miller; standing — Paul Prachniak, Cappy Gagnon, Mike Rogers, John Husman, Ron Matalavage, Jim Caoila and Scott Gross.

COMMITTEE SAYS THANKS, ANNOUNCES TICKET REFUND PLAN

The Providence organizing committee reports it has been deluged with "thank you" letters from those attending the convention. Through coordinator Eric Simonsen, the committee has requested that this means be used to express appreciation to all who wrote. At the same time, Eric announced the deadline for seeking refunds for tickets to the rained-out July 7 Pawtucket game is September 1. All tickets should be sent to Eric Simonsen, 6 Apple Tree Lane, Barrington, RI 02806. Rather than a refund, which would cost SABR 40¢ for the check and postage, members might consider returning the ticket and designating it as a donation to the Society.

attended the July 6-8 conclave at the Brown University campus in Providence shared many other enjoyable experiences. The various research presentations by members, the Friday evening panel, Saturday's business meeting, banquet and Quiz Bowl, and the Sunday writing workshop all proved to be entertaining as well as informative. The Saturday afternoon-evening rain dampened spirits briefly, but at the same time paved the way for an evening of baseball discussions and socializing.

The four-man panel of Clem Labine, Dave Stenhouse, Tony Lupien and Ben Mondor wowed the packed auditorium on Friday. Labine revealed that members of the Dodger bull pen were actually pulling for Don Larsen in the final innings of his World Series perfect game in 1956. Stenhouse supplied observations about his two sons, Mike, now with the Expos, and Dave, Jr., who is playing in the minors. Lupien and Mondor gave insights from their baseball careers, and the four then participated in a lengthy question-answer session. Earlier in the evening Joe Lawler, Dick Waldbauer, John Husman, Fred Ivor-Campbell and Fred Stinson took part in a commemorative symposium on the 1884 champion Providence Grays.

Lou Gorman, Boston Red Sox general manager, also made a big hit as banquet speaker. He discussed front-office aspects of the sport, pointing out that the evolution of the Players' Association and skyrocketing salaries have caused revolutionary changes. "The impact on the business end of the game is a nightmare today," he said. "Baseball is still the most beautiful game ever devised, but the business side is rough."

The Sunday morning writing workshop was conducted by Linda Levin, a college instructor, free-lance writer and wife of Leonard Levin of the organizing committee. Plans to have a publishing representative attend were scuttled by a late cancellation.

Four teams of four persons each participated in the Baseball Quiz Bowl, patterned after the College Quiz Bowl of earlier TV days. Winners in the single-elimination contest conducted by Fr. Gerry Beirne were "The Metros" consisting of captain Pon Liebman, Ted DiTullio, Mike Getz and John Grabowski, all from the New York City area. Runnersup were "The Westerners" comprised of captain Bill Carle, Bob Hoie, Vern Luse and Jamie Selko. The other participants were a Midwest team of Richard Arpi, Ted Knorr, Tom Miller and Steve Newman and a New England group of Martin O'Connor, Bill George, James Massey and Dave Crossley. Prizes included six tickets to Red Sox-Tigers games at Fenway, transistor radios and a felt-tip pen.

A total of 29 members gave research presentations over the three-day period. An alphabetical list of the presenters with their topics follows: Michael Ahern--Computer-simulated baseball game, Bob Bluthardt--The old ballparks (slide presenta-

SPECIAL PROVIDENCE BOOKLETS, CAPS AVAILABLE

As part of their registration fee, all those attending the Providence convention received a fine 20-page program prepared by the organizing committee and a special booklet produced by SABR to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the first World Series of 1884. Titled "Days of Greatness--Providence Baseball 1875-1885," the 56-page booklet features reprints of a series of 35 articles on Providence baseball history that appeared in the Providence Journal in 1928. It includes an introduction by Leonard Levin and several historic Providence team pictures. Copies of the convention program (\$1) and the "Days of Greatness" booklet (\$4) are available from the SABR office in Cooperstown as are a few caps (\$4) similar to those worn by the Grays and Mets in the recreated 1884 game.

tion), Randy Burnham--Toward a statistical standard for the Hall of Fame, Richard Clark--1921 Negro League season, Clem Comly--Empirical evidence on common assumptions in baseball computer modeling, Harry Connelly--Bobby Doerr, Ron Gabriel--The Brooklyn Dodgers, Cappy Gagnon--Major leaguers who played pro basketball, Bill George--Pawtucket's 33-inning game, Eddie Gold--The Sporting News, John Holway--Population statistics and the pool of available baseball players, Tom Jozwik--Mal-amud's novel "The Natural" and baseball reality, David Kemp--President Peagan's "contribution" to Sioux Falls minor league baseball, Roger King--Connie Mack breaks into baseball in 1884, Ron Liebman--Game and streak statistics, Phil Lowry--4 a.m. Pawtucket game and other marathon games, Don Luce--Addie Joss vs. the greats of his era, Vic Meyer--Outstanding 19th-century batsmen by titles won, Pete Palmer--How American League statistics are kept, John Schwartz--Walter Johnson's 1907 strike-out total, Philip Silvia--Charlie Buffinton, James Smith--Dave Orr and the promise of '84, Arnold Soolman--Attendance statistics, Michael Stagno--Argument against Richard Cramer's "Batting Skill Theory," David Voigt--Thank God for Nuts (slide presentation), George Wiley--The New York Yankees, 1936-39, the best ever, Richard Winship--1900 Pittsburgh Chronicle-Telegraph series: Pirates vs. Brooklyn Superbas, Bruno Wolff--Computerized baseball simulation, Don Zminda--Day baseball and Dave Orr.

THE SATURDAY BUSINESS MEETING was featured by reports by SABR officers and committees plus the election of officers. Bob Davids, the Society's founder, presided over the session, which marked the end of his two-year stint as president.

Membership in the organization as the convention got underway totaled 4,530, it was announced. The rapid growth in recent years was attributed to the startup of The National Pastime late in 1982 and the increased exposure given SABR by the media.

A financial report presented by treasurer Bill Hugo revealed gross receipts in 1983 were approximately \$130,000. After expenses, net income amounted to around \$14,000, of which \$10,000 has been earmarked for a facilities fund.

Several minor proposed amendments to the constitution, as they appeared in the February SABR Bulletin, were presented for action. In the absence of any objections or discussion, they were approved unanimously.

Highlights of the reports by the various committees follow:

Ballparks--Chairman Bob Bluthardt said Phil Lowry is finalizing his manuscript for a book that will list all parks where big league, Negro League and long-time higher-classification minor league teams played. He added the committee is continuing to gather data on parks, including pictures, statistical changes and histories.

Bibliography--Chairman Frank Phelps disclosed 31 members have indicated an interest in participating in this new committee. Its goal is to compile, identify and classify a list of available materials. Four areas presently being pursued are histories, biographies, guides/yearbooks and fiction.

Collegiate--Representing chairman Dave Anderson, Cappy Gagnon announced the group's present plan is to attempt to compile a listing showing the collegiate affiliation of all major league players. SABR members were urged to assist by supplying names of major leaguers who are alumni of their particular college.

Statistical Analysis--Two primary projects still being pursued by the committee,

MEMBERS INVITED TO SUBMIT IDEAS TO SHAPE SABR POLICY

In his role as new SABR president, Cappy Gagnon says he wants input from members on the direction they feel the organization should take in such areas as membership growth, publications, activities, etc. Besides being interested in learning about facets of the Society that members enjoy, he would welcome suggestions of projects that should be expanded or new avenues that should be explored. To that end members are invited to convey their thoughts in writing to Cappy at 2798 Hacienda Drive, Duarte, CA 91010. Ideas considered worthwhile will be presented at the fall meeting of the Executive Board, which probably will be held in mid or late September.

according to chairman Pete Palmer, are caught stealing data for the American League in 1927 and hit-by-pitch data from 1897 to 1908. Anyone residing in a major league city and willing to check boxscores and game accounts for such information is urged to contact Pete. He also mentioned that Bill James is now publishing The Baseball Analyst, featuring statistical data contributed by SABR members, six times a year.

Minor Leagues--Chairman John Pardon announced that work on Minor League Baseball Stars II is nearing completion. Bob Hoie is coordinating the project, and more than 30 members have contributed to the effort. The new publication, due out late this year, will include year-by-year records of some 150 players as well as the top 12 to 15 managers plus special treatment of 15 all-time minor league greats.

Baseball Records--A report sent by chairman Everett Cope revealed that Art Cantu continues to make progress in his project to list the careers of all minor league players, John Holway is working on the 1941 season performance of Ted Williams for a book, Richard Mattera is compiling data on the 1927-1932 Yankees-Athletics rivalry, David Kemp is working on records of leagues having teams in the Dakotas and Bob Davids is compiling game-winning RBIs for the 1927-1931-1934 Yankees.

Biographical Research--Chairman Joe Simenic's written report stated that completed questionnaires were received on 25 former major leaguers during the year while personal data such as birth/death dates, bats/throws and height/weight were obtained on 253 additional players. He emphasized that the most active committee member was Bill Haber, while others making contributions included Bill Carle, Tom Hufford, Rich Malatzky, Bob McConnell, Pete Palmer, Allen Quimby, John Pardon, Jack Smalling, Tom Shea, Bob Tholkes and Richard Topp. It also was announced that a contract had been signed for SABR to provide Macmillan with all of the committee's biographical data for the next edition of The Baseball Encyclopedia (in 1985) and that arrangements had been made to exchange copies of questionnaires, etc., with the Hall of Fame.

Negro Leagues--The committee has been extremely active, chairman Phil Lowry said. Three members have had books or booklets published in the past year: Kaz Sayama--Satchel Paige and Negro team visits to Japan 1927-1934; Jim Riley--All-Time Stars of Black Baseball, and John Holway--Bullet Joe and the Monarchs. Dick Clark and Holway have coordinated efforts to compile complete stats on the old black leagues --the Negro National 1920-1931, Eastern Colored 1923-1928, Negro American 1929 and 1937-1950 and the Negro Southern and Negro East-West 1932. They have finished much of the 1920s but still need help in certain cities. Anyone who can help should contact Dick Clark. Others active in the committee's efforts are Harry Brunt, Liz Gale, Paul Doherty, Peter Dubin, Terry Baxter, Bob Gill, Charles Hilty, Nikki Lardas, Jerry Malloy, Peter Nash, Bill Plott, Mike Stahl, Adie Suehsdorf, Dennis Totten, Charles Zarelli, Joe McGillen, Al Del Rossi and Donn Rogosin.

19th Century--John Thorn, co-chairman with Mark Pucker, revealed that some 4,000 to 5,000 photographs were examined to come up with the approximately 275 appearing in this year's special pictorial edition of The National Pastime. He said future projects of the committee will include revision of 1871-1875 National Association statistics, re-examination of such data for the 1876-1900 National League and a possible publication containing biographies and photographs of (see page 5, bottom)

TWO PUBLICATIONS MAILED, REPRINTS READY SHORTLY

Copies of the new pictorial edition of The National Pastime were mailed to all members during the period July 16-23, while the Membership Directory went into the mails on July 31. The Baseball Research Journal and the regular fall issue of The National Pastime are expected to be ready in October, and the new edition of Minor League Baseball Stars will appear late in the year. Meantime, a second printing of the premiere (1982) issue of The National Pastime will be ready about September 1 and a new printing of the original (1978) edition of Minor League Baseball Stars, complete with newly-obtained data, will be available by late September. Orders for the reprints of the 1982 TNP (\$5) and the original Minor League Stars (\$5) can be sent to the SABR office, Box 1010, Cooperstown.

SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING REGIONAL MEETINGS

Louisville--2 p.m., Saturday, August 4, at Redbird Stadium
Pacific Northwest--11:15 a.m., Sunday, August 12, at the Seattle Kingdome
Cooperstown--7:30 p.m., Sunday, August 12, at Tillapaugh's
Cleveland--1 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 18, at Lakewood Library, 15425 Detroit Ave.
Los Angeles--10 a.m., Saturday, Aug. 25, at L.A. Sheriff's new Regional Training Center, 11515 S. Colima Rd., Whittier (Room F-104, North Center of campus)
Cincinnati--11 a.m., Saturday, Sept. 8, at St. Paul Methodist Church, Madeira
Milwaukee--11:30 a.m., Saturday, Sept. 8, at Capitol Library, N. 74th & W. Capitol
Albany, NY--Probably September or October (contact Bob Giblin 518 372-7413)
Washington--Late September or October (contact Bob Davids 202 362-6889)
Houston--Date pending (contact Anthony Cavender, off. 546-8886, home 522-3231)
Pittsburgh--Date pending (contact Frank Boslett (412 731-6499)
Chicago--11 a.m., Saturday, November 3

PACIFIC NORTHWEST--The group is holding its annual summer gathering--and second get-together this year--in conjunction with a Twins-Mariners game. Dave Mann, former PCL star, and Bill Lasley, who pitched for the 1924 St. Louis Browns, are slated to be guests. A trivia quiz, research presentations and consideration of plans for a regional newsletter are included on the program. (Contact Doug Simpson 206 392-6660)

COOPERSTOWN--A player panel and research presentations highlight the agenda for the second annual Cooperstown regional on Hall of Fame weekend. Anyone wishing to attend or make a presentation should contact Cliff Kachline (607 547-8728).

CLEVELAND--A panel discussion featuring several former players and research presentations will feature Cleveland's first regional. Thanks to the generosity of the Indians' front office, members and their spouses attending the meeting will see the 7 p.m. Brewers-Indians game free of charge. (Contact Bob Carr 216 521-1112)

LOS ANGELES--Wally Berger and possibly an active player will be among the speakers. The program also will include presentations on biographical research, minor leagues, Pacific Coast League, etc. The meeting will run until 4 p.m. with time out for lunch. Later the group will attend the Tigers-Angels game. (Contact Cappy Gagnon 213 357-2002)

CINCINNATI--Jim Winters, the Reds' director of broadcasting, has been lined up as guest speaker. A player panel, research presentations, World Series film and a baseball quiz also are being planned. (Contact Bill Hugo 513 991-6051)

MILWAUKEE--Research presentations and several player guests are contemplated for the Milwaukee regional, slated for 11:30 to 4:30. (Contact Tom Jozwik 414 466-5384)

CHICAGO--The Windy City's third annual regional will run from 11 to 5 on Saturday, November 3. The program and other arrangements are now being lined up. Those interested in attending should contact Jon and Marge Daniels (312 266-7239) or Rich and Barbara Topp (312 736-3671).

CONVENTION (continued) 19th-century stars about whom the public knows little.

In the absence of chairman Stan Grosshandler, Bob McConnell presented the Nominating Committee's proposed slate of officers for the coming year: President--Cappy Gagnon (succeeding Davids), vice-president--John McCormack (succeeding Gagnon), secretary--John Pardon (incumbent), treasurer--Joe McGillen (succeeding Hugo), and director for a four-year term--Tom Jozwik, who was elected a year ago to complete the last year of an unexpired term. The membership unanimously approved the slate.

Under new business, a suggestion was made to set up a committee on foreign baseball and the idea of a SABR pin for either (a) sale to all members or (b) presentation after a specified length of membership was discussed. Both proposals were referred to the Executive Board for future consideration.

As the business session was about to adjourn, Gagnon suggested that Davids, SABR's founder and outgoing president, should be recognized for his years of tireless dedication. The membership responded with a lengthy standing ovation.

PLAYER AND UMPIRE GUESTS BRING ZEST TO REGIONALS

TWO ACTIVE MAJOR LEAGUERS--a player and an umpire--participated in San Diego's inaugural regional held July 28 at Jack Murphy Stadium. Kurt Bevacqua, utility infielder with the Padres who also is publisher of "Baseball Gold," the club's newspaper, and National League umpire Joe West both were part of the panel discussion. Joining them on the panel were Chet Brewer, former Negro Leagues pitching star who roomed with Satchel Paige, and two players who performed with San Diego's minor league Padres--Tony Criscola and Gene Locklear. Altogether, 41 attended the meeting, including 36 members. West also treated the group to his newest country-and-western song which has just been released, while Locklear displayed several of his sports paintings, including some portraying the Dave Winfield Foundation. Research presentations were given by Fred Rodgers--Strange But True (unusual baseball incidents), Andy Strasberg--Music and Baseball, Bruce Ericsson--Biographical Research, and Earl Keller--History of Baseball in San Diego. The group later attended the Astros-Padres twi-night twin-bill courtesy of the San Diego management.

FROM CHRIS VON DER AHE and Robison Field to the present-day Cardinals, the initial St. Louis regional touched a wide range of topics of interest to Mound City fans. Fifty-three persons, including 41 members, attended the July 21 gathering at the Marriott Pavilion Hotel. After opening remarks by Dan Krueckeberg, a member of the planning committee, two ex-Cardinals--Terry Moore and Phil Gagliano--joined author Bob Broeg for a panel discussion moderated by Erwin Fischer, committee chairman. Two visiting SABR members from Chicago, Jon and Marge Daniels, gave a report on the Providence national convention. The program was capped by research presentations by Bill Borst on Chris Von der Ahe, Ed Marcou--The Only Hall of Famer Interred in St. Louis (Joe Medwick), Tim O'Neill--The Dream Game: '42 vs. '57, Frank Kane--19th-Century Standouts, and Carl Schoen--Robison Field, Sportsman's Park and Other Palaces of the Game. After the meeting, the group took in the Dodger-Cardinal game.

CHATTANOOGA'S FIRST-EVER regional on June 30 made Page 1 of the Sunday (next day) edition of the local paper. The article was filled with paeans of praise about the meeting, which attracted 20 members from four states as well as 17 guests to Engel Stadium. Members attended from Atlanta, Birmingham, Knoxville and Asheville and Cullowhee, N.C. Carrington Montague and Hugh Moore opened the affair by presenting a history of the Lookouts and the Stadium. Everyone then moved to the restaurant under the third base stands for a two-hour session that included a barbecue dinner and a lengthy question-answer session with three former Chattanooga and Washington Senator players--Hillis Layne, Roy Hawes and Buck Varner. The trio so thoroughly enjoyed the meeting that they promised to get other former players to attend future get-togethers. A tremendous thunderstorm that erupted during the meeting wiped out plans to attend that evening's Greenville-Chattanooga twin-bill.

ALTHOUGH ATTENDANCE WAS disappointing, the 16 members and two guests who showed up for the Minneapolis regional at the Normandy Inn on June 23 had an enjoyable time. Because of the small turnout, the organizers are considering holding the next meeting at a different time of year. Bill Barnacle, a former Miller, attended the morning session, but three other ex-Millers cancelled. Bill Davis, ex-major league first baseman, and P.R. Director Tom Mee of the Twins formed the afternoon panel. Research presentations included: Stew Thornley--Minneapolis Millers of 1900-1930, David Kemp--Sioux Falls Canaries, Terry Bohn--Minor League Pitching Stats (correlation to the major league stats of same individuals), John DiMeglio--Mankato-St. Peter rivalry of the 1860s-1870s, and Alden Mead--Comparing Statistics from Different Eras.

APPROXIMATELY TWO DOZEN members, including several from Milwaukee, turned out for the first regional in Madison, Wis., on June 9. Bob Allen, former P.R. director of the Milwaukee Braves, was the featured speaker. Research presentations included: Early Milwaukee Baseball History--Ed Coen, The 1957 Braves--Tom Jozwik, and Project Scoresheet--Tom Achtor. With the group divided into teams, John Lewis conducted a trivia quiz. The film "Only The Ball Was White" also was shown. Cary Kendall served as emcee of the program, while the Madison Muskies provided door prizes.

SPOTLIGHTING ACTIVITIES OF SABR MEMBERS

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An offer by Joe Nunziata, vice-president of a large New York City advertising firm, to create an ad especially for SABR has been bearing fruit. The ad (left) has been published gratis in more than half a dozen major league and several minor league scorebooks this year and has attracted a goodly number of new members. Our special thanks to Joe for his efforts.....Kazuo Sayama, one of our numerous Japanese members, recently won his country's highly-coveted Ushio award for non-fiction for his biography of Satchel Paige. The award, given by a leading Japanese magazine, carries with it a prize of a million yen (\$4,000).....Tom Knight and Ron Gabriel were recipients of a surprise at the formal

opening-day ceremony of the Brooklyn Dodger Hall of Fame on June 7. Knight, known as the official Brooklyn baseball historian, and Gabriel, president of the Brooklyn Dodger Fan Club, were invited to participate as emcee and speaker, respectively. The surprise came when both were inducted into the Brooklyn Dodger shrine along with Carl Erskine, Carl Furillo and the late Gil Hodges.....Arthur Richman, assistant to the Mets' general manager, was recently inducted into the Brooklyn College Hall of Fame. He has conducted 10 USO tours to Southeast Asia during his 20 years in the Mets' front office.....Francis Helminski has launched an effort to get the Michigan Historical Commission to erect a historical marker at the site of the Detroit National League team's park of 1881-1889. The property now is occupied by Harper-Grace Hospitals, for which Helminski serves as attorney.....Alvin Becker, long-time member from San Antonio, recently donated three Spalding Baseball Guides and three other old baseball publications to the Society's library.....Reid Emerson of Baltimore commissioned Maryland artist Stanislaw Rembski to do an oil portrait of Babe Ruth. It shows the Bambino, decked out in Yankee pinstripes, autographing a baseball--righthanded, of course--in front of the red-brick house where he was born and where the Babe Ruth Birthplace and Maryland Baseball Hall of Fame Museum is now located. The portrait was exhibited there earlier this year.....A donation of \$200 for the Tattersall Collection fund was received last month from David Carter of Ashland, Ky., in gratitude for information that was provided from the Tattersall material... ..Through the efforts of Phil Von Borries, the city of Louisville agreed to share with Hillerich & Bradsby Co. the cost of a new memorial for the gravesite of Pete Browning. Mayor Harvey Sloane is scheduled to unveil the new memorial during ceremonies on September 10.....American Baseball Cap, Inc., and its president, Lindsay Wolfe, were the subjects of a feature essay in the July 6 issue of USA Today. The firm is the sole manufacturer of major league batting helmets and also makes helmets for police departments throughout the world.....Vic Meyer and Peter Berkowsky were featured in an article about SABR published in June by The Home News, a central New Jersey newspaper.....The South Bend (Ind.) Tribune recently carried a story on Jack Mathews, who is working on a book detailing his state's contributions to big league baseball.....The Stevens Point (Wis.) Journal had a full-page article on Jim Sachs, who says the addition of a computer "has made my number crunching a lot easier."... ..Bill James made another guest appearance last month on the NBC-TV "Today" show.

ANOTHER EX-MAJOR LEAGUE PLAYER has joined SABR and three more members have been identified as former minor league players or umpires. The latest former big leaguer to enroll is Wally Moon, long-time Cardinal and Dodger outfielder who now dabbles in real estate investments in Texas. Meantime, it has been learned that Bob Weaver spent one season (1942) as a pitcher-outfielder with Newport News and Hickory, Vern Luse performed as a catcher with Palatka, Tucson and Dayton in 1939-40 under the pseudonym of "Lewis" to protect his college eligibility, and James Gaynor umpired in the Arkansas, Nebraska and North Carolina State Leagues, Western Association, Pony and Three-I Leagues between 1934 and 1946. As a protege of Connie Mack, Weaver had his education sponsored at Duke and later wrote a baseball novel for boys titled Nice Guy, Go Home (published in 1967 and now out of print). Gaynor joined the Army in January 1941, was commissioned in 1947 and retired as a colonel in 1957.

A REMINDER: SABR'S ADDRESS IS P. O. BOX 1010

Old habits sometimes are difficult to break. Most everyone has experienced this problem at one time or another. In the case of SABR, many members still use the Society's old box number. Everyone is urged to note the correct SABR address-- P. O. Box 1010, Cooperstown, NY 13326--because the Postal Service's one-year forwarding arrangement will soon end. (To avoid added expense, SABR has been using the remaining stock of envelopes with the old box number before ordering new ones.) Members should also remember to notify the SABR office promptly of address changes to avoid delays in publications deliveries.

THE METS TRIVIA BOOK, written by Mike Getz, is a 144-page softcover containing 650 trivia questions and answers about the Mets and includes 45 photos. Published by Leisure Press, it retails for \$6.95 plus tax, but is available to SABR members at \$6 from Mike Getz, P. O. Box 322, Parkville Station, Brooklyn, NY 11204. Mike is also offering his Baseball's 3,000-Hit Men, a 96-page hardcover published in 1982 (retail \$7.95), for \$5 postpaid.

TWO BOOKS authored by Robert Tiemann are being offered to SABR members at reduced prices. Dodger Classics, a 350-page hardcover published last year (retail \$18.95), and Cardinal Classics, a 268-page softcover issued in 1982 (retail \$12.95), can be obtained for \$14 and \$7, respectively, plus \$1.25 per book for shipping/handling. If you order both at the same time, the cost is \$18 plus \$2.50 shipping/handling. Send orders to Robert Tiemann, 4518 Wichita Ave., St. Louis, MO 63110.

THE PHILLIES ENCYCLOPEDIA, a 540-page coffee-table-size hardcover, was published late last month by Leisure Press. Features include a history of the club's first 100 years, profiles and usually photos of the team's greatest players as well as all of its managers and owners, a Great Moments section, a list of major trades and acquisitions, and the yearly rosters with statistics. The book, which was compiled by Frank Bilovsky and Rich Westcott, retails for \$39.95. John McAdams, a SABR member as is Westcott, contributed to the statistical data.

BASEBALL FOR THE Love of It: Hall of Famers Tell It Like It Was (Macmillan, 1982, \$16.95) has been reissued by Collier Books in softcover with a new title, Voices from Cooperstown, and a new price of \$7.95. Based mainly on extensive interviews with 26 Hall of Fame members, the 333-page book tells the story of a century of baseball as viewed from the inside. It contains 126 photos. The softcover can be purchased by SABR members for \$6.35, a 20% discount, from the author: Anthony J. Connor, 244 W. 101 St., Apt. 5-C, New York, NY 10025. He'll sign it if requested.

THE COLLEGIATE BASEBALL Record Book, published jointly by the National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association and the College World Series, has made its appearance. The 70-page media-sized softcover booklet represents the first college baseball record book and covers all three NCAA divisions, the NAIA and the NJCAA. It can be obtained by sending a check for \$2 (made out to NCBWA) to: Rich Covington, Sports Information Director, Appalachian State University, Boone, NC 28608. Because supplies are limited, a stamped, self-addressed envelope should be included.

AN AUTOBIOGRAPHY titled Span Me Perfect: The Darrell Porter Story has been issued by Thomas Nelson Publishers. Written by the Cardinal catcher in collaboration with William Deerfield, it details Porter's life, including his fight back from drug and alcohol addiction. The 260-page hardcover sells for \$12.95 at bookstores.

Dr. JOSE J. JIMENEZ, Jr., a physician-member living in the Dominican, has written and published a book about his father, Dr. Jose J. Jimenez (Altamonte), who was both an M.D. and a world-famous botanist. While noting the book may be of interest to few SABR members, the author is making the 368-page softcover, which is printed in Spanish, available for \$16, including airmail postage. His address is: Dr. Jose J. Jimenez, Jr., Calle Maximo Gomez 34, Santiago, Dominican Republic.

Robert D. Miller, who joined SABR's ranks in March 1983, died in Stanford, Ky., on June 6 at the age of 65. A disabled veteran and former prisoner of war, he was an avid Cincinnati Reds fan. His son Tom, a resident of Newport, Ky., and a SABR member since 1980, sent the Society a \$50 donation in memory of his dad.

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SOCIETY REACHES 5,000 MILESTONE, TOP EXECS JOIN

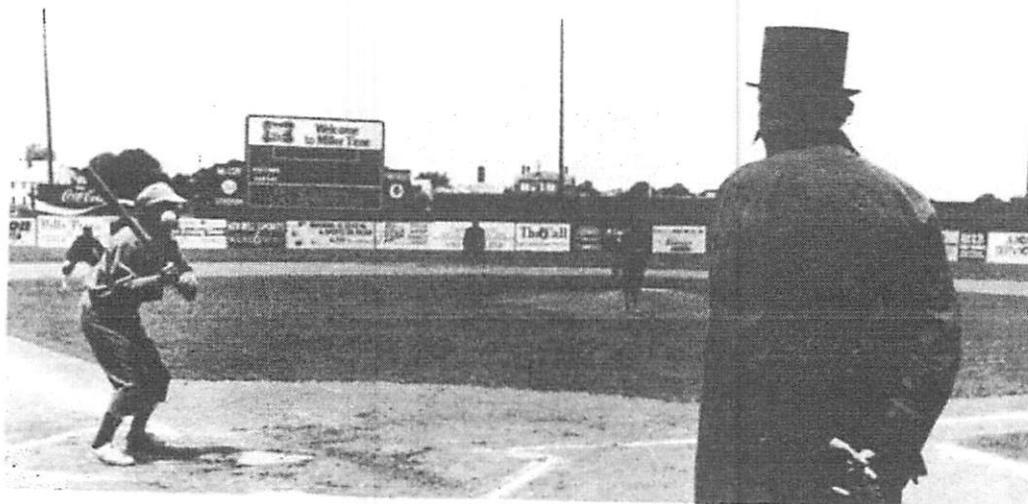
Membership is on a steady, upward spiral. Another milestone was attained during the week of October 8-14--World Series time by coincidence--when the SABR rolls exceeded the 5,000 figure. All of which means that approximately 1,300 new members have joined the Society thus far this year.

While 5,000 might be regarded as modest in some quarters, it is all the more remarkable when one considers that SABR was almost nine years old before membership reached the 1,000 plateau in 1980 -- and that it has taken just a little more than four years to quintuple that total.

The recent sharp growth has been accompanied by the addition of numerous prominent names to the Society's roster. For instance, since the previous Bulletin appeared three of the game's top executives have joined, an indication that favorable word about SABR activities and publications has been spreading. The three are Jim Campbell, president of the American League champion Detroit Tigers; Peter O'Malley, president of the Los Angeles Dodgers, and Calvin Griffith, who recently stepped down as president of the Minnesota Twins.

Other major league executives on the SABR membership rolls include Roland Hemond, Chicago White Sox; Harry Dalton, Milwaukee Brewers; Jim Fanning, Montreal Expos; Tony Siegle, Philadelphia Phillies; Lou Gorman, Boston Red Sox; Elten Schiller, San Diego Padres, and Arthur Richman, New York Mets, as well as a majority of the P.R. directors.

Two more former major league players--Carl Erskine and Tom Gorman, who went on to become a standout National League umpire--also were enrolled during the past two months as was Joe Falls, well-known Detroit sports columnist. At the same time the Society gained its first member in The Netherlands and added new (Turn to page 2)



It's World Series Time, 1884 version. Yes, the SABR convention took place in July, but this scene from the recreation of the 1884 Series was too good to pass up. The umpire in the top hat, long black coat and mustache is Eric Simonsen. (Photo courtesy Providence Journal Co.)

Three SABR members--one a Hall of Fame player, another the brother of a Hall of Famer and the third a prominent sportswriter--passed away recently. Waite Hoyt died of a heart ailment in Cincinnati on August 25 at the age of 85. Earlier Walter Schalk, 94-year-old brother of Ray Schalk, succumbed in Wood River (Ill.) Township Hospital. And Hugh McGovern, baseball writer for the Worcester (Mass.) Telegraph, died on August 29 at the age of 62. All three joined SABR in 1983.

(Continued from page 1) ones in both France and Japan.

The introduction of The National Pastime in the fall of 1982 together with expanded promotional efforts triggered the Society's membership surge. Recognition by the media and others that the various SABR publications provide an extra and important dimension to baseball literature also has contributed to the growth. Since its inception in 1972 the Society's annual Baseball Research Journal has proven to be an enjoyable, highly-informative book. The other publications--This Date in Baseball History, Minor League Batting Stars, Great Hitting Pitchers and the Baseball Historical Review, which features the best articles from the out-of-print 1972-73-74 Journals--have also enhanced the organization's stature. And the hardcover anthology of SABR articles titled Insider's Baseball that was published by Scribner's in 1983 likewise increased the prestige and visibility of the Society.

The capstone to date, of course, has been the special pictorial edition of The National Pastime on nineteenth-century baseball that appeared the past summer. It has drawn raves from almost everyone who has seen it. One newly-enrolled member termed it "one of the best bargains we ever purchased. The pictures are more than worth the price of a membership."

SEVERAL PERSONS have inquired as to the identities of certain players shown in the special 19th-century pictorial issue of The National Pastime. Space limitations obviously made it impractical for the editors to include the name of each player in every photo. However, the identities of most are known. Should you want to know the name of a particular player, editor John Thorn will be pleased to provide same. You can write him at 18 Virginia Ave., Saugerties, NY 12477.

THE THREE OTHER publications that 1984 members will be receiving--the Baseball Research Journal and the regular issue of The National Pastime, both featuring articles written by members, and the completely-new edition of Minor League Baseball Stars II--are still in the process of preparation. Because of the heavy workload of the editors, all three publications are running behind schedule, but they are expected to be out early in December. The Executive Board hopes to be able to arrange for an improved schedule of publication dates in 1985.

THE BALLPARKS Committee is gearing up for new horizons. It plans to search for and list all major publications, materials, etc., dealing with parks in Organized Baseball. Committee members also investigate research inquiries and generally enjoy the correspondence and company of like-minded individuals who relish the facts, photos, statistics, legends and lore of the old and new parks from Ebbets Field and Sulphur Dell to the modern stadia. Anyone interested in assisting in these research projects or suggesting new ones is invited to contact the committee chairman, Robert Bluthardt, 212 Koberlin St. #7, San Angelo, TX 76903.

BOARD MONITORING USE OF MEMBERSHIP LIST

One source of revenue that has helped underwrite some SABR operational costs is the sale of the Society's mailing list for one-time use. Numerous organizations have purchased the SABR labels this year for mailings offering baseball-related items, usually books, often at special discounts. As the Guidelines on page 8 of the 1984 Membership Directory specify, the Society's membership list may not be used for commercial purposes without authorization. To protect SABR's rights and interests, the Executive Board has begun monitoring mailings. Any member who receives a mailing that he feels may not have been authorized should notify the SABR office.

BOARD STUDIES NEW PROJECTS, SETS JULY 12-14 FOR '85 CONVENTION

With a goal of having the Society continue to improve on what it already is doing and undertake additional projects, members of the SABR Executive Board experienced a busy weekend in suburban Washington, D.C., on September 22-24. Several, in fact, found themselves closeted in meetings for more than 16 hours during the three days.

The occasion marked the regular quarterly meeting of the Executive Board plus the annual Washington-Baltimore regional, which is reported elsewhere in this issue. In addition, the Long-Range Planning Committee and the Finance Committee, which are composed largely or entirely of Board members, both held separate sessions. The upshot of the hectic weekend was that the groundwork was laid for continued growth of the organization and expansion of Society activities.

A new committee on computerization of baseball data was approved, plans for the 1985 and 1986 conventions were studied, a proposal to create a bin containing the SABR logo was discussed, and recommendations for membership development and a SABR facility were considered. Suggestions sent in by SABR members also were reviewed.

New president Cappy Gagnon set the tone for the Board session by outlining at the outset his philosophy of how the group should function. He emphasized the need to streamline and professionalize SABR operations and to develop policy guidelines.

After hearing a report on the successful '84 convention in Providence, the Board unanimously approved the dates of July 12-14 for next year's convention, which has been awarded to the Oakland-Berkeley area. Final details as to the actual site, schedule, etc., will be worked out by a three-member committee of the Board and the Bay Area committee headed by Gene Sunnen. By establishing the dates at this time, it was felt SABR members desiring to tie in a West Coast vacation trip with the convention could begin making plans now.

The Board also went on record in favor of having the '86 convention in the Midwest. One regional group already has announced it will seek to host the event. Others interested in doing so should submit proposals within the next few weeks to the SABR president or the SABR office. A decision on the 1986 convention city probably will be made at the January Board meeting. Groups in the South and Southwest which would like to see the 1987 convention held in their city are being encouraged to investigate possible sites, etc., and to send in proposals.

The newly-formed committee on computerization will have Tony Formo of Toronto and Gary Skoog, a new member from Chicago, as co-chairmen. They will contact those who previously expressed an interest in such a committee. Others desiring to participate can write to Formo (16 Bonnyview Dr. #8, Toronto, Ont. M8Y 3G6) and Skoog (Dept. of Economics, University of Chicago, 1126 E. 59th St., Chicago, IL 60637).

In keeping with the by-laws, Gagnon announced the appointment of a five-person nominating committee consisting of Stan Grosshandler, chairman; Richard A. Johnson, Bob Hoie, John Pardon and Bob McConnell. He urged that members interested in being considered for a position of officer or director when openings occur should send a one-page summary of their qualifications to the committee chairman.

The chairmen of all other committees were reappointed. Their names can be found on page 1 of the 1984 Membership Directory which each member received. (Turn to page 6)

DO WE SHOW YOUR CORRECT ADDRESS?

All members are urged to check the mailing label on the envelope in which this Bulletin arrived. If there is any mistake in the address, please advise the SABR office immediately. (All changes received through September 29 were made in time for the mailing of the Bulletin.) Approximately 70 members failed to receive the National Pastime pictorial issue and/or Membership Directory promptly because they notified us too late--or not at all--of their new address, causing the publications to be returned. In keeping with a decision of the Executive Board those members were obliged to pay the added postage charges that resulted.

RIDZIK, KIRBY, ERSKINE, PACIOREK, KELTNER, FREGOSI AMONG REGIONAL GUESTS

DESPITE SHORT advance notice, the second biggest crowd ever for a Washington, D.C., regional shared in the area's 14th annual gathering on September 22. A total of 94 persons--and possibly a few others who failed to register--attended the session at George Mason University in Fairfax, VA. A player panel of ex-pitchers Clay Kirby and Steve Ridzik plus Jack Fogarty, former minor league player and current scout, highlighted the program. Research presentations were given by: Charles Pavitt--Statistical Evaluation of Infielders; Cappy Gagnon--Athletes Who Played Major League Baseball and Pro Basketball; Larry Amman--Detroit Game-Winning RBIs, 1953-1963; John Holway--Chicago Cubs and the Billy Goat Curse; Jerry Hannan--Why the Washington Senators Left Town, and Bill Ivory--Paul Hines, The Forgotten Man. Kevin Callagher presented a guitar/vocal rendition of "Bring the Dodgers Back to Brooklyn" and broadcaster Nat Allbright capped the meeting by describing how he helped to recreate broadcasts of Dodger games in the 1940s and 1950s.

MEMBER KEN KELTNER was the special guest at Milwaukee's September 8 regional, which drew a total of 40, including 25 members. Keltner, who was accompanied by his wife Evelyn, discussed his career and shared recollections of Satchel Paige, Bill Veeck, Oscar Vitt and Lou Boudreau. Bruno Wolff demonstrated his computerized baseball game by recreating a 1945 Tigers-Cubs World Series game, and Del Vogt read some of his baseball limericks. Other presenters and their topics were: Bob Koehler--The American Association Brewers of 1902-1952; Bob Koltermann--Rationale for the Brewers' Poor 1984 Performance; Bob Erdmann--Project Scoresheet, and Tom Jozwik--"The Natural," novel and movie, and baseball reality. Koltermann also conducted a trivia contest, won by Richard Grono, while Burr Oxley, who with his wife Theresa again made the 160-mile trip from Wisconsin Rapids, showed "The Boys of Summer" videotape based on Roger Kahn's book.

TWENTY-NINE PERSONS, among them 22 members, attended the Cincinnati regional held September 8. Jim Winters, the Reds' director of broadcasting, was the guest speaker. Research presentations included: Bob Bailey--Breaking Baseball's Color Line; Kevin Grace--Ethan Allen's Career at University of Cincinnati; Dan Hotaling--Ty Cobb Revisited; Terry Hugel--Long-Ball Heroes, Fact and Fiction, and Jack Little--Trivia from the 19th Century. In addition, Roy Hughes discussed the 1945 National League champion Chicago Cubs and an upcoming reunion at Wrigley Field, Charles Alexander led a discussion about Ty Cobb's career and Bob Littlejohn, recently returned from a trip to Japan, told about his experiences at a Japanese baseball game.

THE SECOND Los Angeles regional this year attracted 41 persons--two more than the January gathering--and again was marked by an outstanding program. Three former major leaguers--Wally Berger, John Paciorek and Roger Bowman--participated in the August 25 session. For Berger, his third appearance at an L.A. regional produced a big surprise when he was presented with a miniature statue of himself in batting pose and in uniform. Dick Beverage arranged for the statue. Paciorek, introduced as the majors' all-time batting leader (he was 3-for-3), discussed his career and the serious back injury that ended it. Bowman, who pitched a seven-inning perfect game as Hollywood clinched a tie for the 1954 PCL pennant, told numerous Durocher and Mays stories from his days with the Giants. Members making presentations were: Bob Hoie--Minor League Baseball Stars II; Allan Roth--Power/Speed Statistics; Larry Bortstein--John Paciorek's Major League Debut; Dave Anderson--Collegiate Baseball Committee; Bruce Ericson--Biographical Research and Lefty Blasco's Pursuit of Pete Lamer; Phil Lowry--Ball Parks; Brooke Rothwell--Fantasy Interview with Victory Faust.

EXCEPT FOR A downpour that curtailed the program's finale, the initial Cleveland regional on August 18 proved a rousing success. And, as Bob Carr pointed out, the Indians' generosity--56 terrific lower-deck box seats--wasn't washed out, even if the game was after just an inning and a half--and two one-hour waits. Despite four no-shows, the meeting drew 30 members and 23 spouses and guests. The program featured nine presentations, followed by a baseball session with Roy Hughes and Bob Cain before adjourning to Cleveland Stadium. The list of presentations included: Scott Longert--Addie Joss; Don Luce--Inconsistencies in 1908 Pitching Records; Dick Derby--1917 Indians' Stolen-Base Record; John Grabowski, associate curator of West-

SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING REGIONAL MEETINGS

Albany, N.Y.--Thursday evening, November 1
Chicago--10:30 a.m., Saturday, Nov. 3, at Poretta's Banquets, 3718 N. Central
Orlando, Fla.--11:00 a.m., Saturday, Nov. 3, at Hilton Inn, Florida Center

ALBANY--Plans for the area's first regional were being finalized as the Bulletin went to press. Anyone interested in attending should immediately call Bob Giblin (518 372-7413), Mark Rucker (518 587-0681) or John Hinds (518 449-5962).

CHICAGO--The Windy City's third annual regional will run from 10:30-4:30 and will include a chicken dinner and cash bar. Guest speakers expected are Mike Kreevich, Nick Etten and one other ex-player. Roy Hughes and Ken Keltner, both SABR members, also have been invited. A trivia contest and presentations are included on the program. Guests are welcome, but everyone must make a reservation (\$19 per person) by October 20. Send checks to: Jon Daniels, 1211 N. LaSalle Dr. #1402, Chicago 60610.

ORLANDO--A regional featuring research presentations, a luncheon and a player panel has been arranged as part of an Old-Timers Baseball weekend sponsored by the Kiwanis Clubs of Florida. Dick Crepeau heads up the regional, which will last 2½-3 hours. The highlight of the weekend--and a good way for fans to keep the baseball season going--will be an AL-NL all-star game at Orlando's Tinker Field at 7:30 p.m. on November 2. For information on the regional contact Jim Riley, 955 Maemir Way, Rockledge, FL 32955 or Rob Sheinkopf at 305 275-2000 ext. 3003.

ern Reserve Historical Society--Van Oeyen Photo Collection; Joe Simenic and Kevin McGraw--Indian Debuts and Biographical Studies; Fred Schuld--8 Indian Biographies Prepared for a New Cleveland History; Ward Larkin--Project Scoresheet; Ernie Infield--Bob Feller's Debut Year, and George Wiley--Consistency of Lineups and 1948 Indians' Stretch Drive.

A LARGE TURNOUT of SABR members for Hall of Fame induction weekend resulted in a gathering of 70 persons, 43 of them members, for the second annual Cooperstown regional on August 12. Guest appearances by Carl Erskine and Peter O'Malley added a special twist to the occasion. They were in town, of course, for the inductions of former Dodgers PeeWee Reese and Don Drysdale. Erskine spoke about his baseball days in Brooklyn and then fielded numerous questions before he and the Dodger club president departed to keep another engagement. A player panel of members Gene Benson, Sy Morton and Larry Kimbrough, with Jim Riley as moderator, also enlivened the evening. Members making presentations were Bill Jenkinson--Tape Measure Home Runs; Bill Simons--Hank Greenberg and Ethnicity; Carl Lundquist--Unsung Centennial; Joe Lawler--Anthracite Country Players; Bill Borst--Chris von der Ahe; Fred Smith--Sigafos' Homer That Didn't Count; Walter LeConte--Why a Cajun Wrote a Yankees' Baseball Book; Dutch Doyle--Great Outfields: 1929 A's vs. 1927 Yanks; Frank Keetz--Umpiring and Bill Klem, and Ron Gabriel--Loser But Still Champion.

AUTHOR JOHN McCALLUM of Tacoma, who wrote The Tiger Wore Spikes (Ty Cobb), was the featured speaker at the Pacific Northwest regional in Seattle on August 12. McCallum told about the one entire summer that he spent with the Hall of Famer. A disappointing turnout of just nine members and two guests attended the meeting. Marc Jones gave a presentation on the effect of unplayed games on the pennant races in the 1915 Federal League and in the 1918, 1935 and 1938 seasons as well as the 1972 and 1981 strike-shortened campaigns. The program also included a trivia quiz.

JIM FREGOSI, manager of the Louisville Redbirds, was the featured guest at Louisville's first regional on August 4. A gathering of 26, half of them members, took in the affair, which included dinner at Cardinal Stadium. Fregosi spent about 40 minutes answering questions and visiting with the group. Bill Hugo gave a report on the Providence convention and the upcoming Cincinnati regional. Members making presentations were: Jack Little--Gus Weyhing; Rod Beck--The 1890 American Association Season; David Cronen--Louisville Baseball Photo Essay 1900-1950; Bob Bailey--Louisville Professional Baseball Parks, and John Findling--Louisville Joins the American Association, 1882.

Members interested in pursuing baseball research are reminded that the SABR Lending Library has microfilm available of The Sporting News (1886-1942), Sporting Life (1833-1917) and the Chadwick-Spalding-Wright Scrapbooks/Diaries (1860-1907). One reel can be borrowed at a time for a two-week period. In the case of Sporting Life and The Sporting News, indicate the year and months desired (some reels begin and/or end in mid-season)--and also list several alternatives in order of preference in case the first choice is out on loan at the time. A photocopy of the seven-page summary of the 11 reels of Chadwick-Spalding-Wright material is available for \$1 plus a large stamped envelope. The address of the SABR Lending Library is P. O. Box 1010, Cooperstown, NY 13326.

EXECUTIVE BOARD (continued) Anyone interested in participating in any of the committees should contact the committee chairman.

The idea of a SABR pin came up for discussion again. Costs, designs, etc., will be investigated so that the subject can be given further consideration.

Proposals for membership development and a SABR facility are being reviewed by the Long-Range and Finance Committees. The membership is invited to submit recommendations--with supporting information--on a suitable location for a SABR facility. They can be sent to Eric Simonsen, who chairs the committees, or to the SABR office.

Suggestions sent in by members were read and studied by the Board. One recommended including a Zip Code section in the Membership Directory as was done in 1982. Another proposed giving the convention business meeting a more attractive title.

UNDER THE TAX-EXEMPT status granted SABR a year ago by the IRS, contributions to the Society are tax deductible. Members seeking ways to reduce their tax liability before year's end might want to consider making a donation to the organization.

STEW THORNLEY has compiled a game-by-game record of Joe Hauser's 69 home runs for Minneapolis in 1933 showing the opposing pitcher, inning and number of men on base. Anyone wishing a copy can obtain same by sending a self-addressed, stamped envelope to: Stew Thornley, 982 15th Ave. SE #3, Minneapolis, MN 55414.

JACK B. MOORE is writing a book on Joe DiMaggio that will be published by Greenwood Press. He would be happy to receive any anecdotes about The Yankee Clipper, statistical info or references to articles or books that SABR members could provide. You can write Jack at Dept. of American Studies, U. of South Florida, Tampa, FL 33620.

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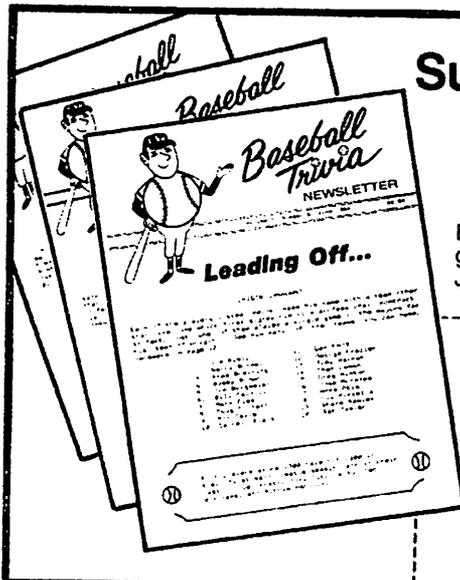
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September 9—Hoyt, Chance and Frisch
Answers: Nine men, nine innings—

SPOTLIGHTING ACTIVITIES OF SABR MEMBERS

Seven members took part in a Sunday night talk show titled "In the Public Interest," with Gene Ladd as host, on New York radio station WHN, which airs the Mets' games, on August 19. They discussed baseball in general and also SABR. Participating were Garry Kelleher, Mike Getz, Vince Russo, John Grabowski, Tom Knight, Carl Lundquist and Larry Ritter....Vern Luse was the subject of a column in the Parkersburg (W.Va.) Sentinel last month titled "The Sherlock of Baseball." The article described Vern's research of the minor leagues. Luse recently moved from Kansas City to Parkersburg to assume duties as senior Control Systems Engineer at DuPont's new Washington Works plant....It appears that at least two members are tooling around in cars bearing license plates with the designation "SABR." Luse obtained personalized plates with those letters shortly before leaving Missouri, and Steve Murfin recently spotted a car near Washington with "SABR" on its Virginia license plates.....The Society now has representation in Taiwan. Richard Gans, who spent last semester working on his M.A. at the University of Michigan, transferred last month to Taiwan for a year's stay....Members of the organizing committee of this year's Providence convention gained such enjoyment from the fellowship and camaraderie at their planning meetings that they have continued to hold regular get-togethers. All but three of the group, one of whom was on vacation, gathered at Don O'Hanley's home on August 20 to look over the big scrapbook of photos and clippings from the convention and the videotape of the 1984 World Series replay....Under the heading "A Book of Baseball Knowledge," Ed (Dutch) Doyle was the subject of two articles recently in the News Gleaner, a Philadelphia newspaper. They told of Dutch's lifelong devotion to the sport....Edward (Ned) Burt has been elected president of the Greater New Haven Diamond Club, which annually sponsors winter clinics and an American Legion team. He advises that membership in the Diamond Club (\$15) is open to anyone. You can write him at: Greater New Haven Diamond Club, 2583 Whitney Ave., Hamden, CT 06518.A feature on SABR in the Sunday, September 30, issue of the Champaign (Ill.) News-Gazette brought a flood of inquiries and already has produced several new members. "I have been hoping to catch your address since I first heard of the Society a couple years ago," wrote one party, "and finally found it in today's News-Gazette."Ernest Nagy, labor counselor at the American Embassy in London, extends an invitation to any fellow SABR member to give him "a ring" at the Embassy (499-9000 ext. 2121) when in London and he'll stand the visiting SABRite to a drink.

NOTE: If you spot an article about the Society or one of its members, send a clipping or photocopy to the SABR office, P. O. Box 1010, Cooperstown, NY 13326 so that mention can be made of it in a future Bulletin.



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The familiar phrase of "Only ___ Days Until Christmas" will soon be heard again. Which means it's not too early to start planning for the holidays. A membership in the Society or copies of SABR publications would make a fine Christmas gift. The SABR office will be pleased to provide membership applications and also to send a note to any recipient advising him or her of your gift.

DICK BEVERAGE, who earlier wrote a book on the Los Angeles Angels, has come out with The Hollywood Stars: Baseball in MovieLand 1926-1957. The highly-illustrated 310-page softcover details the history of the Hollywood team and has an all-time player index and yearly stats of the Stars performers. The book is available for \$13.25 postpaid from: Richard E. Beverage, 1244 Brian St., Placentia, CA 92670.

THE BASEBALL PADRE, also known as Fr. Jerome C. Romanowski, has written another book titled The Sages of Sport. Connie Mack, Branch Rickey, Stan Musial, Joe DiMaggio and Joe Morgan are among those featured in the illustrated 56-page softcover. It lists for \$5 but is offered to SABR members for \$4 plus 65c postage/handling. Fr. Romanowski also has a few copies remaining of his book The Mackmen (regularly \$10) for \$5 plus 65c postage/handling--or both books for \$9 postpaid. Write to: Fr. Jerome Romanowski, Holy Name Society, 4824 Camden Ave., Pennsauken, NJ 08810.

DON NELSON has authored Baseball's Home Run Hitters: The Sultans of Swat. The 176-page softcover, published by Leisure Press, is referred to as "the definitive work on home runs and home-run hitters" and lists at \$9.95. Copies may be obtained for \$8.00 as long as the author's supply lasts by writing to: Don Nelson, 5422 Chatsworth Court, Fairfax, VA 22032.

VOLUME III in the Camden House Baseball Classics Library has just come out. It is an exact reproduction of Jacob Morse's Sphere and Ash: A History of Baseball, 1888. Morse, who managed the Boston Unions at age 24, served as Boston correspondent for Sporting Life for 20 years. The 90-page book is significant because of its discussion of the evolution of pitching rules, techniques and conditioning methods. It is priced at \$27 plus \$2.50 for postage/handling, but is offered to SABR members at a 15% discount. To order a copy write: Camden House, Drawer 2025, Columbia, SC 29202.

THE BASEBALL DRAFT, 1965-1984, is the most recent publication produced by the staff of Baseball America. The 168-page book lists every player selected in each draft of amateur free agents during the past 20 years and summarizes the highlights of each draft session. The book is available for \$9.95 plus \$1.00 postage/handling from: American Sports Publishing, Inc., P. O. Box 2089, Durham, NC 27702.

ROBERT OBOJSKI'S Big League Baseball Newsletter will make its debut about December 1. The publication, which will appear every other month, is priced at \$3 per issue or \$15 for a year's subscription. The first issue will feature interviews with Happy Chandler, Charlie Gehringer and Rick Ferrell. To order it, write to: Robert Obojski, 58 Orchard Farm Road, Port Washington, NY 11050.

RICH WESTCOTT, co-author of The Phillies Encyclopedia which was mentioned in the August Bulletin, is offering the 540-page coffee-table-size hardcover at a \$5 discount. You can obtain a copy for \$34.95 plus \$1.55 postage/handling by writing to: Richard Westcott, P. O. Box 157, Springfield, PA 19064. Make check payable to him.

KEN KRSOLOVIC, who is sports information director at John Carroll University, has leftover copies of the university's 1983 and 1984 baseball media guides. If you would like to have one, send a large self-addressed, stamped envelope--or two such envelopes if you want both media guides--to: Ken Krsolovic, 26663 Loganbury #7-A, Richmond Heights, OH 44143.

COPIES OF the second printing of the premiere (1982) issue of The National Pastime are now available (\$5), while the new printing of the original (1978) edition of Minor League Baseball Stars (\$5) will be ready early in November. In addition, the Providence convention program (\$1) and the Days of Greatness--Providence Baseball 1875-1885 booklet (\$4) also are available as are a few caps (\$4) similar to those worn in the 1884 recreated game. Orders for these items should be sent to the SABR office, P. O. Box 1010, Cooperstown, NY 13326.

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THREE MORE BOOKS FOR '84 MEMBERS

The year may be winding down, but for SABR members there is the promise that a lot more "fuel" will be delivered shortly to keep the Old Hot Stove League stoked during the chilly winter months ahead. Although it is time to renew for 1985--as noted below--those holding 1984 SABR memberships can rest assured that they will shortly be receiving a wealth of additional excellent baseball reading material in return for their '84 dues.

Three more 1984 publications--the Baseball Research Journal, the regular issue of The National Pastime and the second edition of Minor League Baseball Stars--were in various stages of preparation as this Bulletin went to press. Original plans called for at least two of them to be in the hands of members by this time, but the time-consuming involvement of the editors of all three in various other projects delayed their efforts on the books.

It is anticipated that the first of the three publications will go into the mail shortly after Christmas, another early in the New Year and the third later on in January. Everyone who paid for a 1984 SABR membership will be receiving a copy of all three books as soon as they are ready. New members joining for 1985 can, of course, purchase any of the publications separately. The '84 Journal and regular TNP are priced at \$6 each and the new Minor League Baseball Stars at \$5.

The Executive Board already has approved plans to produce four more publications for distribution to 1985 members. They are another special pictorial issue of The National Pastime devoted to the 1900-1920 period, the regular issue of TNP, the Baseball Research Journal and a new book on Ballmarks. The Board hopes to arrange it so that at least two of them will be issued by midsummer.

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RISING POSTAGE COSTS have necessitated adding a surcharge for members who reside outside the U.S. A year ago a surcharge for airmail service to overseas members was put into effect for the first time in an attempt to reduce SABR's soaring postage expense. For 1985 the Executive Board has determined that a \$3 postage surcharge shall be applied to all non-U.S. members, while the surcharge for airmail service to overseas members will remain the same as last year--\$8 or \$12, depending upon the area in which the member resides. Except for the Bulletin, SABR is able to ship all publications to U.S. members via economical Bulk Rate. However, because this cannot be used outside the States, it is necessary to pay considerably higher Book Rates to send publications to members in Canada, Mexico and overseas. The surcharges, incidentally, cover only part of the added cost.

-----TIME TO RENEW FOR 1985-----

It's time to renew your membership for 1985. A card for that purpose is enclosed. Be sure to include the appropriate surcharge (see above) if you have a non-U.S. address. Everyone is asked to return a completed card because the information is used in the Directory. Those who have already paid for 1985 should simply mark "Paid (and date of payment)" on the bottom of the card.

SABR MEMBERS IN SPOTLIGHT AT WORLD SERIES

Nearly two months have passed--hard as it is to believe--since the World Series ended. But it seems appropriate to point out that SABR was well represented at the fall classic. Those of you who watched on TV will recall that the honor of tossing out the first ball at the opener in San Diego went to C. H. "Pat" Olsen, who was attending his 237th consecutive World Series game. He and wife Elsie took in the entire Series, giving him the distinction of being on hand at 241 of the 479 Series games played in this century. Pat, 83 and a long-time SABR member, trained with the New York Yankees in 1924, pitched several years in the minors and then went on to become a millionaire by establishing a business that manufactured tools for use in the oil fields.

The home plate umpire in the Series opener, Doug Harvey of the National League, and telecasters Vin Scully, Joe Garagiola and Bob Costas also are SABR members, as are two of the three official scorers, Jim Henneman of Baltimore and Ed Browalski of Detroit. Jim Campbell, president of the world champion Tigers, joined SABR last August, while general manager Jack McKeon of the Padres added his name to the SABR rolls shortly after the Series ended. A number of other Detroit and San Diego front-office officials likewise belong to SABR.

The Society also made its mark at one of the NBC hospitality festivities during the Series in Detroit. Two members--Frad Smith and Ed Budnick--prepared the World Series Quiz that was distributed to club executives, other dignitaries, media personnel, etc., who attended. Of the five contest winners, three were from SABR--John Bolig, Bud Braun and Ed Joseph--while another was Mrs. Stan (Lil) Musial.

A WORD FOR '84 LATE-JOINERS -- AND OTHERS

As most members presumably are aware, SABR operates on a calendar-year basis--January through December. The arrangement whereby all membership renewals come due at the same time greatly simplifies record-keeping as well as the distribution of renewal notices. In addition, because SABR publications are issued on an irregular basis, the calendar-year setup currently appears to be the only practical basis for the membership year.

The arrangement, however, often leads to a dilemma, especially late in the year. Several persons who joined SABR during the past few months--and were enrolled as 1984 members--have written to say they feel they "are being shortchanged." Upon learning their membership extends only through December 31, they commented: "We paid \$20 for a one-year membership, yet just _____ weeks after we join we are expected to pay again (to renew)."

Obviously there is a logical explanation--one which was sent to the parties involved but which bears repeating here. Even though 1984 was three-fourths or more gone when these individuals joined SABR, they nevertheless have received or will be receiving (see page 1) all of the 1984 SABR material that those who joined in January are receiving. In other words, it's not really the length of time a membership covers that is of prime importance, but rather the quantity and QUALITY of the products one receives.

Had this group of late-joiners been enrolled as 1985 (rather than 1984) members, the fact that most SABR publications (other than the Bulletins) come out in the second half of the year would have meant that these new members would probably have had to wait until May or June before receiving anything other than the bi-monthly Bulletins. Equally important, like other new members, many of them doubtless would have ordered the '84 books after seeing the quality of SABR publications--and the cost of the four 1984 publications would exceed the \$20 dues.

Another member was removed from SABR's rolls with the passing of George Jautz at Clearwater, Fla., on September 30. A diehard Cub fan, Jautz, 77, was in the advertising business in Chicago before he and his wife retired to Florida.

GIFTS, BEQUESTS TO SABR ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE

With costs continuing to rise, SABR's annual \$20 dues are barely sufficient to cover operating expenses of the Society, especially in view of the schedule of four publications per year. Gifts and bequests from members represent one means by which additional income could be generated to introduce new projects or expand existing ones. The fact that SABR has been granted non-profit status by the IRS means any gift or bequest is tax deductible to the donor. Your own lawyer or tax consultant can advise you on the best way to make a gift or bequest, but the following form could serve as a guide: "I give and bequeath to the Society for American Baseball Research, Inc., of Cooperstown, N.Y., the sum of _____ or _____ shares of stock of _____ Corp."

EX-MANAGER, TWO MORE FORMER PLAYERS ADDED TO SABR ROLLS

An ex-big league manager, two former major league players and several more prominent media names are among the latest to join SABR. As is mentioned elsewhere in this issue Jack McKeon, San Diego C.M. who managed Kansas City and Oakland before moving up to the executive ranks, has become a member of the Society. Also added recently were Roy Sievers, long-time former American League slugger, and Bert Kuczynski, who pitched briefly for the 1943 Philadelphia A's. Media personnel signing up included Ken Coleman, Red Sox broadcaster; Joe Durso, New York Times baseball writer, and Vince Doyle, Detroit sportscaster.

Two additional members have been identified as former minor league players. They are Lon "Bud" Burnas, now a Nashville sportswriter who played first base in the Washington Senator farm system in 1946-47-48 and also managed briefly, and Eugene Junta, an infielder with the St. Louis Browns' Pittsburg (K-O-M) team in 1950.

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THE LEAD ARTICLE in the October issue of Yankee Magazine, published in Dublin, N.H., was a two-page feature on the 1884 Providence Grays and SABR's reenactment of the 1884 World Series during the July convention. The spread included a fine color photo of the two teams of SABR members that was snapped by James M. Murphy. ...Incidentally, Murphy, who shot many pictures during the practice session and game at Pawtucket's McCoy Stadium, has offered to provide prints at cost to any SABR member desiring same. A 4x6 magna print costs under \$1 and an 8x12 color photo less than \$5. If interested write to James M. Murphy, 605 Armistice Blvd., Pawtucket, RI 02861....Both The Phillies Review and Sports Collectors Digest recently carried excellent reviews of the pictorial issue of The National Pastime. ...Because of an increasing workload at his place of employment, Joe Simanic found it necessary to relinquish his role as chairman of the SABR Biographical Research Committee. Rich Topp has succeeded him....Several SABR members, led by Dan Krueckeberg, were instrumental in raising funds for a plaque that was unveiled at the rededication of Andy High Field in the St. Louis suburb of Webster Groves on October 11. The late Cardinal infielder was a long-time Webster Groves resident....Rich Tourangeau says he's beginning to feel like "The Phantom of SABR." Like Rodney Dangerfield, he seems to be getting no respect. A picture of Rich tagging out a Mets runner in the 1884 replay was published in the Providence Journal and later distributed by AP, but it identified him as Ken Miller, another SABR member. And it turns out the unidentified batter shown in the page 1 picture in the October SABR Bulletin also was Tourangeau....Other SABR members recently featured in the papers: Pat Lynch of Belleville, Ill., subject of a story in Red-bird Review, the Cardinals' paper; John Gendler, Minneapolis attorney who headed up the winning non-media team in the Minnesota Sports Trivia Bowl; Steve Murfin, who has attended every Oriole opener since 1972; Richard Chilton, who authored The Great American Baseball Lineup Quiz Book, and Lefty Blasco, whose quest for a photo of Pete Lamer of the 1902 Cubs was spotlighted....Larry Hogan, associate professor of history at Union College in Cranford, N.J., will deliver a paper on "Baseball in New Jersey in the Era of the Color Line, 1885-1950," at the 100th meeting of the American Historical Association in Chicago on December 28-30.

BASEBALL BRIEFS, a four-page newsletter of interesting and unusual happenings of the 1984 major league season, is available free from Bob Davids. If interested, send a large self-addressed, stamped envelope to: Bob Davids, 4424 Chesapeake St. NW, Washington, DC 20016.

FRANK KEETZ has just published the second of a planned series of five booklets on professional baseball in Schenectady, N.Y. The 60-page softcover, which includes numerous photos, covers the 1895-1904 period, with emphasis on Schenectady's 1903 championship team, but in effect is a case study of the difficulties faced by a minor league franchise of 80 or 90 years ago. The booklet, \$6.00 postpaid, can be obtained by writing to: Frank Keetz, 1426 Valencia Road, Schenectady, NY 12309.

AN ATTRACTIVE softcover, New York Clipper Woodcuts, 1879-1880, has been issued by Lew Lipset. The excellent woodcuts and biographies of 68 star players featured in The New York Clipper series of the period are reproduced in the 72-page booklet. It is available to SABR members at a reduced \$4.00 postpaid by writing to Linset at: P. O. Box 137, Centereach, NY 11720.

THE GABBY HARTNETT Story: From Mill Town to Cooperstown, which came out at \$8.00, is being offered by author James M. Murphy for \$6 postpaid. The 78-page hardcover contains more than 40 photos, many never before published. To order the book write to Murphy at: 605 Armistice Blvd., Pawtucket, RI 02861.

HIGHLIGHTS OF baseball in the Northwest territories of Canada are captured in the Saskatchewan Historical Baseball Review edited by Dave Shury. Three dozen articles are included in the 92-page softcover, available to SABR members at \$4 by writing to: Saskatchewan Baseball Hall of Fame, Box 524, North Battleford, Sask. S9A 2Y1.

FIFTY YEARS With the Tigers, published last spring at \$9.95, is being offered to SABR members for \$8.00 by author Fred T. Smith. Beginning with the 1934 Detroit champions, the 256-page softcover has a story and stats on each season thru 1983. To obtain a copy write to: Fred T. Smith, Box 120, Lathrup Village, MI 48076.

MIKE GETZ still has copies available of The Mets Trivia Book, which was published last spring by Leisure Press. The 144-page softcover contains some 650 questions and 45 photographs and sells for \$6.95 in bookstores. It can be obtained for \$6 postpaid by writing Getz at: P. O. Box 322, Parkville Station, Brooklyn, NY 11204.

TOM SEAVER'S All-Time Baseball Greats, co-authored by Marty Appel, features biographies of 50 players whom Seaver rates as tops from his youth as well as personal anecdotes. The 128-page coffee-table hardcover, regularly \$8.95, can be purchased for \$7.95 by writing to Appel at: 95 Welford Road, White Plains, NY 10607.

MERRITT CLIFTON has copies remaining of several of his publications, including Disorganized Baseball, a history and records of the 1921-1969 Quebec Provincial League, priced at \$5.00; A Baseball Classic, an autobiographical novel about the 1973-76 Portland Mavericks (\$2.50), and Relative Baseball (1979), a comparison of the top 610 pitchers and batters with their contemporaries (\$2.50). The publications can be ordered from Clifton at: Box 129, Richford, VT 05476.

THE NOSTALGIA of Brooklyn Dodger days is captured in Bums: An Oral History of the Brooklyn Dodgers by Peter Golenbock. Published by Putnam, the 464-page hardcover starts with founder Charlie Ebbets but stresses the golden era of 1947-57 through interviews with players, writers and fans. It is available in bookstores at \$17.95.

MICHAEL STAGNO is offering a transcript of the talk he gave at last summer's convention in Providence titled "Controversial Comment on 'Average Batting Skill.'" To obtain a photocopy of the seven-page text, send a large self-addressed, stamped envelope to: Michael Stagno, 239 Centre Street, New York, NY 10013.

IN CASE you've been wondering, the reprint of the revised first (1978) edition of Minor League Baseball Stars will be ready for mailing the week of December 17. The project was delayed by difficulty encountered in making changes because of the irregular spacing of columns in the original book. The book, which sells for \$5, can be ordered from the SABR office, P. O. Box 1010, Cooperstown, NY 13326.

SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING REGIONAL MEETINGS

Omaha--9:30 a.m., Saturday, January 12, at Creighton University
 Rhode Island--12:30 p.m., Sat. Jan. 19 or 26, St. Rita's Parish Hall, Warwick
 Houston and Las Vegas--Dates pending; see items below.

OMAHA--The area's first regional will run from 9:30 a.m. to noon and will include presentations and trivia. Dr. Ross Horning will discuss his testimony against the reserve clause at the 1950s Celler committee hearings, Dave Schrage will present a paper on baseball stats and organizer David Kemp will discuss the 1913 batting record of Walt Malmquist, who did not hit .477 in the Nebraska State League as the record books show. Interested parties should call Kemp (402 341-9981).

RHODE ISLAND--The committee expects to finalize the date and mail notices to area members by mid-December. Native Mike Roarke, Cardinal coach, will be the featured speaker. Presentations and a forum on how to pursue research are also on the program. Contacts are Len Levin (401-351-3278) and Syd Cohen (401-944-8790).

HOUSTON--Tony Cavender was working on plans for the area's first regional as this Bulletin went to press. With the assistance of Astros' P.R. director Mike Ryan, he hoped to hold it in the Astrodome. Those interested in participating and/or attending should contact Cavender at his office (713-546-8886).

LAS VEGAS--Led by Don Cleland, five members met on October 20 to map plans for the city's initial regional. The group hopes to set the time and place as soon as dates of next spring's major league exhibitions in Las Vegas become available. For additional information contact Cleland (702 361-3189).

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FORMER CATCHER-MANAGER Bob O'Farrell and Ted "Double Duty" Padcliffe, ex-Negro League player, were the featured guests at Chicago's second 1984 regional. The luncheon meeting, held November 3, attracted 51 persons, including (see page 5)

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(FROM PAGE 4) 38 members. The program included an O'Farrell-Radcliffe panel discussion, lunch, business meeting, trivia quiz and presentations by: Don Zminda--1977 White Sox season, Rich Topp--Oldest living players, Gary Skoog--Baseball databases, and Eddie Gold--The Sporting News: Baseball Bible of the past. During the business session the group voted wholeheartedly to support a bid for SABR's 1986 convention, suggested SABR consider selling T-shirts again and selected Sunday, April 28, and Loyola University as the date and site of Chicago's next regional.

BROADCASTER ERNIE HARWELL, a SABR member since 1975, was a special guest at the Detroit regional held on November 23 at Nemo's near Tiger Stadium. Forty-five persons, nearly half of them members, attended. After starting off by singing "Take Me Out to the Ball Game," the session was devoted primarily to story telling by Harwell and the two organizers, Fred Smith and Ed Browalski. The meeting resulted in 12 new members being signed up for the Society.

THE ORLANDO (Fla.) area's first regional produced mixed results. Only 12 members showed up for the Nov. 3 luncheon, but the interesting guest panelists and fine presentation offset the disappointing turnout. Panelists Ray Dandridge and Andy Seminick were both entertaining and informative. Research presentations were made by Gerard Brandmeyer on his study of the fantasy camp phenomenon and by Paul Silvera on Ted Williams, while Jerry Jackson displayed and discussed his extensive minor league research file.

TWENTY-TWO PERSONS attended the initial Capital District regional meeting at Union College in Schenectady, N.Y., November 1. The informal session included talks by executive director Cliff Kachline about SABR's history and development and by Tom Heitz about the facilities of the National Baseball Library in Cooperstown as well as the showing of a baseball movie. Bob Giblin, who arranged the meeting, had several persons volunteer to help plan another for next spring or summer.

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BILL BORST heads the newly-formed St. Louis Browns Fans Club. Twenty-six charter members were enrolled at the organizational meeting held on October 4, the 40th anniversary of the Browns' victory in the opening game of the 1944 World Series. Among the group's goals are a Browns' Hall of Fame. Anyone interested in joining (dues are \$5) can write to: Bill Borst, P. O. Box 16271, St. Louis, MO 63105.

JOHN THORN is compiling an anthology to be titled The Armchair Book of Baseball for publication by Scribner's in the fall of 1985. He would welcome help in identifying baseball articles worthy of inclusion and will acknowledge in the book all who provide tips. Drop him a card at 18 Virginia Ave., Saugerties, NY 12477 or call him at 914 246-5098.

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