

The SABR Bulletin

NEWSLETTER OF THE SOCIETY FOR AMERICAN BASEBALL RESEARCH

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THE 1978 ANNUAL CONVENTION will be held in the New York City area, probably in upper New Jersey, in the latter part of July, probably on July 28-29-30, when the Yankees have a weekend series with the Minnesota Twins. The convention would include a visit to Yankee Stadium on this the 75th anniversary of the New York American League club. The delay in issuing the AL schedule put us in a bind, time-wise, and we couldn't work out all the details prior to this mailing. A specific time and place will be carried in the next Bulletin, but in the meantime, keep that time period open. The organization committee which worked on the New Jersey Regional Meeting will get the ball rolling, but much additional help will be needed as this should be easily the largest SABR gathering so far. Essentially one-half of the membership lives within 400 miles of the site.

THE PLANNED MEETING OF THE OFFICERS and the Board of Directors in Harrisburg on January 27-28 had to be cancelled at the 11th hour because of a severe winter storm. Efforts will be made to come to some agreement by mail or telephone regarding the reorganization plan, the agenda for the national meeting, and other Society business which is outstanding.

TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY'S 5000-SEAT BASEBALL STADIUM at College Station has been named in honor of C.E. Pat Olsen, a 1923 Aggie graduate who has rendered considerable support to the institution. The \$1.5 million park is considered one of the best college stadiums in the country. Pat, who joined SABR last year, was a minor league pitcher, 1923-26. He was 16-10 with Springfield in the Eastern League in 1924 and was up with the New York Yankees for spring training. A mechanical engineer, he later started his own business, the Gearench Manufacturing Company. The firm thrived as a producer of tools for the oil, chemical, and plastics industries. On the annual Hall of Fame Day, Pat usually provides transportation to Cooperstown for former players and others who otherwise could not make the trip. He's a real humanitarian and this is a well deserved tribute.

MOST OF THE ARTICLES FOR THE 1978 BASEBALL RESEARCH JOURNAL have been submitted and are being reviewed by the publications committee. We have more articles than we can use and will try to be as enlightened and impartial as possible in making a balanced selection. Based on past experience, it is difficult to predict a publishing date. However, we would like to issue the Journal, the Minor League Record Book, and the 1978 Membership Directory prior to the Annual Meeting in July. For the Minor League Book we are looking for a few more photos. To be more specific, pictures of pitchers, such as Ken Penner, George Payne, John Ogden, Alex McColl, or Sam Gibson. If any member has reproducible shots of any of these hurlers, the editor would like to hear about it.

The Society lost the embodiment of American Baseball Research in the passing of Leonard Gettelson on December 24. The 75-year-old baseball record authority was semi-retired at Red Bank, N.J., but had been in contact with several SABR members up to the final weeks when his health failed rather quickly. He had sold his huge collection of research material to The Sporting News, for which organization he had compiled the Baseball Record Book (formerly One for the Book) and the World Series Record Book, as well as assisting with other publications. Leonard did not join SABR when it was formed in 1971 but did come in a few years later when he recognized that the Society was not competitive but actually supportive of what he was doing in baseball research. Most of the researchers he was dealing with had already become members. He was grateful for the new information the Society developed and had a good balanced exchange with most members. Leonard received a timely "SABR Salute" in the 1977 Membership Directory, which carried additional biographical details. His son Mark, a Washington lawyer, is winding up his father's business, and is continuing the family membership in SABR.

FORMER SABR MEMBER IRV HAAG died of pneumonia in Chicago on August 27, 1977. He had been a member 1974-76, but was not on the rolls last year. Irv is remembered by fans for his periodic contributions to Baseball Digest. He also helped to write Lou Boudreau's column "Baseball Tips for Budding Ball Players" and had authored a Billy Williams biography, Billy. Irv, 57, left his wife, son, daughter, and mother. He was buried in Buffalo, N.Y.

CRAIG CARTER has been hired by The Sporting News to work in the statistical area to take up some of the duties left by Leonard Gettelson and Chris Roewe, who recently retired. Craig, a member for several years, will work part-time until he graduates shortly from Florissant Valley Community College in the St. Louis area.

THE WINTER BASEBALL MEETINGS IN HONOLULU in early December provided an opportunity for a number of SABR members to get together. Nothing formal or organized, you understand, but at lunch or just socializing in the lobby of the Sheraton Waikiki you might see Cliff Kachline and Harold Hollis of Cooperstown, Seymour Siwoff and Red Foley of New York City, Hal Middlesworth, Ed Browalski, and David Dombrowski of Michigan, George Rulon of Indianapolis, Larry Halstead of Florida, Bob Davids of DC, Pancho Ito of Tokyo, and a number of others. Of course, you also could see numerous managers, executives and former players.

RON GABRIEL WAS ON A two-week tour of Japan in November and while Mrs. Gabriel was visiting museums and shrines Ron was getting a concentrated course in Japanese baseball. On Fan Appreciation Day in Tokyo, he saw Sadaharu Oh hit a homer; he was given an engineering tour of the new Yokohama Stadium which is still under construction; met with SABR members Masaru Ikei and Ikuo Mizuura and spoke to a group interested in American baseball; and visited the Japanese Hall of Fame. A month later Bob Davids was in Tokyo and experienced the same warm hospitality of the Japanese members, including Pancho Ito, the PR Director of the Pacific League. Two weeks earlier, Bob talked with Tom Rees, an Australian member living in a Sidney suburb. The enthusiasm for American baseball is not limited to the Japanese. Tom subscribes to several U.S. baseball publications in an effort to keep up to date.

SOCIETY FOR AMERICAN BASEBALL RESEARCH

HALL OF FAME SURVEY RESULTS

If members of the Society for American Baseball Research were voting for Hall of Fame induction for players who retired between 1958 and 1972, they would have voted in Eddie Mathews and Duke Snider, as well as give strong recognition for Enos Slaughter, Hoyt Wilhelm, and Gil Hodges.

Of the 195 ballots returned in the recent SABR survey, Mathews was on 172 of them and Snider 153. According to the criteria established by the Baseball Writers, being named on 75 percent of the ballots qualifies a player for Hall of Fame induction. Actually, SABR went a little further and asked its members to rank the players on the ballot in order to provide more specific measures of worthiness. Mathews scored heavily in that regard with 68 first place votes to 36 for Snider, 20 for Slaughter, and 17 for Wilhelm. A first place vote was good for 20 points, second for 19 and on down to 11 for tenth place. This gave Mathews 3192 points and a substantial margin over the other candidates.

Were there any special features or surprises in the voting? SABR turned thumbs down on the one-game heroes like Don Larsen, Harvey Haddix and Bobby Thomson, each of whom received only one vote. Denny McLain did not receive a vote on the 195 ballots. Nellie Fox finished higher than expected, and Billy Pierce, a class pitcher who is not even considered by the Writers, got more votes than Roger Maris.

Listed below at left are those players who received 3 or more votes (as tabulated by Jerry Gregory). Listed at right for comparative purposes is the official tally of the Baseball Writers which is based on the number of ballots cast (379).

<u>Player</u>	<u>Number Ballots</u>	<u>Ranked First</u>	<u>Total Points</u>	<u>Player</u>	<u>Writer Ballots</u>
Eddie Mathews	172	68	3192	Mathews	301
Duke Snider	153	36	2635	Slaughter	261
Enos Slaughter	125	20	2266	Snider	254
Hoyt Wilhelm	116	17	1893	Hodges	226
Gil Hodges	108	12	1789	Drysdale	219
Nellie Fox	105	7	1667	Bunning	181
Pee Wee Reese	100	4	1607	Reese	169
Jim Bunning	96	8	1503	Wilhelm	158
Don Drysdale	100	5	1386	Ashburn	158
Richie Ashburn	59	3	905	N. Fox	149
Maurry Wills	57	4	891	Schoendienst	130
Red Schoendienst	43	0	633	Wills	115
Mickey Vernon	31	2	464	Maris	83
Ken Boyer	16	0	245	Burdette	76
Elston Howard	14	0	212	Vernon	66
Billy Pierce	14	0	206	Dark	60
Bill Mazerowski	14	2	202	Kuenn	58
Don Newcombe	12	1	176	Kluszewski	51
Roger Maris	13	0	173	Newcombe	48
ElRoy Face	12	0	170	E.Howard	41
Lew Burdette	11	0	161	Larsen	32
Harvey Kuenn	8	1	116	Face	27
Ted Kluszewski	8	1	115	Mazerowski	23
Rocky Colavito	7	0	95	K.Boyer	18
Alvin Dark	5	0	61	Flood	8
Del Crandall	3	0	39	Haddix	7

RANDY LINTHURST HAS PUBLISHED HIS BOOK ON THE NEWARK BEARS. He focuses on the great International League teams of the 1930s. Members who read his brief article in the 1977 Research Journal should get a good idea regarding content. Photos are included in this 104-page book, including those of the 1932, 1937, and 1938 champs. The book costs \$4.95, but is being made available to SABR members for \$4.50. For a copy, send \$4.50 to Randy at 325 West Upper Ferry Road, F-2, West Trenton, N.J. 08628. Incidentally, Randy's next project is to research the Newark team in the Federal League.

KIT CRISSEY IS PLANNING A REGIONAL MEETING in Philadelphia on Saturday afternoon, May 6. This will include a meeting with former major league players, a dinner, and attendance at a Phils-Mets game that night. No oldtimers game is planned. More specific details will be in the April Bulletin. In the meantime, reserve that date -- May 6 -- the 53rd anniversary of Babe Ruth's 1st major league home run, and the 25th anniversary of Bobo Holloman's no-hitter against the Athletics.

CHICAGO MEMBERS ART AHRENS AND EDDIE GOLD are collaborating on a Calendar of Cub History patterned after This Date in Baseball History. However, it would be more than game oriented and would cover the entire year. Consequently, it would probably take in birthdates, deaths, contract disputes, Hack Wilson escapades -- you name it. If you know of something other than the obvious Cub highlights, you might want to suggest an entry to Art or Eddie.

PROFILES



◆ JOSEPH G. DONNER was born in Chicago and now lives in Brookfield, Ill., where he is a Western Union technician. He is interested in high scoring games, including those teams who have scored 18 runs in a game or 10 runs in an inning. He also is compiling lists of players collecting four long hits in a game and those hitting for the cycle since 1876.

◆ JACK C. ETKIN is a free lance writer and bookkeeper in Aspen, Colo. Born in Buffalo in 1946, he has an economics degree from Union College and an MBA in marketing from the Wharton School, U. of Pa. He follows the minor leagues; the relation of ball parks to cities; biographical research on former players; post-playing careers; impact of broadcasting, particularly radio.

◆ CAPPY GAGNON, 33, was born at Ft. Bragg, N.C., and is now an evaluator with the Police Foundation in Wash. DC. A former resident of Boston, he received a BA in Communication Arts from Notre Dame. He is an authority on Notre Dame college baseball and has compiled detailed records on all alumni who played in the majors. Strongly supports Hoyt Wilhelm for the Hall of Fame.

◆ PETER GOLENBOCK was born in New York City in 1946 and is now editor of the Bergen Record in Hackensack, N.J. He received degrees from Dartmouth and NYU Law School. He wants to compile baseball history based on the recollections of the old players. Peter has written "Dynasty: the New York Yankees, 1949-64" and two articles in "The Game and the Glory."

GEORGE FRENCH was born in Oakland in 1911 but now lives in the L.A. area where he works for the Postal Service. A long time semipro player, he had a tryout with the San Francisco Seals in 1936. Also served for a time as baseball writer for the Humboldt Standard in Eureka, Calif. He has been a close follower of Pacific Coast baseball and stars like Arlett, Statz and Jolley.

DID ANYTHING EXCITING IN BASEBALL happen on the day you were born? Have you ever looked in This Date in Baseball History to see if your birth coincided with an important or unusual happening? Why don't you check it out and see what you can come up with. Out of 600 members and 460 entries in the book, there ought to be a match-up of some significance. Realizing that this is not quite fair to those of us born in the off-season, is there any member who has the same birthdate as a prominent baseball personality? The identical day, not the anniversary day? This could be kind of interesting; if you have a positive answer to report send it in to the SABR Secretary, Tom Zocco, 74 Pond Side Drive, Wethersfield, Conn. 06109. If it is not an invasion of your privacy, we will print some of the best items in a subsequent Bulletin.

THERE WAS A GOOD RESPONSE on the Hall of Fame Survey Ballot with nearly 200 returned by early February. The results are carried on a separate page where direct comparisons can be made with the Baseball Writers' balloting. Although the guidelines were not precisely the same, there was not much difference between the SABR survey and the Writers' final tally. It is apparent that SABR appreciates Wilhelm's record more than the Writers do, and would give Snider enough votes to get in. The outpouring of votes for Nellie Fox, compared, for example, with a player like Pee Wee Reese, who had a lot of World Series visibility, was a healthy sign. Larsen still got on 32 Writers' ballots while getting essentially nothing from SABR, which is the way it should be.

The selection of Joss and Mathews was laudable and MacPhail also made certain contributions. SABR members are somewhat concerned about the restrictions placed on the candidacy of Lombardi and Vaughan, a matter noted by Bob Broeg in a recent column. It will be interesting to see what happens next year. Will Willie Mays' selection take away many votes from Snider, his NL centerfield rival? Will Johnny Mize get the nod over Chuck Klein, Hack Wilson, Rube Foster, and Smoky Joe Williams? Will the sentiment for Tom Yawkey fade after another year? Will William Hulbert, who organized the NL, ever squeeze through the narrowed gates? Tune in next year and see.

BASEBALL RESEARCH EXCHANGE

■ Robert Kingsley, 11920 Renwood Lane, Rockville, Md. 20852, has compiled home run distance profiles for the Cubs, Reds, Tigers, and Red Sox, with projections of what these teams will do in 1978. (He has Dave Kingman tabbed to hit 45 home runs in 550 at bats.) Six pages.

■ John Schwartz, 166 Danforth St. Rochester NY 14611, has a 3-page listing of all major league managers winning 425 or more games in the majors. He gives the number of seasons, games, wins, losses, ties, and winning pct., and ranks them chronologically, by number of games, and by percentage.

If you are interested in either of these items, request same from Bob & John.

大リーグへの招き寺 is the name of Masaru Ikei's book about American baseball which he published recently in Japan. The 145-page publication is nicely illustrated with about 50 color photos representing the sport as seen by "Massy" when he was a visiting professor at Columbia University a couple of years ago and toured American and National League cities. Included is a shot of Bill Borst and son displaying their baseball collection at their St. Louis home. But alas, the drawback for American readers is that everything but the page numbers are written in Japanese. It is a popular item in Nippon. The Professor also has a book out on Japanese baseball.

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A COMMITMENT HAS BEEN MADE to hold the 1978 National SABR Convention at the Paramus Parkway Holiday Inn in Northern New Jersey July 28-30. The intention was to get the location close to the George Washington Bridge and access to Yankee Stadium. Several facilities were checked out and this one had the most reasonable rates and still could handle a group of 100 or more. The plan is to take in the New York-Minnesota game on Saturday afternoon. The other activities would be the welcome-social on Friday night (July 28), the business meeting on Saturday morning, the banquet Saturday night, and a structured program of yet undetermined nature on Sunday morning. Al & Barbara Wicklund and Randy Linthurst are handling initial plans. They will be supported by others in dealing with the many details involved in a large meeting such as this. The convention schedule, motel reservation forms, and transportation advice such as whether to land at Newark airport or LaGuardia will be included in the June Bulletin.

THE PHILADELPHIA REGIONAL MEETING AND OLDTIMERS REUNION will be held at the Stadium Hilton Inn at noon, Saturday, May 6. Kit Crissey has invited, in addition to regional Society members, former ball players of the area. The date is tied in with the Sports Collectors Show at the University City Holiday Inn in the morning, and attendance at the Phillies-Mets game Saturday night. The banquet and regional meeting will run from about noon to 4 pm. It will include films and also short presentations by members. Additional details are included in a separate flyer mailed to area members. If there are new members not on that mailing list or others from different parts of the country who would like to attend, please get in touch with Kit Crissey at 414 South Clifton Avenue, Sharon Hill, Pa. 19079. Frank Phelps and Tom Zamorski are also helping put this one together.

WORK IS CONTINUING ON THE BOOK OF MINOR LEAGUE BASEBALL STARS. There now are more than 150 player sheets (career records) typeset, including some 35 hur- lers. This is more than we originally planned, but we continue to come up with interesting "new" stars. The latest is Ernest "Kid" Mohler, a top base- stealer who played more than 2800 games at second base between 1891 and 1914. The interesting feature about this pint-sized player is that he threw left- handed! He's the same lefty who played three games for Washington in 1894.

The Society lost two of its Indiana members in the first two months of this year. Urban Hoff of Batesville (SE of Indianapolis), who had been a member for about one year, died of a heart attack at his home on January 26. He had been typing up baseball material on the minor leagues shortly before he collapsed. The minor leagues were his primary interest for more than 20 years and he had been working with Vern Luse on final standings of all leagues prior to 1900. Urban was 52, a certified welder with the Indiana-Michigan Electric Co. He leaves Mrs. Hoff, five children, and four grandchildren.

Marshall Smelser, 66, died of cancer in South Bend on February 19. He had been a history professor at Notre Dame for many years. A Harvard Ph.D, he had written 8 books on American history. In 1975 he published a scholarly biography of Babe Ruth entitled "The Life that Ruth Built." A ball-boy in the Three Eye League more than a half century ago, he joined SABR shortly after it was formed in 1971. He stated from the beginning that the Society was misnamed, that its interest should be broader than "American" Baseball Research. Our present membership in foreign lands may support that early contention on his part. During his final illness, Marshall received greetings from a number of SABR members. The family expresses appreciation for those good wishes.

■ CONGRATULATIONS TO FRED LIEB on his 90th birthday on March 5. He was born in Philadelphia in 1888, which was a pretty good birth year for ball players. Included were such stars as Duffy Lewis, Red Faber, Tris Speaker, Hippo Jim Vaughn, Bobby Veach, and Zack Wheat, some of the players he used to write about. That doesn't mean that he has stopped writing, for he had a brief item in the Sporting News just a few weeks ago.

GORDON HURLBURT, our only member in England, has been visiting in the States recently and swung through Baltimore and Washington in late March. He has done a surprising amount of research considering where he has been living in recent years. He is a missionary, born in the Belgian Congo, and if you're wondering what a missionary is doing in London, an explanation is probably in order. He was assigned in Kenya, East Africa, for several years, and when political changes there caused a large number of natives to migrate to England, he went with his flock to help them in their new location. Gordon is grateful to several SABR members who supplied him with data he otherwise would not have access to. He cites Joseph Donner of Chicago as being particularly helpful with information on high scoring innings and games. Gordon has compiled a 100-year baseball chronology based primarily on entries extracted from the various record books, but supported also by original research.

SABR PREXY GENE MURDOCK was able to squeeze in two more taped interviews with former ballplayers as he traveled through West Virginia, Virginia, and North Carolina on the way to visiting his son at Fort Bragg. The first interview, with former American League hurler Ernie Shore, was not up to par because the former county sheriff is 87 and in failing health. The exchange with Ray Hayworth, former Detroit catcher now living in High Point, N.C., went better. Hayworth, now 74, was nudged out of a starting job when the Tigers acquired Mickey Cochrane in 1934. The demotion was offset by the fact that he was on a pennant-winning team in 1934-35. Ray was still in the majors in 1945 when his younger brother Red was catching with the Browns.

"LAST IN THE AMERICAN LEAGUE," An Informal History of the St. Louis Browns, has been published by Bill Borst. It has been 25 years since the demise of the Browns, but Bill has revived interest by recollecting and relating anecdotes about the executives and some of the players such as George Sisler, Bobo Newsom, Vern Stephens, Satchel Paige, Clint Courtney, Pete Gray, and even the one-game wonder Eddie Gaedel. The forward is by Marty Marion, the last Brownie manager. Members may order copies of this soft cover book by sending \$4.25 to Krank Press, Box 16271, St. Louis, Mo. 63105.

CONTEMPORARY BOOKS OF CHICAGO has published Bill Mead's book on World War II era baseball. The title is "Even the Browns" but takes in all of major league baseball in the early 1940s. It is well written and the April 3 issue of Sports Illustrated gave it a good review. It is illustrated with a number of photos which indicate the military atmosphere of the period. Members interested in obtaining a copy should send \$9.95 for this 255-page book to Dept. M, Contemporary Books, Inc., 180 North Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Ill. 60601.

RUBE FOSTER, pitcher, manager, and organizing executive of the old Negro Leagues, would be a good candidate for the Hall of Fame next year. After all, he was born in September 1879 and the centennial observance should focus some deserved attention on this triple threat baseball figure. Tweed Webb, who helped boost Cool Papa Bell to the highest ranks of recognition, is among those beating the drums for Foster.

PROFILES



- MICHAEL DUGAN, born in Indianapolis in 1947, resides in Buffalo where he was educated in business management and now works with Trico Products Corp. In keeping with his background, he has done considerable research on Buffalo and Indianapolis teams in the majors prior to 1900. He is interested in early baseball, the "other" major leagues, and statistical analysis.
- ROBERT FETTEROLF lives in Springfield, Va. and works as a Government public relations specialist. Born in Pennsylvania in 1935, he has a BA in political science and MA in Journalism from the U. of Wisconsin where his thesis was "Baseball Public Relations, A Case Study of the Milwaukee Brewers, 1970-75." Other interests are history, franchise movements and absentee ownership.
- PAUL GENDREAU was born in Winnipeg in 1940 and now works in Merrickville, Ontario where he's Psychologist with the Ontario Ministry of Correctional Services. He is interested in minor league records and individual player performance, and has done articles on outstanding relief pitchers and relative pitching statistics (hurler won-lost record vs team won-lost record).
- JAMES LAUGHLIN, 61, was born in Pittsburgh and now lives in East Liverpool, Ohio. He was educated in Erie, Pa., and served as a sports writer and editor for Erie papers 1946-61. Has long-time interest in minor leagues, having scored games in PONY, NYP, and Middle Atlantic Leagues, some as official scorer of Erie club. Published Erie club record book in 1954.
- MILT RISKE is our first and only member in Wyoming. Born in Columbus, Neb. in 1917, he is now a teacher in Central High School of Cheyenne. Milt has written articles on baseball in the Old West. He is interested in family baseball teams, traveling women's teams (Bloomer Girls) of the 1900-1920 period, and baseball as a social institution.

THE EDITING OF RESEARCH JOURNAL ARTICLES is under way. There is plenty of material. There is a little problem in that the 1878-1978 baseball centennial personality is not exactly cover story material and we are considering an alternate cover feature this year.

PETER GOLENBOCK is currently writing a book based on interviews with oldtime players. If any members have taped interviews with former stars and want to work out some arrangement to have them included in Peter's book, please write him at 515 Grand Avenue, Apt N, Englewood, N.J. 07631. Peter, as you may recall, is the author of "Dynasty, The New York Yankees, 1949-64."

SECRETARY TOM ZOCCO has had a number of responses regarding members born on significant baseball days. This results from an item carried in the February Bulletin. Here are some brief accounts:

- || Jack Allen, Trevoise, Pa., was born on October 1, 1919, the opening of the infamous Black Sox Series between the White Sox and Reds.
- || Al Rainovic of Milwaukee was born on October 27, 1922, the same day as Hall of Famer Ralph Kiner.
- || John Taylor of Kalamazoo was born on August 25, 1935, the day Earle Combs was injured in a collision with teammate Red Rolfe, ending his career.
- || Paul Gendreau of Merrickville, Ontario, was born on October 7, 1940, the day Bucky Walters of the Reds shut out the Tigers in the sixth game of the World Series 4-0 and also hit a home run.
- || Charles Moore of Gladstone, Oregon, entered this world on October 5, 1941, the day Mickey Owen of the Dodgers dropped a third strike of what would have been the final out of a Brooklyn Series win over the Yankees.
- || Dan Rappoport of Princeton debuted on June 11, 1950, which was the major league debut of pitcher Vern Law of the Pirates.

Looks like Al Rainovic might have the most interesting entry in that list. Are there any other candidates? If so, send them in to Tom Zocco. Incidentally, the aforementioned Mr. Rainovic, the publisher of Midwest Diamond Report and an accomplished sports artist, designed the cover of the Brewers' press guide.

BASEBALL RESEARCH EXCHANGE this issue includes an item from Richard Dean, 1196 East Diamond Drive, Tempe, Arizona 85283. He offers a 4-page list of player performance ratings for the 1977 season. This is a team-by-team compilation of on-base percentages, total base percentages, power factors, etc. for batters. There are strikeout and walk percentages for the pitchers as well as other features not included in the official averages. If you are interested in a copy of this analysis, drop Dick a line.

WHEN RORIC HARRISON WAS RELEASED recently by the Tigers we were reminded by Ron Liebman that Harrison was the last American League hurler to hit a home run in regulation play. While pitching for Baltimore in the second game of a twinbill with Cleveland on October 3, 1972, he connected off Ray Lamb in the 6th inning of a 4-3 win over the Indians. The DH went into effect in the AL the next year and, well, you know the rest.

FORMER SABR TREASURER ERIC SIMONSEN, who has been working in Sweden for the last 3 years, will be returning to the Boston area shortly. Vern Luse, based recently in Texas, is getting ready for another overseas assignment, probably to Saudi Arabia.

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RESERVATIONS FOR THE NATIONAL CONVENTION at the Paramus-Parkway Holiday Inn, 601 From Road, Paramus, N.J. 07652, should be made as soon as possible. The meeting runs from Friday night, July 28, to Sunday noon, July 30, so the reservations normally would be for two nights unless some one plans to stay over. A separate flyer is carried with this Bulletin which you can fill out and send in. Rooms are \$32 for a double and \$28 for a single. If you want to share a double room with another SABR member, so designate, and give the person's name if this is pre-arranged. It is necessary that you include a check for your first night's lodging, whether it be \$28, \$32, or \$16 for one-half of a double. Our contact at the Motel is Maryann Santoro, (609) 292-4040.

Try to get your reservation in by July 1, because the Motel people would also like to get a feel for the number attending the Saturday night banquet (London Broil at a total cost of \$9). You do not have to send in your banquet money with the reservation form. Area members who will not be staying at the motel nevertheless should send in their reservation form if they intend to attend the banquet. We hope to have a top-notch speaker there.

THOSE INTERESTED IN ATTENDING THE BALL GAME on Saturday afternoon should send a separate \$5.00 check for a ticket to SABR, P.O. Box 323, Cooperstown, N.Y. 13326. This is a game at Yankee Stadium between the Yanks and Twins, which will be preceded by the annual oldtimers game. You should make this commitment by early July if you can. The Yankees will have no trouble selling tickets for this game. SABR will pay for bus transportation from the motel to the Stadium.

IN SUMMARY: Try to arrive Friday night in plenty of time for the welcome-social which will start at 7 and will include speakers and films. The business meeting will be Saturday morning; the ball game Saturday afternoon; the banquet Saturday night, probably followed by seminar sessions on selected topics such as minor leagues, Negro leagues, statistical analysis, etc. On Sunday morning there will be time for additional sessions and films.

LOGISTICS AND TRANSPORTATION: For those coming by auto, and this is easily the best way to get to the Paramus-Parkway Holiday Inn, the site is at Exit 165 of the Garden State Parkway, and is in view from there. The nearest major East-West highway is Interstate 80, which intersects the Parkway. Those coming by air should fly into Newark International Airport. You can get limo service from the airport to the Motel but it is quite expensive. Those wanting transportation from the airport to the Motel should contact Randy Linthurst ahead of time on (609) 883-5720 and maybe he can assist you.

Society for American Baseball Research



ABOVE IS A DRAFT MASTHEAD AND LOGO which may be presented for approval at the annual meeting in July. This is not yet final. Some adjustments still have to be made. The SABR centerpiece probably is still too large in relation to the full title. Also, in the reduction, the stitches in the ball faded away. They will have to be drawn in darker. The artist has sketched this in two attractive colors, the title and glove in a lighter shade of brown and the SABR and bats in a rich, dark reddish brown. If the above drawing is to grace our stationery, it is possible that the permanent Cooperstown address could be imprinted on the left and the right section left open for individual officers and members to stamp or type in their own addresses. This would give the top of the page some balance. If members have any comment or suggestions on this matter, please get in touch with Stanley Grosshandler at 4905 Richland Drive, Raleigh, N.C. 27612.

BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA ITEMS which members feel should be taken up at the Annual Convention should be transmitted to Secretary Tom Zocco, 74 Pond Side Drive, Wethersfield, Conn. 06109.

A COPY OF THE REVISED CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS is enclosed for your perusal. Comments should be communicated to William Shlensky, 3015 E. Belvoir Oval, Shaker Heights, Ohio 44122.

MEMBERS WHO WANT TO MAKE A BRIEF 10-MINUTE PRESENTATION at the annual meeting about their individual research efforts should so inform John Pardon, 77 Morningside Drive, Croton-on-Hudson, N.Y. 10520, by the first of July so he and the organization committee can screen these requests. These presentations will have to be brief and to-the-point because Ron Liebman will be standing slightly off stage with a long hook -- like the old days in burlesque when an act faltered or ran too long.

BOB McCONNELL is collecting material for the 1978 Membership Directory. This is a rough job because we have more than 600 members and keeping all the pertinent facts straight and up-to-date is difficult. Please be sure that Bob has your latest address, including zip code, phone number, interests, occupation, etc. Contact him at 11 Ridgewood Circle, Wilmington, Dela. 19809.

THE 1978 DETROIT TIGERS' SCOREBOOK AND OFFICIAL PROGRAM carried no fewer than five articles by Society members. Other American League clubs carrying contributions from SABR members include Milwaukee, Toronto, and Boston. This is a service coordinated by Stan Grosshandler and provided by the Society without remuneration.

Incidentally, Stan, who teaches the baseball portion of a sports history course at North Carolina State in Raleigh, is stimulating his students with visiting celebrities. Bud Selig, President of the Milwaukee Brewers, spoke to the class one time, and Buck Leonard, great Negro League first baseman, who is from nearby Rocky Mount, entertained the students with a balanced and sparkling presentation. Stan and the Society were the subject of Joe Tiede's sports column in the Raleigh News Observer on May 24. Leverett Smith, Professor of English at North Carolina Wesleyan, has also participated in the sports history course at N.C. State.

ANNUAL SABR CONVENTION, JULY 28-29-30, 1978, AT PARAMUS, N.J.

Room Reservation Form and Banquet Commitment

Date of Arrival _____ (Before 6 pm)

Date of Departure _____ (Before 12 noon)

Please Reserve a single room for me at \$28 per night

Please Reserve a double room for me and one guest at \$32 per night

I would like to share a double room with another SABR member
(Give name if pre-arranged) _____

Other Arrangement _____

Enclosed is my check for \$28 \$32 \$16 ____ (circle one) to cover
one night of lodging as noted above. (Make out check to Holiday Inn)

I plan to attend the SABR Banquet on Saturday night with ____ guests

My Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

Please return this reservation form to Paramus-Parkway Holiday Inn,
601 From Road, Paramus, N.J. 07652. Attn: Maryann Santoro. If you
have questions, call her on (609) 292-4040.

SOCIETY FOR AMERICAN BASEBALL RESEARCH

PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION AND BY-LAWS

CONSTITUTION

Article I - Name

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

Article II - Objectives

- A. To foster the study of baseball as a significant American social and athletic institution.
- B. To establish an accurate historical account of baseball through the years.
- C. To facilitate the dissemination of baseball research information.
- D. To stimulate the best interests of baseball as our national pastime.
- E. To cooperate in safeguarding proprietary interests of individual research efforts of members of the Society.

Article III - Membership

- A. Membership shall be open to those who have an interest in baseball research, statistics, or history.
- B. Members shall be accorded all privileges to which membership shall normally entitle them, including bulletins, annual publications, and any other benefits the Society shall obtain or provide.
- C. Any member who fails to abide by the objectives or any other provision of the constitution shall be subject to expulsion by action of the executive board or by a majority of those voting at the annual meeting. Members shall receive thirty days advance notice of such proposed action.

Article IV - Finances

- A. Dues shall be determined at the annual meeting. Date of payment shall be stated in the by-laws.
- B. All moneys received by the Society shall go directly into the Society's treasury and shall be used to defray the cost of the annual publication, bulletins, membership directory, and other expenses of the Society that are approved by the executive board.

Article V - Officers and Committees

- A. The officers shall include a president, a vice-president, a secretary, and a treasurer.
- B. Election of officers shall be by a majority of those voting at the annual meeting. They shall take office at the conclusion of the next annual meeting.
- C. In addition to the administrative officers above, there shall be four directors to provide functional continuity for the Society on administrative policy. These four members shall serve staggered terms, and shall be elected at the annual meeting.

- D. The officers and directors shall constitute the Society's executive board which shall be responsible for handling any business which cannot be transacted at the annual meeting.
- E. In the event of the death, incapacitation, or resignation of the president, the vice-president shall assume the office of president. In the event of the death, incapacitation, or resignation of another officer, his duties will be assumed by another member designated by the executive board.
- F. The president shall have the power to appoint all committees deemed necessary to the operation of the Society.

Article VI - By-Laws

- A. The Society may adopt by-laws to carry out the operations of the Society and these original by-laws shall be ratified by the affirmative vote of two-thirds of those eligible to vote. Further by-law changes may be made by a process set forth in the by-laws.

Article VII - Meetings

- A. There shall be an annual meeting, the site of which shall be selected by the executive board. The meeting shall not be held in the same city in successive years.
- B. The membership shall elect officers for the coming term, receive a treasurer's report and reports from all committees, and conduct any other business which may come before it at the annual meeting.
- C. Members eligible to vote shall be those present at the annual meeting and those who have furnished a written proxy.

Article VIII - Amendments

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

Article IX - Parliamentary Procedure

- A. The proceedings of the Society's annual meeting and all executive board meetings shall be governed and conducted according to the latest edition of Robert's Rules of Order.

Article X - Dissolution

- A. If the Society should ever be compelled to dissolve, all obligations and liabilities shall be satisfied. The remaining assets, if any, shall be given to the Library of the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum. Or, in the event that a portion or all of said assets has been contributed to the Society by a member(s), the same shall be returned to that member(s), if he so desires.

BY-LAWS

Article 1 - Membership

- a. One may become a member of the Society by the payment of dues and by submitting a completed application form.

- b. The membership year shall be from October 1, 1978 through December 31, 1979. Beginning with January 1, 1980 the membership year will correspond with the calendar year.
- c. A member's dues must be paid by April 1 for him to remain in good standing.

Article 2 - Amendments

- a. The by-laws may be amended by the affirmative vote of two-thirds of those eligible to vote at the annual meeting.

Article 3 - Officers and Functions

a. President.

- 1. Shall preside over annual meetings;
- 2. Shall serve as chairman of the executive board;
- 3. Shall appoint all committees and their chairmen, and shall receive reports from said committees;
- 4. Shall carry out directives of the membership and the executive board;
- 5. Shall submit an annual budget to the executive board;
- 6. Shall be elected annually, but may not serve more than two successive terms.

b. Vice-President.

- 1. Shall assume all the duties of the president in the absence of the president;
- 2. Shall be responsible for public relations;
- 3. Shall be responsible for regional development;
- 4. Shall be elected annually, but may not serve more than two successive terms.

c. Secretary.

- 1. Shall assume responsibility for correspondence, and subject to the approval of the executive board, may employ such persons as are found necessary to carry out this function;
- 2. Shall maintain a register of the members' interests and expertise;
- 3. Shall be elected annually.

d. Treasurer.

- 1. Shall assume responsibility for finances, and subject to the approval of the executive board, may employ such persons as are found necessary to carry out this function;
- 2. Shall prepare books for the annual audit;
- 3. Shall file any necessary tax returns and financial reports;
- 4. Shall be elected annually, but successive terms of service are considered desirable.

e. Directors.

- 1. Must have been a member of the Society for at least two years prior to election as director;
- 2. Shall serve a four-year term, one director elected each year, and cannot succeed himself;
- 3. Shall serve on the executive board.

f. Executive Board.

1. Shall advise president and other officers;
2. Shall determine policies;
3. Shall appoint the chairman of the editorial board.
4. Shall meet at the annual meeting and at least at one other time between annual meetings.

Article 4 - Committees

a. Nominating Committee.

1. Shall be appointed by the president at the annual meeting or within ten days thereafter and shall serve until the start of the next annual meeting. It shall consist of five members, at least two of whom shall be members of the executive board, at least one of whom shall be either a past officer or past director, and at least one of whom shall never have been an officer or director;
2. Shall submit a slate of nominees for office at the next annual meeting;
3. Members of this committee shall themselves be eligible for nomination to any office in the Society;
4. Additional nominations for office may be made from the floor at the annual meeting.

b. Editorial Board.

1. The president and chairman of the editorial board shall appoint members of the board at the annual meeting or within ten days thereafter;
2. Shall be responsible for all of the Society's publications, and subject to the approval of the executive board, may employ such persons as are found necessary to carry out this function.

c. Auditing Committee.

1. Shall audit the treasurer's report at least once a year.

d. Other Committees.

1. The president shall also appoint such additional committees, and their chairmen, as are deemed significant;
2. Among such committees are baseball records, biographical research, statistical analysis, minor leagues, Negro leagues, ethics, annual meeting site, and public relations;
3. Each committee shall report to the president, in writing, twice yearly.

e. Regional Groups.

1. The vice-president shall encourage regional meetings, and the editorial board shall give publicity to such meetings.

A RECORD 40 SABR MEMBERS took part in the Philadelphia Regional Meeting and former players reunion on May 6. There were 19 diamond veterans present and about the same number of guests. Because of the large number present, the banquet and program activities took on the appearance of a national convention. The function at the Hilton Stadium Inn was a Kit Crissey production and he and assistants Frank Phelps and Tom Zamorski provided a good balance of speeches, films, conversation, book selling, etc. Oh yes, there also was a Phillies-Mets game at nearby Veterans Stadium with Carlton, Luzinski & Co. giving the business to the Mets in 45 degree weather.

There were a number of interesting program presentations. The several authors present -- Peter Golenbock, John Holway, Randy Linthurst, Bill Mead, and Bert Sugar -- were given the opportunity to publicize their recent books. Prof. George Wiley of Indiana U of Pa., who teaches a course on baseball history, described a class project on the 1930 Phils, which club batted .315 and scored 944 runs, yet finished deep in the NL cellar.

Members came from 11 States, including a dozen from the Washington, DC, area, and seven from the Big Apple. It was quite a trip for Paul Doherty, who came from Boston, and Tony Lupien from Vermont. Of course Tony doubled as a former player. Jack Martin, the oldest living former Yankee and Phil at 91, had some interesting stories. He kept referring to all the other former players as "kids" even though some had played in the 1920s and 30s. Included were Walt Huntzinger, pitcher with the 1923-25 NY Giants; Russ Van Atta, who had the spectacular debut in April 1933 when he shut out the Senators 16-0 and went 4-4 at bat for the Yankees; Roy Hughes of the Indians and Cubs, who told about the hectic days (and nights) as Johnny Allen's roommate; Ray Dandridge of the Negro Leagues and the Minneapolis Millers; and Tony Taylor, a class guy with the current Phils. There were two double duty baseball-football stars present with Hinky Haines of the NY baseball Yankees and the football Giants, and Bert Kuczinski of the Philadelphia baseball Athletics and football Eagles.

PROFILES



◆ RICHARD J. BIUNNO is an attorney in a law firm in Newark, New Jersey, where he was born in 1945. He was educated at Princeton and Columbia. Dick is interested in the minor leagues, the effects of rule changes, and statistical analysis such as the rating of all-time top players against the average performance of their time. He has researched Mickey Mantle's minor league record.

◆ ROBERT P. "BOBBY" DEWS was born in Nashville in 1915 and now resides in Edison, Georgia. Retired from the Army, he is active as a writer and book publisher. A former minor league player, he is writing a book on the 1932-46 era called "The Bushers." Bobby is a former coach at the University of Tampa. His son, also Bobby, is manager at Savannah in the Southern League.

◆ LES DLABAY, 29, was born in the Chicago area and now teaches high school in the same general locale. He holds college degrees in accounting and personnel administration. Les is interested in ball parks, their structure and history, attendance records, fan attitudes and opinions, programs and scorecards, and franchise shifts and league expansion.

◆ PETER ISSERMAN, 38, was born in Newark, New Jersey, attended college at North Carolina State, and is now a life insurance agent in Walnut Creek, California. He is working on a detailed article on the 1927-32 Philadelphia Athletics, the last great Connie Mack assemblage. Peter is interested in the minor leagues and interviewing current and old-time players for his personal tape collection.

THIS DATE IN BOSTON RED SOX HISTORY is the title of the book authored by Ed Walton of the University of Bridgeport, Conn. Assisted by SABR members Bill Gavin, Bob Lindsay, and Bill Crowley, Ed has assembled all the important events for the team, including trades, record-setting performances, unusual happenings, birthdates, award winners, fielders by position each year, team leaders, box scores of no-hitters and World Series games involving the Red Sox, etc. Much of the publicity about this book has plugged Ed's membership in the Society. Members interested in a copy of this 320 page illustrated book, send \$7.95 to Stein and Day Publishers, Scarborough House, Briarcliff Manor, N.Y. 10510. Yes, Briarcliff Manor is the name of the town — about 15 miles north of Yonkers.

In doing research on this book, Ed found an additional home run for Tris Speaker, giving him ¹⁹¹² nine in 1911 and a tie with Frank Baker for the AL lead. Cooperstown Historian Cliff Kachline has confirmed this finding. This is but one of numerous corrections made in recent years of old-time records and further confirms that the baseball record-keeping of that era, while considered quite advanced for an American sport, was still pretty lousy by today's standards.

BASEBALL RESEARCH EXCHANGE

■ RICHARD SHRADER, Dept. of English, Boston College, Chestnut Hill, Mass. 02167, has developed a franchise chronology of the major leagues, 1871 to 1977. You may feel that since there were no changes in the AL and NL from 1903 to 1953 that this might be a simple listing. Not so; Kansas City, for example, had six franchises in five major leagues. The detailed report runs 11 pages.

■ FRANK PHELPS, 253 Bernard Drive, King of Prussia, Pa. 19406, offers the results of the survey, conducted prior to the Philadelphia Regional Meeting, of the all-time Phillies team (you won't believe who won out at first base!). A thorough two-page report showing all candidates, points, rankings, etc.

■ GEORGE WILEY, Dept. of History, Indiana U. of Pa., Indiana, Pa. 15701, offers copies of his class project on the 1930 Philadelphia Phils, who averaged more than 6 runs scored per game, yet lost 102 games.

If you are interested in any of the above research items, feel free to request a copy from those making it available.

IT IS HARD TO REALIZE THAT LOU GEHRIG would be 75 this month (born June 19, 1903). He has been gone essentially one-half of that time. Playing in the shadow of baseball's most colorful performer, he accomplished some unusual achievements which were not publicized at the time. One of these will be described in the 1978 Journal which is now being prepared.

BASEBALL TRIVIA QUIZ: What major league player has taken part in 213 major league games as of May 25, 1978, and has a career batting average of 1.000? The player is pitcher Ed Rodriguez of Milwaukee, who collected a triple in his only at bat in 1973. Being a relief pitcher, he would bat infrequently anyway, but on top of that there is the DH system in the AL. Ironically, he got the hit at a time when the DH was in effect, being one of the few AL hurlers even to bat in the last six years. As his hit went for three bases, he also ties the major league record with the highest slugging average — 3.000 — also held by Charles (son of Fred) Lindstrom in his one time at bat in the majors. Who supplied this question? Bob McConnell, of course, who has a list of all the major league players with perfect career batting averages. Most of these cuppa coffee types played in only one game, but Rodriguez has played in 213.

The SABR Bulletin

NEWSLETTER OF THE SOCIETY FOR AMERICAN BASEBALL RESEARCH

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CLIFF KACHLINE, HISTORIAN OF THE BASEBALL HALL OF FAME, was elected President of SABR at the 8th annual meeting on July 28-30 at Paramus, N.J. Cliff is one of the "Cooperstown Sixteen" who participated in the organization meeting of the Society in 1971. Arthur Schott of New Orleans, official baseball historian of the State of Louisiana, was elected Vice President. Robert Hoie of Los Angeles, Chairman of the Minor League Committee, was elected Secretary, and Treasurer Dick Burt was tapped for a second year in that position. This is the most widespread geographic distribution of officers we have had. Elected to a 4-year term on the Board of Directors is Stan Grosshandler of Raleigh, N.C., who has been in the forefront of SABR activities for the last six years.

EIGHTY-ONE MEMBERS ATTENDED some part of the three-day convention, and this was easily a new attendance record for a national meeting. However, it fell well below the anticipated 100 based on the large number of people we have in New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and Connecticut. The Paramus site was good in terms of reasonable prices for adequate facilities, but access to Manhattan and other points was not that easy. Those are some of the trade-offs you have to make when you plan a large function like this. It was a big job organizing this meeting and Al and Barbara Wicklund handled it very well. They were assisted in various ways by Cliff Kachline (tickets for game), Randy Linthurst, Dan Rappoport and Bob Potts (bus and other transportation), and John Pardon (coordinator of Sunday presentations).

THE FRIDAY NIGHT FUNCTION was handled by Kit Crissey, who presented a panel of former players who made remarks and then responded to questions. The players included Jack Martin, oldest living former Yankee and Phillie, Hinkey Haines, who played baseball with the NY Yankees and football with the NY Giants, Walt Huntzinger with McGraw's Giants in the 1920s, Charlie Hargreaves, Burleigh Grimes' catcher with the Dodgers and Pirates in the 1920s, and Russ Van Atta, who led the majors in games pitched in 1935 and 1936. It was a very interesting session, highlighted by some classic one-liners by the 91-year-old Jack Martin. Kit later showed films and slides of Navy baseball during WWII.

SEYMOUR SIWOFF OVERWHELMED THE GATHERING by making available free copies of the Book of Baseball Records and the Who's Who of Baseball for 1978. It was a very generous gesture and members who had not purchased copies earlier this year snapped them up quickly. You area members who did not make it out really missed a good deal. Seymour, thank you so much!

AN INCREASE IN MEMBERSHIP FEE from \$10 to \$15 was one of the major items taken up at the Business Meeting on Saturday morning. SABR has never had an increase in dues since it was organized seven years ago and for the last several years this matter has come up for discussion. This year, for the first time, the officers finally embraced the idea and presented it as a formal proposal. There was more opposition than anticipated, probably reflecting the current financial climate of California's Proposition 13. It was an interesting discussion, ranging from increased costs for postage and printing to "what would we do with the extra money?" In answer to a question about how much inflation has taken place, Vic Meyer pulled a calculator from his pocket and said after a few clicks, "\$10.00 in 1971 is now worth \$15.06031. The motion to raise the annual dues to \$15 passed by a vote of 43 to 15. The jump of 50% may be softened somewhat by the knowledge that the next SABR membership year will run from October 1, 1978 to December 31, 1979, and we will be on a calendar year basis thereafter. This is according to the revised constitution and by-laws adopted unanimously after one small change was made. This involved a statement in Article V where it says that officers "shall take office at the conclusion of the next annual meeting." The word "next" was deleted; the officers take over at the conclusion of the meeting where they are elected.

TREASURER DICK BURTT reviewed the financial situation and cited some of the major costs of the past year. For bookkeeping purposes, he recommended that the Sporting Life microfilm that we own (\$362.50) be transferred from the asset category. With this change, the funds on hand as of July 25 amounted to \$3,352.

THE PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE regained some of its credibility by presenting copies of Minor League Baseball Stars and the 1978 Membership Directory. Bob Davids apologized for the delay in getting out the 1978 Baseball Research Journal, but assured the gathering that with the above two publications out, the Journal has the top priority, right after the August Bulletin. Incidentally, the MLBBS and the Directory were mailed out bulk rate in early August. Most of you should have your copies by the time you get this newsletter.

BOB HOIE FLEW IN FROM THE WEST COAST to present the Minor League Committee report. Having worked literally for years, much like Ray Nemeč, on minor league career records, he was obviously relieved to see the book out. He acknowledged that there would be corrections and additions and asked that they be funneled in to him. He talked about other work currently under way — listing of all minor league cities, all managers (we already have the top winners), and compiling averages for those 78 leagues not carried in the baseball guides. Ray Nemeč recently completed a full breakdown of the 1900 American League, and the 1901 Western League.

THE NEGRO LEAGUE COMMITTEE REPORT was made by John Holway for Merl Kleinknecht. He described the work under way to compile Negro League statistics for those years where there are gaps. They have come up with more than 400 box scores in the barnstorming period where Blacks had won 268 games and Whites 168. In this same period 131 Whites were elected to the Hall of Fame and only 9 Blacks. He cited Tweed Webb's efforts to get Hall of Fame recognition for Rube Foster in 1979, the 100th anniversary of his birth. John feels the prospects are not good, however, as there is only one Black on the expanded Veterans Committee making the selections. That is former Dodger catcher Roy Campanella.

ATTENDANCE REPORT ON PARAMUS MEETING

There follows a list of the names and home states of the 81 members who attended the SABR Convention in Paramus, New Jersey, July 28-30. Also shown is the number of annual meetings they have attended since the Society was organized at Cooperstown, N.Y. in August 1971.

Harry Agens, NY	1	Tom Hufford, Ga.	6	Pete Palmer, Mass	3
David Baker, NJ	3	William Hugo, Ohio	2	John Pardon, NY	4
Damian Begley, NY	2	Ernie Infield Ohio	2	Al Payson, NY	2
Richard Biunno, NJ	1	Herb Johnson, Fran.	1	Nick Payson, Me.	1
Alan Blumkin, NY	1	Cliff Kachline, NY	8	Frank Phelps, Pa.	4
John Burbridge, NJ	1	Len Karabell, Pa.	1	Robert Potts, NJ	1
Richard Burt, Pa.	3	Jack Kavanagh, RI	3	Ed Pulaski, NY	1
Richard Cohen, Conn	3	Dan Keller, Cal.	1	Dan Rappoport, NJ	5
Dick Cramer, Pa.	4	Frank Lattanzi, NJ	1	Louis Roper, NY	1
Kit Crissey, Pa.	4	Tom Lavin, NJ	2	Emil Rothe, Ill.	4
Bob Davids, DC	8	Ron Liebman, NY	6	Art Schott, La.	3
Ted DiTullio, Ill.	2	Bob Lindsay, Pa.	3	John Schwartz, NY	1
Paul Doherty, Mass	4	Randy Linthurst NJ	3	Joe Simenic, Ohio	3
Clark Evans, DC	1	Lee Lowenfish, NY	1	Harvey Soolman, Ma	2
Dave Evans, Md.	1	Tony Lupien, Vt.	1	Troy Soos, NJ	3
Bob Fetterolf, Va.	1	Rich Malatzky, NY	1	Seymour Siwoff, NY	1
Ralph Fink, Pa.	2	Pete Maneri, NY	1	John Swistak, NY	2
Ron Gabriel, Md.	5	Rich Marazzi, Conn	1	Fred Stein, Va.	1
Woody Goldstein, NY	1	Frank Marziano, Ind	1	Bert Sugar, NY	1
Ray Gonzalez, NY	7	Bob McConnell, Del	7	David Voigt, Pa.	3
Karl Green, Fla.	1	Vic Meyer, NJ	4	Ed Walton, Conn.	1
Jerry Gregory, Va.	6	Bill Mortell, Md.	1	Al Wicklund, NJ	2
S. Grosshandler, NC	6	Bob Muhlbach, Va.	5	Barb. Wicklund, NJ	2
Bill Haber, NY	2	Gene Murdock, W.Va	6	George Wiley, Pa.	2
Robert Hoie, Cal.	1	Ernest Nagy, DC	1	Barry Yoder, Pa.	1
John Holway, Va.	6	David Neft, NY	4	Tom Zamorski, Pa.	3
Tom Howell, Pa.	1	John O'Malley, NY	3	Tom Zocco, Conn.	5

SUMMARY ANALYSIS — There were 33 members attending their first annual meeting. Twenty-one States and one foreign country were represented. Herb Johnson from Paris scheduled his annual trip to the U.S. so he could take in part of the convention. Bob Hoie and Dan Keller came from California, Art Schott from New Orleans, Karl Green from Florida, Tom Hufford from Atlanta, and Ted DiTullio and Emil Rothe came from Chicago. There were 21 from New York State, and a dozen each from New Jersey and Pennsylvania. The average age was probably a little younger than usual as a number of college age members attended from the local area.

WHERE WILL NEXT YEAR'S MEETING BE HELD? There was talk about St. Louis, Toronto, and California. It depends upon who is available to put it all together in one of those locations. The officers will make this decision in January 1979 based on input they get from various members.

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TONY LUPIEN SPOKE AT THE SATURDAY NIGHT BANQUET, which was attended by some 90 people. The former Red Sox, White Sox, and Phillie player gave a scholarly discourse on player organizations, personnel management, and the pension plan, based primarily on his own involvement in these activities after WWII. A graduate of Harvard and long-time baseball coach at Dartmouth, Tony punctuated his remarks with interesting illustrations and took some questions that were longer than his answers. The food was good, too.

In a note to Kit Crissey a few days after the meeting, Tony said: "Please be sure to tell the SABR members how much I enjoyed being with them in Paramus. It was a great thrill for me to meet so many intelligent people interested in the greatest game in the world. I am still telling people back home what a wonderful time I had, thanks to you and every person I met at the meeting."

THERE WAS A STRUCTURED SESSION on Sunday morning for about 40 members who were still present. Ten minute talks were given by the following members:

- George Wiley — The 1948 American League Pennant Drive (30 years ago)
- Vic Meyer — Comparative evaluation of pitching performance
- Bob Davids — Inside the park home runs, now, in 1920, and in 1900.
- Ron Liebman — Hall of Fame Rules (exclusion of Vaughan and Lombardi)
- John Holway — The occult in baseball (astrological signs, etc.)
- John Schwartz — Miscellaneous pitching stats (Stottlemyre's 1 career balk)

NO, WE ARE NOT TRYING TO RETIRE ERNIE HARWELL as broadcaster of the Tigers, in spite of the fact that the 1978 Membership Directory lists him as "former broadcaster." He is one of the great ones and is still going strong. The Directory was rushed into print for the annual meeting and there are some obvious errors in it. Of course, it starts to get out of date the day it is printed, with changes of address and new members, etc. Here are the new members since the Directory came out.

- Robert R. Bragan, 201 Bayshore Drive SE, PO Box A, St. Petersburg, Fla. 33731
- Brendan T. Byrne, Governor of New Jersey, Princeton, N.J. 08540
- J. Thomas Esslinger, 9102 Brierly Road, Chevy Chase, Md. 20015
- Ralph Frasca, 48 Laurel Place, W. Caldwell, N.J. 07006
- Joseph Maddalena, 70 Humbert Avenue, Cranston, R.I. 02910
- David J. Masonis, 4877 Broad Road, Leicester, N.Y. 14481
- Andy Moursund, 1862 Mintwood Place, NW, #303, Washington, D.C. 20009
- Allen H. Quimby, 1005 Haber Drive, Brentwood, Tenn. 37027
- Henry W. Thomas, 3746 Jocelyn St., NW, Washington, D.C. 20015
- Keith G. Tomlinson, 79 Ohio Avenue, Ext., Norwalk, Conn. 06851
- Philip Zexter, 956 Hope Street, Bristol, R.I. 02809.

ED WALTON, author of This Date in Boston Red Sox History, gently reminded us that the extra home run found for Tris Speaker was in 1912 instead of 1911, as we carried it in the June Bulletin. Sorry about that. Ed's book, which is selling very well, was awarded as a door prize at the annual convention. For a brief moment we thought the winner was going to be — Mrs. Walton.

A MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL SHEET will go out with the October Bulletin. We realize all of you want to renew immediately for 1979 for \$15, but hold your checks for the time being and we will handle it systematically about the first of October. As we mentioned elsewhere, the new constitution requires us to adjust our subscription year to a calendar basis.

THE BIOGRAPHICAL RESEARCH COMMITTEE had a number of its team members present, including Chairman Cliff Kachline, Joe Simenic, Tom Hufford, Bill Haber, and Rich Malatzky. That group has an unending task because there still are nearly 3000 questionnaires on former players, most of them born before 1900, which have not been filled out. Locating "lost" players or their offspring is one of their primary missions and they have had some unusual but rewarding experiences. Anyone who wants to help with this type of research should contact Cliff.

DICK CRAMER REPORTED ON STATISTICAL ANALYSIS being conducted by himself, Pete Palmer and others. They are looking for new ways to evaluate player performance or some other aspect of the game, using slide rules, computers, common sense and what have you. Pete has completed the home and away comparison of the better AL pitchers and batters and the results, to be carried in the 1978 Research Journal, are somewhat surprising. The record of Joe DiMaggio and Ted Williams in Fenway Park and Yankee Stadium is part of that analysis.

THE SABR MASTHEAD and LOGO, essentially as carried in the June Bulletin, was adopted. There was some discussion about who could or should use this masthead on their correspondence — the officers and board members only, or any member. We will get a reading from our legal beagle.

THE NEED FOR A CENTRAL REPOSITORY for SABR materials was cited again by John Pardon. This would include our publications and papers made available in the Research Exchange, and research materials, books, and other memorabilia left when individual members pass on. Bert Sugar suggested that an arrangement might be made with a library to store this material with SABR underwriting rental fees. John was named to head up a "research preservation committee" to look into this matter. He solicits comments and suggestions.

PRESIDING OFFICER GENE MURDOCK stated that chances of setting up some kind of minor league hall of fame at Columbus, Ohio, have essentially evaporated. The city has gone ahead and set up its own hall of fame for former Columbus players, with plaques placed in an outdoor site next to the ballpark. Cliff Kachline followed up these remarks with a report on the expansion of the Cooperstown museum and the prospects for recognition of minor leaguers there. He spoke of an individual annual award honoring a former minor leaguer as a possibility. SABR, of course, would prefer something like ten initial player selections and then a player and manager/executive each year thereafter. The Minor League Committee, headed by Bob Hoie, was asked to review this matter and come up with a proposal.

GENE ADJOURNED THE BUSINESS MEETING promptly at noon so we could catch the bus and other vehicles for Yankee Stadium. We got caught in a horrendous traffic jam but still reached the site in time to hear the introductions for the oldtimers game. The theme was the Yankee world champs of 1949-53 and the opposition was provided by the All-Stars of that period, including such names as Bob Lemon, Al Rosen, Bob Feller, Manager Al Lopez, and the Mayor of Vera Cruz, Mexico — Bobby Avila. Yankee greats DiMaggio, Mantle, Maris, Ford and Berra all took a back seat when Billy Martin came on the field to the announcement that he would be back as Manager in 1980. Mel Allen narrated the oldtimers game with his old-time flair. How bout that? The regulation game saw the Yankees with Reggie Jackson (frequently booed) defeat the Twins with Rod Carew who was in a slump. That means that his batting average was down to near normal levels.

A BIOGRAPHY OF HACK WILSON, entitled Hack, the Meteoric Career of One of Baseball's First Superstars, has been authored by two members, Jerry Grunski and Robert Boone. Published by Peacock Press, it will be marketed by Follett of Chicago. The 175-page book will sell for \$7.95, but if SABR members will order thru Jerry, they can get it for a dollar less. This is a full-scale treatment, incorporating material from Bob Soderman, another Chicago-area authority on Wilson, who initiated a manuscript several years ago. The book has 16 pages of pictures. Members interested in a copy should send \$7 to Jerry Grunski, 1319 Central Avenue, Deerfield, Ill. 60015.

THE SOCIETY HAS PURCHASED 100 copies of A Baseball Century, the First 100 Years of the NL and is selling them to members at a reduced rate. This is the slick looking volume with colored pictures which sells commercially for about \$20. As you may recall, SABR members participated in the selection of the all-star teams listed by eras. Gene Murdock brought the copies to Paramus and we sold about 50 for \$8 apiece. The remaining copies are being made available to the membership thru the mail for \$9. If you want to buy a copy, send \$9 to Tom Zocco, 74 Pond Side Drive, Wethersfield, Conn. 06109. He is doing this service as a carry-over of his secretarial duties. It is a very impressive book for \$9.

THERE ARE SOME COPIES LEFT OVER of the two books which Seymour Siwoff donated to the Society. They are the 1978 Book of Baseball Records, which normally sells for \$6.95, and the 1978 Who's Who. If you are interested in acquiring copies thru the mail, send \$1 for the Who's Who and \$3 for the Baseball Records to SABR, P.O. Box 323, Cooperstown, N.Y. 13326.

SPEAKING OF SABR CONTRIBUTIONS to the scorecard programs of various clubs — which we did in the June Bulletin — Pittsburgh carried Dick Burt's list of every Pirate who plundered and pillaged the seven seas and also three rivers. The list runs a mere 1247 names over the last 96 years and includes Pittsburgh in the A.A.

THE AMERICAN GAME, A CELEBRATION AND EXPLORATION OF BASEBALL, will be held at the Harley School in Rochester, N.Y. August 1 to September 22. It will include an art exhibit, a speakers program, a film series, and a collector's show. Members participating include David Voigt, Cliff Kachline, Bob Obojski, and poet James LaVilla-Havelin, the local SABR contact. His address is 322 Brooks Avenue, Rochester, NY 14619. Rochester has a long baseball history, dating back to the first minor league in 1877. Frank Robinson, the Red Wings' manager, is expected to participate, along with Monte Irvin. Also William Brashler, author of Josh Gibson, and Bingo Long, etc., and Curt Smith, author of Dizzy Dean's America.

PLAYERS WHO WERE CARRIED ON A BIG LEAGUE ROSTER, but never actually got into a game, are being researched by Jeff Morey, 305 Carlton Road, Syracuse, N.Y. 13207. If you know of such a player, and there have been a number over the years, send a note to Jeff. These players are not considered "major leaguers" because they never got into a box score and their names do not appear in the encyclopedias. But there is room for argument there. Jeff is trying to come up with a list.

A NEW ENGLAND REGIONAL MEETING is being planned by Ed Leonard, Tom Zocco, John Pardon, and others. It will probably be held in central Massachusetts in mid-November. There will be more information in the October Bulletin. The 5th annual Baltimore-Washington Regional Meeting will be held in early October. A flyer will be issued to area residents. It will be held in the Washington area this year.

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MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME IS HERE FOR 1979. A return form is enclosed for your convenience. Remember that the new fee is \$15, but this should be softened by the fact that the 1979 membership year runs for 15 months, from October 1, 1978 to December 31, 1979. The elongated year results from our transition to a calendar year basis. How do we entice you to renew at the increased rate? Let me count the ways. First there are the publications, including two \$4 books in 1978. There is the Membership Directory, on which it is difficult to place a price tag, and the bimonthly Bulletin. There are the materials received thru Baseball Research Exchange, the advance notice and reduction in price on some baseball books, periodic surveys (two are coming up in the next few months) annual meetings, regional meetings, and there are some intangibles which must result from being in an organization of people who share your interests and some of your views. So, think it over and then mail your \$15 check off to SABR, P.O. Box 323, Cooperstown, N.Y. 13326. Membership cards for 1979 will be mailed with the December Bulletin.

THE 1978 BASEBALL RESEARCH JOURNAL was mailed out in late September. It went by bulk mail and will take a little while to get to you. Those of you who have moved and haven't given us a change of address probably will not receive it. We lost a number of Minor League Books and Membership Directories that way. In fact, for that reason and because we had a large influx of new members in August and September, we are now out of 1978 Directories. We will try to get out the 1979 Directory in the Spring to fill this void for some of the new members.

We will also try to get the 1979 Research Journal back on the annual timetable which calls for publication in the April-June period. That means that members should start soon to submit manuscripts for that book. As we have stated in the past, try to keep your submission under ten double-spaced typewritten pages. If you have charts or graphs, arrange them so they can be carried on a Journal page and still be readable. We are looking for new material or at least a new slant on old material. The 1978 Journal reflects this policy. Consult the editor, Bob Davids, if you have an idea for an article.

FRED LIEB, 90, is no longer the senior member of the Society. John Maddock, 93, recently joined from St. Louis. He is in good shape and recalls with great detail the period right after 1900 when he was a semipro player in the St. Louis area. As of October 1, the membership had topped 700. New York was the first State to go over the 100 mark. Pennsylvania is next with 55.

Larry Chiasson, Director of Public Relations for the Montreal Expos for the 10 years of their existence, died of leukemia at a Montreal hospital on September 9. He had been a SABR member for two years and had just marked his 40th birthday. Born and raised in Nova Scotia, Larry graduated from St. Francis Xavier University and moved to Montreal in 1959. He worked for Canadian Press and the Financial Post before embarking on a public relations career. He had recognized talents in the combined fields of journalism and baseball which he enjoyed so much and in which he worked with such enthusiasm. He was a baseball trivia expert who liked to stump his friends. Larry leaves behind his parents, his wife, and three sons. He is the third member to die this year.

MINOR LEAGUE BASEBALL STARS is selling very well. Nearly 500 copies have already been ordered, thanks largely to the articles written about it by such members as John Duxbury, Bob Broeg, Ron Coons, Joe Tiede, Larry Bortstein, Louis Rubin, Gene Wood, and others. There also was an AP article on SABR which appeared in a number of newspapers across the country. It is interesting to note who orders the Journal and who orders the Minor League Book. Many Journal orders come from the large metropolitan areas. Many of the Minor League book orders arrive, not from NYC, Boston, Chicago, etc., but from smaller cities in North Carolina, West Virginia, Indiana, Texas, and other places. Many new names are being added to our non-member mailing list. Of course, some of these people are joining the Society.

WALT MASTERSON AND JIM HANNAN, Senator hurlers of different bygone eras, were guest speakers at the 5th annual Baltimore-Washington Regional Meeting on October 7. Jerry Gregory hosted his meeting at his home in Annandale, Va., and it is no exaggeration to say that he and his resourceful wife Suzy had their hands full with a house full. There were 36 members and 13 guests present. Most were from the immediate area, but Paul Doherty came down from Boston, Cliff Kachline, President of SABR, and John Pardon came down from upper New York State, and four came from the Philadelphia area. Cliff spoke briefly, as did Kit Crissey, who presented the speakers and handled the Q&A session. Bob Fetterolf assisted in the arrangements, which included outdoor activities with bat, ball, and glove. Bob Muhlbach and Frank Gabrielli outshone the youngsters at both ends of the pepper game. Al Kermisch was still on crutches from his second hip operation, but is coming along fine. Two films were shown, and Walt Masterson (yes, he still wears tinted glasses) conducted a special session on the physical aspects of pitching.

THE NEW ENGLAND REGIONAL MEETING will be held at Greenfield, Mass., Nov. 18. Where is Greenfield? In the North Central part of the State. These things are spelled out in a detailed flyer sent out by Ed Leonard, who will be coordinating this function at the Howard Johnson's Motor Lodge. John Pardon and Tom Zocco are helping with the arrangements for this event, which will include two baseball panels, a dinner, and a speech by SABR President Cliff Kachline. If there are new area members receiving this Bulletin who were not on Ed's earlier list, get in touch with him at 14 Woodleigh Ave, Greenfield, Mass. 01301; Telephone (413) 772-0644. This will be the first full-scale regional meeting in this area; Several years ago, a small gathering of Boston-area members was achieved. The National Convention in Boston in 1975 was very well attended and it is hoped that there will be a good turn-out for this meeting.

JOHNSON SPINK IS MAKING AVAILABLE THE SPORTING NEWS publication, "100 Years of National League Baseball" to the membership for a reduced price. The 200-page NL history and highlights is filled with photos of players, executives, and unique events. Normally marketed for \$5.50 thru the mail, it will sell to Society members for \$4.00, and that is a good buy for a 200-page book. If you are interested, send a \$4.00 check to The Sporting News, P.O. Box 56, St. Louis, Mo. 63166.

SPORTS PRODUCTS, INC. has mailed separately to the membership a detailed listing of baseball and other sports books which are available thru their new marketing system called SPI Sports Bookshelf. This is the organization of David Neft, Dick Cohen and others which put out the Sports Encyclopedias: Baseball, Football, etc. On sales made thru SABR sources, the Society has received a percentage of the total paid for these books. This has been a beneficial arrangement in the past and we encourage members to read over the flyer materials sent by SPI Sports Bookshelf and order those things in which you are most interested.

BASEBALL RESEARCH EXCHANGE

Paul Doherty has a good article in the 1978 Research Journal on Forfeit Games. Obviously he could not describe every one of the 36 games since 1901 in that article. However, he has compiled a separate summary of those three dozen disputed contests which runs 14 pages. It is a very good source document on this subject and he is offering it free to any member who requests it. If you are interested, send him a note at 21 Beacon St, #9C, Boston, Mass. 02108.

BALTIMORE MEMBER BOB ELLIS was a little surprised and his co-workers were impressed to a substantial degree when Brooks Robinson called him at the office. It seems that Brooks had heard belatedly that Bob had taken some pictures of the Robinson farewell at Memorial Stadium in September 1977. Apparently all of Brooks' pictorial mementos from that special day were taken at close range. Bob had taken some with a telephoto lens from back in the stands which showed the totality of the event and they turned out very well. Brooks ordered a duplicate set and in return treated Bob and Debbie and their baseball traveling companions Dave and Clark Evans (also SABR members) to a day at the ballpark. Bob used the occasion to brief the star thirdsacker about the Society. Summing it up, Bob said "we found Mr. Robinson to be a very knowledgable, genuine, appreciative, and down-to-earth person, seemingly totally unaffected by his incredible fame and enthusiastic following in the Baltimore area."

THE SABR MICROFILM LENDING LIBRARY is not being used as much as it could be, according to custodian Bill Loughman. Members are reminded that we have the Sporting Life from 1883 to 1917. Members doing research in this period who do not have access to this publication should request a reel or two from Bill at Box 474, Elmhurst, Ill. 60126. The reels are on an annual basis from 1891 to 1917. For each reel send Bill \$1 to cover special handling costs. You should be able to use a viewer in your local library if you don't have one.

THE BALL CLUBS WILL SHORTLY BE PLANNING their scorecards and programs for next season. If you want to prepare an article about some phase of a team's history, or one that would apply to the league in general, so inform Stan Grosshandler, 4905 Richland Drive, Raleigh, N.C. 27612. He will coordinate this effort.

THE SABR COMMITTEE SYSTEM has been restructured aimed at achieving a better response mechanism and a broader participation in the expanded responsibilities of the Society. The President now has more constitutional authority to name committees and to require them to report periodically on progress. President Kachline has named some new members to these committees, and they are listed below, but first a brief description of the new or formalized bodies.

The Society has had a nominating committee in the past, but it was an ad hoc group called together shortly before the annual convention to line up officer nominees for the upcoming year. Now it is formalized.

The auditing committee, like that for nominations, has been an ad hoc arrangement at the annual meeting. Now it is on call whenever an audit is needed.

The editorial board takes the place of the publications committee and has the responsibility to assist the editor in the review and preparation of the Bulletin, Journal, and other SABR publications.

The ethics committee is concerned with the conduct of members within the organization, that the proprietary rights of members are not violated, that privileges accorded members are not abused, and that SABR, a nonprofit organization, not be involved in any unethical or questionable activities.

The public relations committee is concerned with publicizing the service activities of the Society, particularly to the major league clubs, and to other organizations and individuals, and with developing regional activities.

If any members, additional to those listed below, want to join or work with these committees, they should contact the chairman, capitalized below.

Nominating - GROSSHANDLER, McConnell, Murdock, A.Wickland, Meyer

Auditing - SIMONSEN, Gonzalez, O'Malley

Editorial - DAVIDS, Rothe, Obojski, Voigt, Crissey, Muhlbach, Kermisch, Bready

Ethics - CRAMER, Hufford, Rothe, Phelps, DiTullio, Shlensky, Simenic

Public Relations - SCHOTT, Grosshandler, Gregory, Hugo, Zocco

Negro Leagues - KLEINKNECHT, Holway, Malarcher, Webb, Doherty

Minor Leagues - HOIE, Pardon, Jackson, Luse, Nemeč

Baseball Records - CHIPP, Liebman, Laberge, Luse, Davids

Biographical Research - KACHLINE, Simenic, Haber, Hufford, Gustafson, Shea, Malatzky, Winnie, McConnell, Ginsburg, Carter, MacAlister.

Statistical Analysis - PALMER, Cramer, Schwartz.

WHEN DOES A HURLER with a won-lost percentage of .882 fail to win the percentage crown? One answer might be when he doesn't have enough wins. But Bob Stanley of the Red Sox was 15-2. The answer is when another hurler like Ron Guidry is 25-3 with a percentage of .893. Both are among the top six all time percentage marks for hurlers with 15 or more victories and it is ironic that both should be achieved in the same year and in the same league. See below.

ElRoy Face, Pirates, 1959	18-1 .947	Preacher Roe, Dodgers 1951	22-3 .880
Johnny Allen, Indians 1937	15-1 .938	Fred Goldsmith, Cubs, 1880	21-3 .875
Ron Guidry, Yankees, 1978	25-3 .893	Joe Wood, Red Sox, 1912	34-5 .872
Fred Fitzsimmons, Dod. 1940	16-2 .889	Bill Donovan, Tigers, 1907	25-4 .862
Lefty Grove, A's, 1931	31-4 .886	Whitey Ford, Yankees, 1961	25-4 .862
Bob Stanley, Red Sox, 1978	15-2 .882	Chief Bender, A's, 1914	17-3 .850

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ARRANGEMENTS ARE BEING MADE TO HOLD THE 1979 CONVENTION in St. Louis on the weekend of June 29-July 1. Details have not been worked out, but it will be at a downtown hotel within walking distance of the ballpark. The Cards will be hosting the Phils, who will be sporting a new leadoff hitter named Charlie Hustle, or something like that. Bill Borst has agreed to be the principal coordinator for the annual meeting, and he will have assistance from Craig Carter and others in the area. Bob Broeg has agreed to help recruit a top speaker. More information will be given in the next Bulletin, but in the meantime reserve some time at the end of June for a trip to St. Louis.

MEMBERSHIP CARDS ARE INCLUDED in this mailing for those who have renewed for 1979. For those who have not yet signed up we are sending a second renewal notice. The membership continues to grow rapidly and the number is now more than 800. New territory is being covered and Terry Dotson has joined from Helena, Montana, the first from Blue Sky Country, and Stephen Cummings is located in Anchorage, Alaska, the first from that State. Of course, we will lose some early next year when we cut away the nonrenewals, but that doesn't seem to hamper the continued growth. New 1979 members are reminded that the 1978 publications are available at \$4 apiece for the Baseball Research Journal and Minor League Baseball Stars. You may order from Bob Davids, 4424 Chesapeake St. NW, Washington, D.C. 20016.

THE FIRST PRINTING OF MINOR LEAGUE BASEBALL STARS has been sold out. We have corrected some typos and some of the material up front and have reprinted 1000 copies. Since we used most of the original negatives, we got the job done for \$960. We did not change any of the player sheets, although some new information has come in to fill existing blanks. Consideration is being given to doing a second volume which would include (1) those players in the current book for which there are new data, and (2) some 75-100 new players, plus a section on minor league managers such as Jake Atz, Jack Dunn, Spencer Abbott, and many others with long and productive careers. It is obvious that there is a considerable audience "out there" for minor league information, and a ready-made mailing list has already been accumulated.

FRED STEIN of Alexandria, Virginia has a book at the printers on the New York Giants from 1932 to 1948. It should be ready by the time we put out the next Bulletin in February and we will tell you how to order a copy at that time.

WHO WAS THE GREATEST SWITCH HITTER in baseball history? Was it Frank Frisch, Mickey Mantle, Pete Rose, or Tito Fuentes? Well, we are joking about Tito, but there are other names to consider on the sample SABR survey of switch hitters included with this Bulletin. Another part of the survey is a selection of the top switch hitters by fielding position. Details are spelled out on the ballot. Look it over, fill it out -- using either your right hand or your left -- and send it in to Bob McConnell, our authority on those who "batted both." The results will be carried in an article in the 1979 Baseball Research Journal.

THE NEW ENGLAND REGIONAL MEETING on November 18 was a huge success, thanks largely to the organizing efforts of Ed Leonard. In spite of the relative isolation of Greenfield, Mass., 33 members attended along with 21 guests. Members came from all five New England States, from Penn, NY, NJ, DC, and Va. There were two baseball panels in the afternoon. One was of minor league general managers: Tom Kaysen (SABR Member) of Holyoke, Bob Zeig of West Haven, and Charlie Eshbach of Bristol, with Mike Bogen of the Springfield Union-Republican moderating. The second panel was on scouting, with Lennie Merullo of the Major League Scouting Bureau, Bill Enos of the Red Sox, and Roland Johnson of the Cardinals.

In another part of the program, Henry Berry gave a slide show on baseball's lighter side, similar to what he presented at the Boston National Meeting in 1975. At the banquet in the evening, Cliff Kachline spoke on "Changes in Baseball." Host Leonard was assisted by his wife Judy and Tom Zocco and John Pardon in putting together a fine meeting. Fortunately, the weather held out and the snow didn't come until a couple of days later.

ANYONE TRYING TO ORGANIZE A REGIONAL MEETING should keep in mind that the Society's office in Cooperstown can make it simpler for you by providing a list of the members in a particular area. For mailing purposes we have the members listed by zip code. This would save you the time of wading thru the Directory, which carries an alphabetical listing of names, and pulling out those in your area. Furthermore, there are new names not listed in the latest Directory. If you need this service, send to SABR, P.O. Box 323, Cooperstown, N.Y. 13326.

THERE WAS NO REGIONAL MEETING IN ORLANDO, Florida in early December, but there could have been as a number of SABR members gathered there for the winter baseball meetings. Included were the "host" Harold Esch of Orlando, the Minor League contingent from St. Petersburg, including John Dittrich and Marshall Adesman, and Larry Halstead of Baseball Blue Book. Others from more distant points included Bill Weiss, Seymour Siwoff, Harold Hollis, David Neft, Bob Davids, Hal Middlesworth, Tom Mee, and several others. As reported in the public prints, Dittrich is moving to Amarillo and Adesman will assist him with the club there. The only question in our minds is whether Adesman, a New Yorker thru and thru, can find happiness and contentment on the Great Plains, where the coyotes howl and the winds blow free, etc.

John Tattersall was not at the Orlando meeting, but was visited at Del Ray Beach where the home run historian is now living in comfortable retirement. Lee Allen's widow, Adele, also lives at Del Ray. Efforts to contact 90-year-old Fred Lieb in St. Petersburg were not fruitful.

BOBBY DEWS of Edison, Georgia, will have a book out early in 1979 on his career as a minor league catcher in "The Bushes." The former player and Army sergeant has already won the 1977 Award of the Dixie Council of Authors and Journalists for his book "Whichaway" which also has a baseball theme. We'll give you a report on "The Bushes" as soon as it becomes available. Incidentally, the author's son, Bobby Dews, Jr., had a successful year as manager of Savannah and has joined the Atlanta Braves as a coach.

THE RECENT DEATH OF NICK CULLOP serves as a reminder that some of the all-time great minor leaguers are slipping away before they get any special recognition for their achievements. Gone are Buzz Arlett, Bunny Brief, Ike Boone, Oscar Eckhardt, Jim Poole, Joe Martina, and Frank Shellenback. Surviving, but getting on in years, are Spencer Harris, Jigger Statz, Smead Jolley, Joe Hauser, Johnny Gill, Tony Freitas, Tom Sheehan, and Bill Thomas.

NOT A PEEP OUT OF HERB JOHNSON, our man in Paris, who is an authority on diminutive players. Could it be that he has "overlooked" Harry Chappas of the White Sox, who is only 5-foot-3? Or maybe he does not want to shift Freddie Patek from his shortstop post to make room for Chappas on this mythical team which includes the likes of Willie Keeler, Albie Pearson, and Johnny Evers. Chappas must surely be the shortest — with the exception, that is, of Eddie Gaedel, who is listed at 3-foot-7.

PROFILES



- ◆ WILLIAM E. AKIN, 42, is professor of history at Concordia U in Montreal. He was born in Alabama and received his Ph.D. from the University of Rochester. His writings indicate some of his interests: "Jack Glasscock, King of the Shortstops," "West Virginia, Mother of Big Leaguers," "Growing Up With a Loser (Wash. Senators)." He also researches Canadian players.
- ◆ HENRY "BUTCH" BURRELL was born in the Bronx in 1950 and now lives in Edison, New Jersey where he is an insurance claims investigator for Liberty Mutual. He is also conducting statistical investigations into early baseball history. Butch is primarily interested in the Yankees and has researched records of players while with the Yankees and while they were with other clubs.
- ◆ RUSSELL CORSER is a retired high school principal living in Palmyra, N.Y. He was born in that state in 1904 and received both BA and MA degrees from Syracuse University. In addition to teaching he has served as an umpire for high school, college and semipro games for 32 years. His study interests are baseball rules, umpiring (of course), and baseball history.
- ◆ EDMUND EDMONDS was born in Omaha in 1951. He attended Notre Dame and the University of Maryland Law School. He now is a library department head at the University of Toledo Law School. Considering his background, he is interested in the legal aspects of sports, but also pursues baseball biographical research on 1900-30 players, statistics, photography, and memorabilia.
- ◆ JOHN McREYNOLDS is a sportswriter for the Lompoc Record in Southern Calif. Born in Modesto in 1944, he obtained a BA from the University of California at Berkeley. John is interested in the minor leagues, primarily those in the West since WWII, such as California, Sunset, Far West, and the PCL. Other interests are ballparks, attendance, broadcasting, and franchise ownership.

EIGHTY COPIES OF THE BOOK ON THE WORLD SERIES, published by Cohen, Neft, Johnson and Deutsch in 1976, were purchased by the Society and are now being made available to members at a much reduced cost. In case you are not familiar with the book, it has a page size like this newsletter and totals about 400 pages. It has the play-by-play of each game from 1903 thru 1975, has a narrative account of each series, carries eight pages of pictures, and nearly 40 of World Series records and statistics. It has been selling for \$16.95 in the bookstores. A SABR member may acquire a copy by sending a check of \$7, made out to SABR, to Ron Gabriel, 5512 Cornish Road, Bethesda, Md. 20014. Ron has agreed to be our distributor and we thank him for this service.

TIGER TRIVIA is a 40-page booklet by Ernie Harwell and Fred Smith about the past and present Detroit club. It includes about 300 questions and answers. If you are interested in a copy, make your \$2 check out to Tiger Trivia, and mail to Tiger Trivia, Box 714, Palm Harbor, Fla. 33563.

MOVIE FILM ABOUT WALTER JOHNSON is being sought by his grandson, Henry Thomas, who joined SABR several months ago. Henry, of course, has been to Cooperstown and to the National Archives in Washington, but if there are any private or other sources, he would like to know about them. He is currently pulling together all the biographical data he can on "Grampa." Henry's address is 3746 Jocelyn St. NW, Washington, D.C. 20015.

It might be of interest at this point to relate a brief discussion held recently with Henry and his mother about whether Johnson ever injured any batter with his famous fastball. After all, the "Big Train" hit a record 206 batters in his long career. Mrs. Thomas (Johnson's daughter) indicated that her father had continuing concern about hurting a batter with a pitched ball, but that the one incident that troubled him most was when he hit Yankee shortstop Jack Martin in the head in 1912. Martin's cheekbone was fractured and he was out of the lineup for some time. Johnson agonized over this for years, but Martin apparently had no lasting effects of the blow, and any one who heard him talk or visited with him at the SABR Convention in Paramus, N.J. last July could attest to that. Now 91, Martin reviewed the incident with Henry in a recent letter, stating that Johnson visited him in the clubhouse at the time to express his regret.

BASEBALL RESEARCH EXCHANGE

When Carl Yastrzemski popped up at the close of the Red Sox playoff loss to the Yankees, Conrad Horn got so emotionally involved that he sat down and composed a six stanza poem about Yaz and the Frank Merriwell role he usually plays in clutch situations. This poem has just a touch of "Casey at the Bat" as he harks back to the Yaz heroics of 1967. The Red Sox star outfielder autographed the original and Conrad will now provide a copy to interested SABR members. Poets and Red Sox fans (and others) may request this one-page offering from Conrad Horn, 7505 Democracy Blvd, #A-136, Bethesda, Md. 20034.

Arthur Schott, 459 Jewel Street, New Orleans, La. 70124, has compiled eight individual stories on the Pelicans of the old Southern Association, recalling some of their best games and best players. Write Art for this 4-page compilation.

For the benefit of new members, BASEBALL RESEARCH EXCHANGE offers the opportunity for researchers to make available certain written material which may not qualify as an article in the Journal but which might be of interest to others in the Society. They then have an opportunity to request the items offered and SABR pays the cost of reproduction and mailing. We encourage this research exchange.

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PLANS FOR THE 1979 ANNUAL CONVENTION IN ST. LOUIS on June 29-July 1 are moving forward. Working with SABR officers, the local committee headed by Bill Borst hopes to make this year's meeting the most interesting yet. One area of added emphasis will be ladies entertainment which is being arranged for both Saturday morning and Sunday morning. In the past we have not made much provision for entertainment of wives and other family members. This shortcoming is being corrected and we urge you to bring along your helpmate this year.

Enticing special rates of \$17.50 for a single and \$22.50 for a double room have been offered to SABR members by the manager of the Lennox Hotel, where the sessions will be held. The Lennox, which was recently completely remodeled, is located at Ninth and Washington in downtown St. Louis and is within easy walking distance of Busch Memorial Stadium and the Gateway Arch. The hotel has free parking facilities for guests. The tentative schedule calls for functions to begin Friday evening and run thru Sunday noon. The game between the Cardinals and Phils is scheduled to begin at 5:30, so a luncheon will be held about 1:30, following the Saturday morning business meeting. Additional details of the meetings as well as a reservation form will be included with the April Bulletin.

THERE WILL BE A REGIONAL MEETING in Philadelphia on Saturday, April 28, which will also include a ball game between the Phils and Padres. Kit Crissey and colleagues are pulling this together with the format much like that of last year. Kit is planning three panels -- one on the Philadelphia A's; another on Negro League baseball; and the other on old Minor Leagues vs New Minor Leagues. He has tentative acceptances from Doc Cramer and Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Collins, Jr. Who is Mrs. Collins? Yes, you guessed it, the daughter of Herb Pennock. A great union of baseball families there. Let's see, where was I? Oh yes, there will be a balloting to select an all-time team of Philadelphia A's, 1901-54. This will be accomplished with a mailing to the regional members which will go out in the next few weeks and which will include all the meeting details we cannot cover here. If a member living in some other part of the country wants to participate in the balloting, or, for that matter, wants to attend, the member should write to Frank Phelps at 253 Bernard Drive, King of Prussia, Pa. 19406.

THE SABR OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS will hold their semiannual meeting in Philadelphia, April 28, at the time of the Regional Meeting noted above. If you have something to be called to the attention of the officers, get in touch with Cliff Kachline, Baseball Hall of Fame, Cooperstown, N.Y. 13326.

THE SOCIETY LOST TWO CLOSE FRIENDS since the last Bulletin was issued. George McQuinn, 69, died of a stroke on December 24 in Alexandria, Va., and Hinkey Haines, 80, died of lung cancer in Philadelphia on January 9. Neither was a member of SABR, but McQuinn, the former AL first baseman, participated in two regional meetings in the Washington area and was on pretty close terms with members like Jerry Gregory and Conrad Horn. Haines, the former NY Yankee baseball player and NY Giant football star, was a close friend of Kit Crissey and spoke at the 1978 Philadelphia regional meeting and the Paramus, N.J. national convention. Both were great guys -- easy to talk with and accommodating -- and will be missed at future meetings.

1979 IS ONE OF THOSE YEARS when we have to go to the membership to select the person born 100 years ago who contributed the most to baseball. There are 2-3 persons so evenly matched that it would be presumptuous for the Executive Board to designate one as the Centennial Celebrity. For that reason, a survey ballot is enclosed listing some of the prime candidates. It is a good exercise as the candidates include players, managers, umpires, and executives.

It is hard to judge, at this stage, how the membership evaluates managers, umpires, and executives in comparison with those who made their mark as players. The last selection to be made by the members was in 1976 when we had a bunch of great pitchers -- Brown, Waddell, Willis, Donovan, and Smoky Joe Williams -- competing against Sam Breadon, an executive, Pat Moran, a manager, Bill Dinneen, a pitcher-umpire, and outfielder Elmer Flick. Brown finished first; Waddell second; Breadon third; Dinneen fourth; and Flick fifth. The real test will come in 1981 when Big Ed Walsh goes up against Branch Rickey and Will Harridge. There will be no survey next year because Christy Mathewson overshadows the opposition by a clear margin. So, look over this year's ballot and send it in.

THE RESPONSE TO THE SWITCH HITTER SURVEY has been good. Bob McConnell has received about 250 ballots so far. No big surprises, although the emphasis on modern era switch hitters is greater than anticipated. The full results will be carried in the 1979 Baseball Research Journal.

A BRIEF REMINDER FROM COOPERSTOWN that tickets for the Hall of Fame game on August 6 go on sale at the site March 7. Ordering thru the mail, members should send \$4.50 for outfield seats and \$5 for the closer in seats. Checks should be made out to and sent to Cooperstown Baseball Committee, P.O. Box 590, Cooperstown, NY 13326. Be sure your mail orders are postmarked on or after March 4. Also, keep in mind that this year the Hall of Fame inductions will be on Sunday afternoon, August 5, and the game the following day.

SABR HAS NEVER HAD A MEMBER IN LATIN AMERICA. We get a few orders for our publications from South of the Border, but no one has ever joined. This situation will be rectified somewhat as Tom Hufford of Alexandria, Va. is being assigned by his urban planning firm to Mexico City for a few months. Senor Hufford did not resist the assignment too much because he knows that the baseball season starts there a month earlier than here. Tom, give our regards to George Brunet, that ageless nomad of the pitcher's mound, and to Hector Espino, the all-time Mexican League star who never had any desire to play in the majors.

RON GABRIEL REPORTS that all the copies of the World Series book which he has been distributing for SABR at a reduced price have been sold. No more orders, please.

UNDER COOGAN'S BLUFF is the title of Fred Stein's book on the New York Giants under Terry and Ott. Based primarily on research, interviews, and personal recollections, the 160-page book covers those years from McGraw's resignation in 1932 to Durocher's take-over in 1948. Peter Golenbock says, "For those of you who wondered what it was like sitting under Coogan's Bluff on a sunny afternoon watching Terry, Ott, and Hubbell, Fred Stein's book will vividly bring those days back to you." If you are interested in a copy, send \$6.50 to Fred Stein, 6333 Beryl Road, Alexandria, Va. 22312.

IRV MATUS HAD AN ARTICLE in the 1978 Research Journal about how many pitches a hurler should throw in an inning and a game and he had the data to back it up. You might wonder how he could keep track of such details. Well, Irv has designed and reproduced a pitch-by-pitch, play-by-play scorecard which he is making available to an "eagerly awaiting public." The scorecards are 11x17" prefolded to 8½x11 for convenience and easy storage. Printed on quality card stock, they offer large, standard boxes for play-by-play scoring, as well as the sequential pitch-by-pitch scoring feature. Provision is made for virtually all stats required by the official scorer's report, as well as the individual pitcher's ball, strike, and cumulative pitch totals. Complete illustrated instructions are included. For SABR members he will waive the \$1 UPS shipping fee and charge an even \$5 for the standard box of 30 scorecards. Order from Irv Matus, 23 Pond Place, Babylon NY 11702.

PROFILES



- ALVIN J. BECKER is a retired Civil Service employee living in San Antonio, Texas. He was born in Norborne, Missouri in 1909. He is interested in major and minor league player records with emphasis on the years from 1871 to 1942. He also is working with the Minor League Committee in compiling a list of early O.B. leagues and teams and accurate won-lost records.
- GREGG DUBBS was born in Lancaster, Pa. in 1947 about the same time that Jimmy Sheppard died in that city. Gregg became an authority on the former Dodger and Cub star and publicized him on his centennial last year. A proofreader with a local printing company, Gregg is interested in photos and baseball memorabilia, statistical analysis, and profiles of lesser known players.
- THOMAS JOZWIK is an insurance investigator with Underwriters Service Company in Milwaukee. He was born in that city in 1950, and also graduated from the University of Wisconsin in Milwaukee. His interests include baseball managers, ballparks, folklore and legends, sportswriting, and Milwaukee baseball teams from all eras, but particularly the 1957-58 pennant winners.
- ALLAN ROTH lives in Los Angeles, but serves as the sports statistician and analyst under contract to NBC Sports in New York City. Born in Montreal in 1917, he was the Dodgers' statistician 1947-64, and was editor of Who's Who in Baseball from 1954 to 1972. His primary area of interest is statistical data on major league players and team performances 1900 to date.
- BETSY TUNIS was born in Newburgh, N.Y. in 1943 and attended the University of Massachusetts at Amherst. She has an MA in history and now lives in New London, N.H., where she is writing a book on Hal Chase. She has taught a course on the Black Sox scandal and has researched some of the less wholesome players and other aspects of baseball, particularly of the 1910-20 period.

IN CASE YOU WERE WONDERING why the Veterans Committee selections for the Hall of Fame have not been announced, it is because they have not yet been made. The date used to be about the last of January, following a meeting of the committee in New York City. This winter they are meeting in Florida — which is not a bad idea — and the announcement will be made March 7. Who will they name? No real clues at this time. It is probable that the candidates to be considered could include Warren Giles, who died February 7, Rube Foster of the Negro Leagues, Chuck Klein, Hack Wilson, Johnny Mize, who once again becomes eligible after a 5-year hiatus, and maybe even Leo Durocher.

THERE STILL ARE MORE THAN 100 of the 800 plus members who have not (yet) renewed for 1979. A final notice is going out with this Bulletin and those who do not respond will not receive the April Bulletin and subsequent publications.

CONRAD HORN IS TRYING TO RATIONALIZE the orders he received for his 262-word poetic tribute to Carl Yastrzemski which was offered in last issue's Research Exchange. Of the 30-odd requests, ten came from the New York area and only four from the Boston area. Does this mean the Red Sox fans want to forget? Or the New Yorkers have a secret admiration for Yaz? Or something else? He would like the Statistical Analysis Committee to take this on as their next project.

SPEAKING OF THE BOSTON RED SOX, which we were almost doing above, Captain Ellery Clark has retired after 38 years as history professor and coach at the U.S. Naval Academy. He closed out one year before his 70th birthday so he could work full time on his third book about the Red Sox, which should be available in a few months.

HIT THE SIGN AND WIN A FREE SUIT OF CLOTHES FROM HARRY FINKLESTEIN is just the title, not the first chapter, of Bert Sugar's latest book. It is about sports promotions and sports promoters and appropriately has a foreword by Bill Veeck. It even includes a reference to SABR (page 338) and is available in your favorite book store.

TERRY BAXTER is working on his Master's thesis at the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville. The subject is the Value of a Superstar and he will use a mathematical model to measure values in trades from one team to another or free agent signings. One thing he needs is ticket prices at selected ball parks from 1950 to the present. If any SABR member specializes in this type of information, Terry would like to hear from you at his home address at 1309 Whitney Lane, Rolla, Mo. 65401.

JAMES BRASWELL tapes historic and/or exciting baseball games and would like to communicate with and trade with other tapers. If that means you, get in touch with Jim at 1354 W. George, Chicago, Ill. 60657.

THE NEGRO LEAGUE COMMITTEE has submitted a proposal to the officers for a SABR book similar to Minor League Baseball Stars. The player records for the Negro stars would probably have to be handled differently because of the lack of firm annual statistics. However, enough demographic data and career information should be available to make an interesting entry for most Negro League players. This proposal will be reviewed at the semiannual board meeting on April 28.

ANY ELEVENTH HOUR ARTICLES for the 1979 Baseball Research Journal? We will have to cut off all submissions by about the middle of March. We have already received about two dozen but are open for additional first rate material.

The SABR Bulletin

NEWSLETTER OF THE SOCIETY FOR AMERICAN BASEBALL RESEARCH

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ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE 1979 ANNUAL SABR CONVENTION in St. Louis are nearing completion. As noted in the February Bulletin, it will be held at the Lennox Hotel, Ninth and Washington, in the downtown area, starting on Friday evening, June 29, and extending to noon on Sunday, July 1.

The tentative schedule follows: Friday--6 to 8:30 pm, Registration and social warmup; 8:30-10:30, guest panel and baseball film; Saturday--7:15-8:15, buffet breakfast; 8:30-12:30, business meeting; 1:30-4:30 luncheon and guest speaker; 5:30--Phillies vs Cardinals at Busch Stadium, followed by a tour of the St. Louis Sports Hall of Fame, also at the Stadium; Sunday 7:15-8:15, buffet breakfast; 8:30-12 noon, seminar and presentations. The convention will officially end at noon on Sunday. The Cardinals meet the Phillies in a twinbill that afternoon should any wish to stay over.

SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE LADIES include a tour of Grant's Farm, a show-place operated by Anheuser-Busch, plus shopping on Saturday morning, and a visit to the Gateway Arch, Museum of Westward Expansion and the Old Cathedral on Sunday morning. Nothing for the ladies is scheduled for Saturday afternoon and evening with the assumption that most will attend the luncheon and the ball game.

MEMBERS WISHING TO MAKE A PRESENTATION on a research project or other baseball subject at the Sunday morning session should contact Craig Carter, a member of the convention committee, at The Sporting News, 1212 N. Lindbergh Blvd, St. Louis, Mo. 63166. All presentations will be limited to ten minutes. This format was employed at last year's Paramus convention and those who attended the Sunday session can attest to the informative experience.

BESIDES THE VERY ATTRACTIVE ROOM RATES (\$17.50 for a single, \$22.50 for a double), the Lennox Hotel offers free parking and free use of its swimming pool. We will give instructions on how to reach the Lennox by car with the next Bulletin. For those who will be flying to St. Louis, the airport line to the Lennox and other downtown points departs every 20 minutes and costs \$3.75. If some members want to spend an additional day or two in St. Louis, Bob Wesling, manager of the Lennox, has agreed to extend the special room rates for that period, providing the hotel has sufficient available rooms.

A convention registration form is enclosed. You should submit it as soon as possible. Midwesterners who have doubts about attending should keep in mind that it will probably be at least another three years before we will meet again in this section of the country. Grab the opportunity while you can.

JOHNSON SPINK advises he would be pleased to arrange for guided tours of The Sporting News offices if members can arrive there prior to 4 pm Friday, June 29, or after 8:30 am Monday, July 2. Like many businesses, TSN is closed on weekends. Anyone desiring a tour should send a note indicating time of arrival and number in your party to Johnson Spink at The Sporting News, P.O. Box 56, St. Louis, Mo. 63166. The plant is located at 1212 N. Lindbergh Blvd, a relatively short cab ride from the airport, but a fairly long one from the Lennox Hotel.

SPEAKERS FOR THE CONVENTION have not yet been confirmed. Some possibilities include Mike Shannon, Cardinal broadcaster, for the luncheon on Saturday, and Andy High, Ray Blades, or James "Cool Papa" Bell for Friday night.

ANY MEMBER having business items to be placed on the agenda of the annual convention should forward same to Bob Hoie, SABR Secretary, at 2210 Roanoke Road, San Marino, Calif. 91108.

THE PRESIDENT OF ELIAS SPORTS BUREAU, Seymour Siwoff, has offered fellow SABR members a special price of \$6.00 (including postage), which is \$2 under the regular cost, for a copy of the 1979 edition of "The Book of Baseball Records." This 368-page hardcover book has some interesting summaries not available elsewhere, such as career records of active players for hit by pitch, caught stealing, grounding into double plays, homers given up by pitchers, etc. To obtain a copy, send your \$6 check to Seymour at Elias Sports Bureau, 500 Fifth Avenue, New York NY 10036. This special offer is limited to SABR members.

RECORDS ARE AVAILABLE of all the full schedule players each season since 1876. By full schedule we mean a player who appeared in each of his team's games. Now Pete Palmer has gone puristic on us. He is compiling a list of those reliable ones who played every inning of every game in a particular season. This list, obviously, is much shorter. Lou Gehrig, for example, did not miss a game in 13 seasons; however, in only one season, 1931, did he play every inning and one of those games was in the outfield. Pete is concentrating first on those players with multiple seasons of no relief. He has Candy LaChance, Red Sox first baseman, 1902-03-04; Jiggs Donohue, White Sox first baseman, 1906-07; Gus Suhr, Pirate first baseman, 1932-33; and Rudy York, Tiger first baseman, 1940-41. Since 1959 he has only Santo, Cubs, 1963 and 1965, and Bando, A's, 1969. As you may suspect, it is very hard to check for outfielders and for others who played more than one position. If any member has personal knowledge of such cases where a player never missed an inning, Pete would like to hear from you at 12 Farmcrest Ave, Lexington, Mass. 02173.

HARVEY FROMMER, ONE OF OUR NEW MEMBERS, is currently at work on a book for Macmillan Publishers on "New York City Baseball: 1946-57, The Dodgers, Giants, and Yankees." He would be most appreciative if any members associated with the teams of that era or having data dealing with that time would contact him. He is interested in ticket prices, player reminiscences, and pertinent newspaper and magazine clippings. His address is 1459 Egmont Place, Far Rockaway, N.Y. 11691. Incidentally, Dr. Frommer has another book coming out this month, published by Atheneum. It is "Sports Lingo: A Dictionary of the Language of Sports." Terms, definitions, slang, colorful vocabulary, etc., are all in the book, the largest section of which deals with baseball language. It sells for \$10 and if members are interested they can contact Harvey at the above address.

SABR CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM

Ms. Donna Acey
The Lennox Hotel (Phone 314/231-7200, or toll free
Ninth and Washington outside of Missouri 1-800-325-7847)
St. Louis, Mo. 63101

Please reserve the following accommodations for me at the SABR Convention:

_____ Single room (\$17.50) _____ Twin-bedded room (\$22.50)

I want to share a twin-bedded room with another SABR member: Yes ___ No ___
(Give name and address below if you have already made this arrangement)

Date and Time of Arrival _____ Number of nights _____

I will attend SABR Luncheon: Yes ___ No ___; Saturday ballgame: Yes ___ No ___

Name(s) _____

Address _____

City _____ State/Zip _____

Enclosed is my check for _____ for one night's lodging as a deposit

Other arrangements or comments? _____

St. Louis area members and any others who plan to attend the SABR Convention but will NOT be staying at the Lennox are requested to fill out the form below and mail it to: Dr. Bill Borst, Chairman, 72 Fair Oaks, St. Louis, Mo. 63124. This will enable the committee to determine more accurately how many will attend.

Name _____

Address _____ City _____ State/Zip _____

I plan to attend the following: Friday evening session _____; Saturday morning business meeting _____; Saturday luncheon _____; Saturday Phillie-Cardinal game _____; Sunday morning seminar _____.

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ARRANGEMENTS ARE IN FINAL FORM for the Philadelphia Regional Meeting on April 28. At last report Kit Crissey said he had commitments from more than 30 SABR members and about 20 former players including Judy Johnson, Roy Hughes, Danny Gardella, Eddie Collins, Jr., and Jack (He's Just a Kid) Martin. For those area members who cannot attend, you still have a few days to cast your ballot for the all-time A's team, which will be announced at the meeting.

THE MACKMEN is the title of a book by Father Jerome Romanowski, who traces the Philadelphia A's of Connie Mack from 1901 to the end of their stay in that city. Rather than dwell exclusively on the big names such as Plank, Bender, Waddell, Collins, Grove, Foxx, Simmons, Cochrane, et. al., there is interesting information on players like Bob Johnson, Russ Christopher, and Elmer Valo. The book has 160 pages, more than 60 photos, and sells for \$5.00. If you want a copy of this paperback, order from Encomium Moriae Enterprises, 1712 South State Road, Upper Darby, Pa. 19082.

JOHN SCHWARTZ REPORTS FROM ROCHESTER that the city is celebrating the 50th anniversary of Silver (formerly Red Wing) Stadium by selecting an all-star team of the last half century. Unfortunately, the player regarded as probably the most popular Rochester performer, Luke Easter, met an untimely death a few weeks ago. Other candidates for the team include Ripper Collins, Steve Bilko, Specs Toporcer, Russ Derry, Bobby Grich, and Estel Crabtree, who played the most games (934). Billy Southworth and Joe Altobelli are the prime managerial candidates.

PROFILES



★ FERD BORSCH is our only member in Hawaii, where he is a sports writer for the Honolulu Advertiser. He was born in Portland, Oregon in 1929 and graduated from Portland U. He is interested in minor league history and records, particularly those of the Hawaii Islanders. Ferd is an authority on Alexander Cartwright, the baseball pioneer, who lived the last part of his life in Hawaii.

★ FRANCIS J. OLMSTED, 28, is Assistant Professor of Religious Studies at Benedictine College, Atchison, Kansas. He also coaches the Women's Varsity Softball Team. He was born in St. Louis and his degrees include an M.A. from St. Louis University. Interests include the St. Louis Cardinals, the old St. Joseph team in the Western League, baseball memorabilia, cards, buttons, etc.

★ LAWRENCE RITTER was born in New York City in 1922 and is now Professor of Finance and Economics at NYU. He received a B.A. from Indiana and a Ph.D from Wisconsin and has taught at Michigan State and Yale. He played 3B with various Navy teams in WWII. His baseball research has been concentrated largely in the 1900-10 period and resulted in the book "Glory of Their Times" in 1966.

★ ROBERT J. THOLKES, 30, is a high school principal in Verndale in his native Minnesota. He received a degree in education from the State University. While in college he wrote a term paper on the Curt Flood case. Bob is interested in baseball in Minnesota, history and statistics, all-time team rosters, and compiling year-by-year records of team regulars.

★ ROBERT VAN ATTA was born in Pittsburgh in 1924 and graduated from the University of Pittsburgh. He now lives in Greensburg where he works for the West Penn Power Co., and is history editor of the Tribune-Review. He is an authority on minor league baseball in Western Pennsylvania and is historian for the area sports hall of Fame. Also interested in WWII baseball in the Pacific, and baseball trivia.

THE SWITCH HITTER SURVEY is essentially completed. Bob McConnell has received 298 ballots and is hoping to get at least two more before wrapping it up. He received several comments questioning whether Kid Nichols was a switch hitter since he is not listed as such in one of the reference books. There is no question that he was a switch hitter -- this has been documented. However, we should have anticipated questions on this and made a notation on the ballot or something like that.

AN UPSET IS IN THE MAKING on the survey to select the top baseball contributor born in 1879. Stan Fleming reports that members apparently are not impressed that Roger Bresnahan was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 1945, fully 19 years before Miller Huggins in 1964. They apparently were impressed that Huggins, in addition to a long playing career, won six pennants for the Yankees before he died at age 50 in 1929, and one of those teams was considered by many to be the best in history, the 1927 champions. Full results will be carried in the 1979 Research Journal which should be out in June.

THE 1979 MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY also should be out in June. Therefore, for that reason, Bob McConnell is issuing with this Bulletin the last reminder for corrections on addresses, telephone numbers, occupations, and interests. We realize that most of these changes have already come in on the membership renewal sheets. But "we are a mobile society" they keep telling us, and that applies specifically to SABR. The number of address changes in one month is considerable, so get those updates to Bob at 11 Ridgewood Circle, Wilmington, Del. 19809.

TWO TEXAS TECH HISTORY PROFESSORS, Harry Jebson and Joe King, have introduced a course at the University on "Baseball: A Mirror of American Life." Some 75 students have registered and guest speakers include Brad Corbett, Tal Smith, and Kal Segrist, the TTU baseball coach. One of the graduate students is doing a thesis on Organized Baseball in West Texas. If any member has research data on the West Texas League, this information would be appreciated by Harry Jebson, Department of History, Texas Tech University, Lubbock, Texas 79409.

DAN CHALMERS IS RESEARCHING the apparent lack of O.B. players of Oriental ancestry. He finds this unusual in light of the fact that baseball is a popular and well played sport among the Japanese and Taiwanese. He is aware of the case of Masanori Murakami, but wonders if any member has information on others or the reason for the absence of Oriental players in the U.S. If so, write Dan at 244 Barrie St, #4, Kingston, Ontario K7L 3K5.

THE ELECTION OF HACK WILSON to the Hall of Fame was the cause of some excitement in Chicago on March 7. Bob Boone, co-author with Jerry Grunski of the biography entitled "Hack," was interviewed at some length on the NBC-TV outlet in Chicago about the book and about the colorful slugger himself.

WHILE IN MEXICO CITY on assignment for his company, Tom Hufford survived a major earthquake and two minor league games. He interviewed several players, including George Brunet, almost 44, who plans to pitch at least one more year after this to qualify for an 8-year Mexican League pension. He fanned 208 batters last year and is moving far up the career ladder of minor league strikeout pitchers. Brunet has married a Mexican lady and seems to be enjoying life south of the border. Baseball also seems to be thriving as the Mexican League has expanded from 16 to 20 teams. Tom has collected numerous Mexican baseball books and magazines which he will be happy to display at the annual meeting in St. Louis.

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APPROXIMATELY 80 SABR MEMBERS AND WIVES have already made reservations to attend the Annual Convention in St. Louis, which will run from Friday night, June 29 to noon on Sunday, July 1. If you haven't yet made a reservation, you should do so immediately by sending in the pink reservation form we enclosed with the April Bulletin, or calling local chairman Bill Borst (314/997-5907) or Donna Acey, the convention coordinator at the Lennox Hotel (800/325-7847).

MIKE SHANNON, BUDDY BLATTNER, AND ANDY HIGH head the list of special guests lined up for this year's SABR Convention. Shannon, a member of the 1964-67-68 Cardinal champions and now one of the club's broadcasters, will be the featured speaker at our Saturday afternoon banquet. Blattner, former player and broadcaster, and High, who played 13 seasons and later scouted 24 years for the Dodgers before retiring at age 67 in 1964, will be members of the Friday night panel. Another former player or two will round out the panel. Members are aware that Ray Blades, former Cardinal player and manager, who was mentioned as a possible speaker in an earlier Bulletin, died on May 18.

The convention will afford SABR members an opportunity to meet several other prominent personalities, including Bob Broeg, sports editor of the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, who is also a member, and J. Michael Hadley, Publisher of The Sporting News. Several others from The Sporting News staff are expected to attend at least one of the sessions. Board Chairman C.C. Johnson Spink will be out of the country.

Those attending are in for some pleasant surprises, including door prizes and other gifts. Briefly, the convention schedule is as follows: Friday evening: 6-8:30, registration and social warmup; 8:30-10:30, guest panel and baseball film; Saturday: 7:15-8:15, buffet breakfast; 8:30-12:30, business meeting; 1:30-4:30, banquet; 5:30, Cardinals-Phillies game, followed by tour of St. Louis Sports Hall of Fame; Sunday: 7:15-8:15, buffet breakfast; 8:30-12 noon, seminar and presentations. Special arrangements for the ladies include visit to Grant's Farm and shopping on Saturday morning, and visit to Gateway Arch, Museum of Western Expansion and Old Cathedral on Sunday morning.

DIRECTIONS: For those who will be driving to St. Louis, the Lennox Hotel is at Ninth and Washington and has a free elevated parking facility next door at Ninth and Lucas. Those coming from the West via I-70 or I-55 or I-44 should get off at the Sixth St. exit, proceed South on Sixth toward the heart of the city to Washington Ave, turn right (west) on Washington and continue to Ninth. Those coming from the West on I-40 should get off at 11th St. exit, follow 11th north to Washington, then right (east) and go two blocks to Ninth. Those coming from the East and South via I-70 and I-55, get off at Memorial Drive, continue to Ninth St. and turn right (north) to Washington. Don't worry; just aim for the Arch and you'll get there OK.

THE PHILADELPHIA REGIONAL MEETING on April 28 was bigger than ever. There were 46 SABR members present, some 20 former players led by Judy Johnson, Hall of Fame Negro League star, and about 30 other guests. The San Diego Padres were also staying at the Stadium Hilton and players like Gaylord Perry and Rollie Fingers added to the baseball atmosphere (the Padres later beat the Phils in a rain-delayed game). SABR member Jerome Romanowski, a Catholic priest, was on hand to give the invocation, and since he had just finished his book on The Mackmen, conducted with Burt Penn a panel discussion on the Philadelphia A's. Panels were conducted on Black baseball and the minor leagues as well. Frank Phelps announced the survey results on the all-time Philadelphia AL team (see item under Baseball Research Exchange). Kit Crissey organized and conducted the program in his usual articulate, well balanced manner.

About ten days after the Philadelphia meeting, Charlie Hargreaves, one of the former player participants, died at the Jersey Shore Medical Center in Neptune, N.J. The 82-year-old former catcher for the Dodgers and Pirates had been in fine fettle at the meeting, telling stories about his playing days, but succumbed May 9 after a brief illness. Mr. Hargreaves also participated in a panel at the national meeting in Paramus, N.J. in 1978. He appreciated the recognition he received at these meetings. Randy Linthurst represented SABR at his funeral.

A NUMBER OF SABR MEMBERS ALSO FOLLOW PRO FOOTBALL pretty closely, including Pete Palmer, Stan Grosshandler, Steve Murfin, Bob Van Atta, Vic Frolund, Bob Carrol, et. al. That is not too surprising as there was considerable cross-over between the two sports with at least 50 athletes playing both major league football and baseball. Bob Carroll is spearheading a group of football researchers aimed at establishing a group similar to SABR. If there are Society members interested in forming such an organization they should contact Bob at 12870, Route 30, N.Huntingdon, Pa. 15642.

BASEBALL RESEARCH EXCHANGE

Most of the people attending the Philadelphia Regional meeting obtained the written results of the all-time A's team. The interest is undoubtedly broader than that, however, and any other member who wants a copy of the results can obtain same by writing Frank Phelps, 253 Bernard Drive, King of Prussia, Pa. 19406.

Emil Rothe, 6847 W. Foster Ave, Chicago, Ill. 60656, will have an article in the 1979 Baseball Research Journal on the Chicago City Series between the Cubs and White Sox, 1903-42. Because of the article's length we were unable to carry Emil's statistical summary listing the players in the most series, games, having the most homers, stolen bases, etc. and pitchers with most wins, shut-outs, etc. Three pages.

Arthur Schott, 459 Jewel Street, New Orleans, La. 70124, has compiled a 5-page summary of the 1900 post-season series between the NL champion Brooklyn club and the runner-up Pittsburgh team (reminiscent of the Temple Cup series). The four box scores are shown (Brooklyn won 3-1), plus cumulative batting, fielding, and pitching statistics, and one page of narrative. Order this or any of the above items from the person offering the data.

THE APRIL BULLETIN carried a brief item about two Texas Tech faculty members introducing a course on baseball history. We said it was Joe King and Harry Jebson. Correction: it was Joe King and James Harper, the latter being another member in the Tech history department.

CODE OF BEHAVIOR FOR SABR MEMBERS

The Society for American Baseball Research (SABR) is a non-profit association of persons who wish to cooperate in the collection, organization and dissemination of information about the sport of baseball. To further these ends, each member shall understand that the rights and responsibilities of SABR membership include the following:

1. No member shall permit a SABR membership list to be used for any commercial purpose without the written permission of SABR's president or Executive Board.
2. No member shall expect to receive special treatment from another member or from the staff of any baseball club, league, library or other research facility, or any similar organization.
3. Only the president or Executive Board is entitled to be a spokesman for SABR and only a committee chairman shall speak for his committee.
4. Members may, and in fact are encouraged to, request, but not of course demand, appropriate assistance in their research projects from other SABR members. A request shall include a description of the project and any publication plans and indicate how the material requested will be helpful or is to be used.
5. Unpublished research projects, i.e., efforts involving a significant extension of existing knowledge, shall be made readily available to other interested SABR members, unless proprietary rights would thereby be violated. Another researcher who wishes to use these results in a subsequent publication must obtain permission from their originator (owner). The originator shall also be allowed to review the use and citation of his material in any publication plans and indicate how the material will be helpful or is to be used.
6. Published research results, when copyrighted, are by law the property of the holder of the copyright. Ordinarily these may be cited freely by any subsequent researcher, within broad leeway, provided that their source is clearly indicated.
7. Publicly owned research materials, such as library books or magazines, or materials borrowed from another person or source should be treated with more care than one's own library and should be returned promptly.
8. Interviews, oral or written, constitute new raw material for research, and it is the researcher's responsibility to report accurately both the facts and the intent of the interviewee. The interviewee should be fully informed of any publication plans.

Failure to comply with these standards risks public censure by SABR and/or expulsion from SABR membership, as provided by the Society's constitution.

Ethics Committee of SABR
Richard Cramer, Chairman

THE 1979 MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY, compiled by Bob McConnell, is now being typed in final. It will be distributed at the National Convention in St. Louis and will be mailed to the remaining membership as soon as possible thereafter. On the other hand, the chances of getting the Research Journal run off by the end of June are not so good. Much of it has been typeset, but it will be the largest ever, and there still is much to do in connection with proofing, pictures, layout. And then the printer insists on 10 days for reproduction.

THE SECOND SABR PUBLICATION for 1979 will be a one subject historical study on hitting by pitchers. It will probably run no more than 40-50 pages and will deal primarily with the best game, season, and career batting performances by pitchers. It will include, for example, all the pinch hit homers, the grand slam homers, the two-homer game performances, the five-hit games, the batting percentage leaders each season (Steve Carlton led in 1977 and 1978), and a large collection of special records (all the AL hurlers who batted since the DH came in). A painstaking feature will be the separation out of the batting records when the hurler played some other position. Much of this material has already been compiled and shouldnt take long to put together after we get the Journal out. If members have pertinent data which they feel will enhance the second publication, please get that information in shortly to the editor at 4424 Chesapeake St. NW, Washington, D.C. 20016.

CONSIDERATION IS BEING GIVEN TO STARTING A SABR Quarterly Magazine. A proposal was made by Irv Matus of New York to the Executive Board at their meeting on April 28. The magazine would include feature articles, research items, letters and other matters to give our membership an opportunity to be heard on a variety of baseball topics. We would like to hear from all members who would be interested in contributing to a SABR quarterly. More specifically we are interested in those living in the NYC metropolitan area who could volunteer time and help with the actual production of the magazine. Production staff members would be needed for article selection and rewriting, paste-up, proofing, subscription services and indexing. If you are willing to participate in such an undertaking, please write to Irv Matus, 23 Pond Place, Babylon, NY 11702.

A CODE OF BEHAVIOR FOR SABR MEMBERS was compiled by the Ethics Committee and was reviewed by the Executive Board on April 28. It is being sent out with this Bulletin to the full membership for guidance and comment. Some may ask why such guidelines are needed. The organization has more than 800 members and basically no restrictions are placed on admission to the Society. The officers have the obligation to have the Society function smoothly, efficiently and ethically in a service organization mode. The code of behavior supports and amplifies the constitutional objectives of this non-profit organization. The code is provided for guidance, particularly for those just coming in who may be uncertain about SABR's operating standards. If any members has comments about this code, please pass them on to Dick Cramer, 1904 Mount Vernon Street, Philadelphia Pa. 19130, prior to the annual meeting.

SELECTION OF PLAYERS FOR THE ALL-STAR GAME continues to be a controversial matter. Paul Noll has researched this issue at some length and has drawn up a survey ballot for the Society which is distributed with this Bulletin. He not only wants to know who we vote for, but what our background is, our rationale, and our views on the voting process. Fill out what you can and mail your ballot in by July 5.

SABR MEMBERS USUALLY WRITE ABOUT OTHER PEOPLE, particularly old ball players. However, sometimes SABR members themselves get written about, and occasionally by other members. For example, in the May 19 issue of The Sporting News, Bill Madden writes from Terre Haute, Indiana, where he visited Indiana historian Paul Frisz, who has an outstanding collection of baseball memorabilia. In regard to Paul's contention that President Eisenhower played briefly in the minors at Junction City, Kansas, in 1911 under the name of Wilson, there are some SABRites who have difficulty accepting this if it is based solely on the picture in the guide of the 1911 team. Ike looked much younger and had more hair in his 1915 Military Academy photos than the mature looking "Wilson" did in the 1911 photo.

In the June 1 Washington Star, Fred Stein of Alexandria, Va., who recently published a book on the New York Giants of 1932-48, was featured in a column by Jack Mann, who reminisced about the old days Under Coogan's Bluff, and particularly the WWII period. We also received belatedly a copy of the Buffalo Evening News which carried a big spread on Joe Overfield, long-time resident baseball historian. Included was a large picture of Joe, superimposed on the cover of, not Time Magazine, but the Baseball Register. Wait til Johnson Spink hears about that!

BALTIMORE BROADCASTER Ted Patterson has compiled the Orioles Silver Anniversary Trivia Book. It includes in its 88 pages 180 questions and answers about the Orioles, plus separate sections on coaches, and Bird performance in All-Star, Playoff, and World Series games. Includes 57 photos, including a picture quiz. For a copy, send \$4.25 to Sports Co. Ltd., 500 Main St., Reisterstown, Md. 21136.

LEVERETT SMITH has published a 24-page booklet entitled "1946: Minor League Baseball in Rocky Mount, North Carolina." It has a forward by Joel Oppenheimer, member from New York, and includes three chapters. One is a description of the 1946 Rocks, the League champions. Two is on pitcher Bill Kennedy's fabulous year, a 28-3 won-lost record with 451 strikeouts. Three is on local Negro baseball stories, some featuring Buck Leonard. If you are interested in this booklet, send \$1 to Leverett Smith, English Department, North Carolina Wesleyan College, Rocky Mount, N.C. 27801.

ALDEN MEAD OF MINNEAPOLIS (brother of Bill Mead of Bethesda, Md.) has invented a table baseball game called Calculator Baseball System. As the name implies, it is played with an electronic calculator instead of with dice. Use of the calculator makes it possible to include many more possibilities and to have more accurate statistics on individual players than would be feasible with a dice game. It should not be confused with "Calculator Baseball," a much less detailed game also on the market. It comes with all 1978 teams, plus the eight great ones of the past: 1907 Cubs, 1911 A's, 1921 Giants, 1927 Yankees, 1929 A's, 1939 Yankees, 1942 Cardinals, and 1955 Dodgers. It may be ordered by sending \$9.95 to Big League Game Co., 321 East Superior Street, Duluth, Minn. 55802.

THERE SEEMS TO BE SOME UNCERTAINTY about the exact pitching distance used in the Players League of 1890. It wasnt 50 feet like the National League at that time. Was it 51 or 51½? Sources differ. Or did it vary among the cities of the League? Vic Meyer wishes definitive information on this subject. If any one has such documentation please write Vic at 83 Briarwood Drive East, Berkeley Heights, N.J. 07922.

RANDY LINTHURST has received a second grant from the New Jersey Historical Commission to continue his research on the Newark Bears. This will result in two more books, one of which will be coming out later this year.

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THEY SAID IT WAS THE BEST ONE YET. That was the consensus of seasoned SABR members regarding the annual convention in St. Louis June 29-July 1. It was the largest in terms of total people, about 115, but fell just a few short of the 81 members who attended the 1978 convention at Paramus, N.J. The interesting feature was the way the meeting drew from all around the country rather than just the Middle West. Why was it a good meeting? It was well organized; it was well publicized locally and we drew non-members into some of our sessions. The research presentations were well received. The hotel rates were outstanding and the location satisfactory. There were functions for the women and children. Other interesting features will become apparent from the meeting report that follows.

THE EXECUTIVE BOARD, meeting on Friday afternoon, reached agreement that the 1980 meeting would be held in Southern California probably the weekend after the All-Star game in Los Angeles (July 11-13). Since this will be a long trip for the bulk of our members, the decision was made to announce it a full year in advance. The Society in its eight-year existence has met twice in Chicago and once now in St. Louis, but never further West. In spite of the reduced numbers west of the Mississippi (and even fewer west of the Pecos), it is time for this national organization to meet on the West Coast. Details of this convention will be worked out over the next several months.

FORMER PLAYERS AT THE FRIDAY NIGHT SOCIAL included James (Cool Papa) Bell, Andy High, and Buddy Blattner. The moderator of this panel was Bob Broeg of the Post-Dispatch, a long-time baseball authority who related well to the speakers. All three former players had some choice stories about the old days but were also up on the modern era based on their various affiliations. Blattner, for example, spent many years as a broadcaster, some with Dizzy Dean, and that's a story in itself.

THE BUSINESS MEETING ON SATURDAY MORNING was opened with an invocation by Oscar Eddleton, Episcopal Minister from Richmond, Va. Cliff Kachline, the presiding officer, spoke briefly of the Society's growth and direction. An expansion of his remarks is carried on the insert page of this Bulletin. Treasurer Dick Burt stated that SABR is in "solid financial condition" with a balance on hand of more than \$14,000. He noted that the major 1979 publication costs were still upcoming, but they could be handled without any difficulty.

VICE PRESIDENT ART SCHOTT spoke of the encouraging turnout of members at regional meetings since the last annual convention. He specifically cited the meetings in Annandale, Va., Greenfield, Mass., and Philadelphia, and encouraged those present to get something going in their home areas. Art reported that he had formed a baseball historical society in New Orleans which has a dozen members and meets once a month. A minimum financial assistance plan for future regional meetings was announced.

IN REGARD TO THE CODE OF BEHAVIOR which had been circulated to the membership, Cliff Kachline briefly sketched the purpose on behalf of the Ethics Committee (Dick Cramer was not present). When it was moved to adopt this statement, several objections were voiced. One objected to the tone and content; another to its length and detail. Several members noted that they did not look unfavorably on receiving the commercial mailings generated from the SABR mailing list. The code also had its defenders, but ultimately it was moved to table the motion. It was left that those who had substantive problems with the code should communicate same to Dick Cramer with the possible aim of simplifying and shortening the statement.

IN THE PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT, Bob Davids displayed the 1979 Directory, 63 pages long, compiled by Bob McConnell, and quite an expansion over the 1972 Directory, which had 13 pages. To cope with this fast-growing compilation, an effort will be made to determine if this information can be kept on computer, with the future directories in the form of a printout. He said the 1979 Baseball Research Journal also will be larger, nearly 160 pages, and will be distributed later in the summer. The second book, on hitting by pitchers, will be out in the fall. Next year's second book ideas include the best articles from the first three Journals to go into one large publication, and a book on the Negro Leagues. Bob also commented on the various members who are publishing their own books, an encouraging sign.

REPORTING ON MINOR LEAGUE ACTIVITIES, Robert Hoie said that the averages of 106 leagues not published in the guides have been located or compiled by committee members, with work on an additional 6-8 leagues now in progress. Career player records continue to be prepared, as well as manager records, to be included in a second volume of Minor League Stars. The popularity of the first volume, which was quickly sold out, and the accumulation of additional player data has led to the decision to go to a second volume. Work is continuing on compiling a complete list of pro leagues with matrix standings, managers, attendance, etc. Unknown leagues are still being found, so this work is far from complete. Jerry Jackson's new microfilm directory is nearly complete and will probably be made available through the Research Exchange at a slight charge to help defray the cost of printing and mailing the 40-page document.

THE BIOGRAPHICAL RESEARCH COMMITTEE REPORT was made by Joe Simenic, who said that demographic information has been obtained for 592 players in the past year. Of the total of 11,827 players who have appeared in at least one major league game, information is still needed for 2933. For example, no death date is available for 614 pre-1900 players; 101 are lacking first names. Cliff noted that the new Macmillan Encyclopedia does not include the new demographic data which has been developed. Only Pete Palmer (for Barnes) and David Neft have arranged to purchase this information from SABR. Eddie Gold noted that Richard Topp and John Tattersall (and possibly others) are working on a different type of baseball encyclopedia, the exact status of which was unknown.

SABR PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT

The recent annual convention in St. Louis certainly demonstrated SABR's vitality and growth. Details of the meetings are reported elsewhere in this issue; nevertheless, it would seem pertinent to make two points: (1) The participation -- as differentiated from mere presence -- of SABR members at the annual meetings is increasing markedly, and (2) As a college professor who was attending his first national convention observed, there is "a spirit of comradeship among SABR members that is most delightful -- unlike the attitude that prevails in professional meetings."

A year ago at Paramus the convention schedule was expanded by adding a Sunday morning seminar. So well received were the speakers that it was decided to repeat the idea. This year 13 members made presentations. More importantly, nearly everyone attending the convention sat in on the program, and many joined in the question-and-answer periods. Had there been a request to rank the talks, most doubtless would have earned excellent ratings, with a few probably in the "super" category.

Media exposure given SABR during the St. Louis meetings and the subsequent column by Johnson Spink in *The Sporting News* (July 28 issue) combined to attract a sizeable number of applicants. As a result, membership has shot up from the 836 when the Directory was printed to more than 900.

The organization's growth -- from the 16 "founding" members in 1971 to 150 in 1973 to 350 in 1976 and now more than 900 -- has both its good and bad aspects. One veteran SABRite, whose professional expertise includes the study of progressions, predicted during the convention that, on the basis of past experience, membership could climb from the then 800+ to 8,000 by the mid-1980s.

As he pointed out, past growth already has made for less intimacy and has included a considerable rise in "consumer" members -- those interested primarily in obtaining SABR publications rather than in research itself. Increased membership also has magnified other "problem" areas. All of which poses the question: Should we establish qualifications for membership?

On the other hand, some feel the larger membership can mean wider exposure and a broadening of horizons for individual members, particularly those attending the annual conventions. It likewise means added income with which to solve some of the problems.

To this end, the Executive Board recently made a study of SABR finances and drew up a budget. It appears we are now in a position where funds are available to hire out some of the mundane, burdensome chores (such as physically handling the mailing of publications, compiling the Membership Directory, etc.) that currently are being performed by members essentially on a voluntary basis.

In addition, the Board has concluded that SABR can finance another publication -- possibly a quarterly such as that proposed by Irv Matus a few months back. While the response received by Irv for help on the project was less than encouraging, several recent developments nevertheless reinforce the hope that a venture of this type may be possible by early 1980. Many loose ends remain to be tied together before the publication can become a reality, but hopefully progress can be reported in the next Bulletin.

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Meanwhile, anyone willing to participate in any phase of such a production -- from supplying ideas to writing for the quarterly to editing to proof-reading -- should contact one of the officers. With a membership that embraces approximately 100 present and former writers, more than 70 college professors, and several dozens from other professional fields, SABR should have no difficulty in developing enough good copy to fill another regularly scheduled publication.

In summary, it would seem that the Society has established a solid foundation and has the tools to do an even bigger and better job than has been accomplished to date.

-- Cliff Kachline

ATTENDANCE REPORT ON ST. LOUIS MEETING

There follows a list of the names and home states of the 78 members who attended the Society's National Convention in St. Louis June 29 to July 1. Also shown is the number of annual meetings each member has attended since the Society was organized at Cooperstown, N.Y. on August 10, 1971.

Arthur Ahrens, Ill.	4	S. Grosshandler, NC	7	Daniel Moy, Ill.	1
Damian Begley, NY	3	Bill Gustafson, Cal.	3	Bob Muhlback, Va.	6
Leslie Boone, Mo.	4	Scott Hall, Minn.	1	Gene Murdock, WVa.	7
Bill Borst, Mo.	2	James Harper, Texas	1	Bert Nyman, Iowa	1
Edgar Braun, Ind.	1	Charles Harville NC	1	John Neff, Va.	1
Bob Broeg, Mo.	1	Byron Herbert, Mo.	1	Charles Owens, Ind.	1
Richard Burttt, Pa.	4	George Hines, Ill.	2	John Pardon, NY	5
William Carle, Mo.	1	Robert Hoie, Cal.	2	Noel Perry, Ind.	1
Craig Carter, Mo.	3	John Holway, Va.	7	Frank Phelps, Pa.	5
Barry Codell, Ill.	1	Tom Hufford, Ga.	7	David Porter, Iowa	1
Ron Coons, Ky.	1	Bill Hugo, Ohio	3	Glenn Robinson, Md.	1
Arthur Craig, Mass.	7	Bill James, Kan.	2	Emil Rothe, Ill.	5
Bob Davids, DC	9	Cliff Kachline, NY	9	Milton Riske, Wyo.	1
Harold Dellinger, Mo.	1	Leon. Karabell, Pa.	2	Arthur Schott, La.	4
Ted DiTullio, Ill.	3	Gene Karst, Mo.	1	Mike Shannon, Mo.	1
Paul Doherty, Mass.	5	Jack Kavanagh, RI	4	D. Shoebtham, Mo.	1
Bob DuVall, Ind.	1	Dan Keller, Calif.	2	Joe Simenic, Ohio	4
John Duxbury, Mo.	1	Tom Knight, NY	1	Al Spencer, Mo.	1
Oscar Eddleton, Va.	1	Chris Landels, Nev.	1	Allen Tait, Ont.	1
Ralph Fink, Pa.	3	Fred Lenger, Mich.	1	Tony Tortorici, La.	1
Ron Gabriel, Md.	6	Ron Liebman, NY	7	Geo. Wanhainen, Ind.	1
Cappy Gagnon, Va.	1	Vern Luse, Texas	2	Edsel Ward, Colo.	1
Larry Gerlach, Utah	1	Bob McConnell, Del.	8	Tweed Webb, Mo.	1
Eddie Gold, Ill.	3	Alden Mead, Minn.	1	Ed Williams, Okla.	1
Ray Gonzalez, NY	8	Vic Meyer, NJ	5	Richard Wise, Mo.	1
Paul Greenwell, La.	1	Bill Mortell, Md.	2	Tom Zocco, Conn.	6

There was coast-to-coast representation with members attending from thirty States and Ontario. There were 13 from Missouri, including three who signed up at the convention. Forty members were attending their first annual convention. Those coming the longest distance were the three Californians -- Bill Gustafson, Bob Hoie, and Dan Keller.

JOHN HOLWAY AND TWEED WEBB reported on Negro League activities, with Tweed describing the St. Louis role in Black Baseball. Both called for more action by the Veterans Committee in voting Blacks into the Hall of Fame, Rube Foster and Smoky Joe Williams being two prime candidates. In the research area, Merl Kleinknecht has compiled composite averages for the Black World Series and All Star games for inclusion in the planned SABR publication.

IN THE ABSENCE OF COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES, Cliff summed up the work of the Baseball Records Committee, siting the progress on inside the park home runs; and the Statistical Analysis Committee, which is developing new systems to reflect player performance.

OFFICERS ELECTED FOR THE 1979-80 TERM included: Cliff Kachline, re-elected President; Bill Gustafson of San Jose, Calif., elected Vice President; Bob Hoie of San Marino, Calif., re-elected Secretary; and Frank Phelps, King of Prussia, Pa., elected Treasurer. John Pardon of New York was named to a 4-year term on the Board of Directors, replacing Dick Cramer.

AT THE SATURDAY AFTERNOON BANQUET, Mike Shannon, former Cardinal player and now one of the club's broadcasters, was the featured speaker. He spoke of the illness that ended his playing career, his efforts as a substitute catcher in 1965, his play in three World Series, and other interesting topics. He also fielded some awkward but pertinent questions (high salaries, players who dont talk to the media, etc.) in a professional manner.

WE WALKED FROM THE LENNOX HOTEL TO BUSCH STADIUM and enjoyed a twilight single-header between the Cardinals and Phils. The Cards seemed to have the game wrapped up until Del Unser hit a pinch homer to tie it up. The Phils went on to win and Danny Ozark hung on to his job. Directly after the game we had a tour of the Sports Hall of Fame, which is part of the park complex. It has some very interesting displays that highlight the city's colorful baseball history.

THE SUNDAY MORNING SEMINAR included 13 speakers over a three-hour period. They included:



James Harper, Experiences with baseball course at Texas Tech
Cappy Gagnon, Notre Dame men who played in the majors
Fred Lenger, Evaluating Offensive Performances
John Holway and Cool Papa Bell, Slide show on Negro Leagues
Alden Mead, Table baseball game he invented
David Porter, Baseball and Politics
Daniel Keller, 1959 World Series revisited
Larry Gerlach, Umpire Ernie Stewart: Scapegoat or Organizer
Tom Hufford, Slide show of Mexican League baseball
Barry Codell, the Base-Out Percentage
Ted DiTullio, Al Gionfriddo's 1947 World Series catch
Ron Liebman, Hall of Fame Selections and Restrictions
Vic Meyer, Hall of Fame Minimum Performance Standards

GRATEFUL THANKS go to the convention organizers and helpers: Chairman Bill Borst, Bob Broeg, Craig Carter, John Duxbury, Dave Shoebbotham, and Tweed Webb. Among the complimentary items donated to each attendee, thanks to Johnson Spink and Seymour Siwoff, were copies of The Sporting News and Who's Who in Baseball.

EDDIE FUNK, 61, died of a heart attack in Bradford County, Pa., July 5. A SABR member since 1977, he had been plagued by heart trouble and lymphatic cancer in recent years. After a brilliant high school pitching stint (witnessed by fellow student Cliff Kachline) at Quakertown, Pa., he hurled good ball in the Eastern Shore League in 1940. He was promoted to Rochester in 1941, but went into military service before the season began. Eddie pitched for one of the great service teams, the Seventh Army Air Force at Hickam Field, Oahu, where he played alongside such stars as Joe DiMaggio, Joe Gordon, and a host of others. He participated in the 1944 Army-Navy World Series, but his most publicized game was a 1-0 loss to Walt Masterson of the Pearl Harbor Submarine Base in 1943. A back injury late in the war prevented him from continuing his O.B. career. Members attending the Columbus convention in 1977 may recall that he pitched briefly in the oldtimers game there.

THE SABR CONSTITUTION and the draft Code of Behavior served as models for the Professional Football Researchers Association (PFRA) which was organized in Canton, Ohio on June 22. A number of SABR members have joined the group. This mention of football research serves as a reminder that Cappy Gagnon, our authority on Notre Damers in the majors, has come up with another name for the baseball-football double-duty sweepstakes. He is Tom Whelan, who played BB with the Boston Braves (1 game) in 1920 and that same year played FB with Canton. In 1921 he was with the Cleveland (football) Indians.

A NUMBER OF MEMBERS have asked about Bob Broeg's column in The Sporting News. This has been a very interesting feature for historians and researchers, and Bob has done a great deal to publicize the work of the Society. Unfortunately, the TSN Management made the decision to discontinue the column. We regret that action. Bob had suffered an illness early this year and still is not in tip-top shape. He did a great job at the convention, however.

PICTURES OF ALL CHICAGO NL PLAYERS SINCE 1876 — that is the hobby of Clarence (Lefty) Blasco. He has all but one, a guy named Pierre (Pete) Lamar who got in two games for the Cubs in 1902. Lamar was born in 1874 in Hoboken, N.J. and died in Brooklyn on October 24, 1931. Lefty would be right happy to get a pictorial lead on Lamar and will provide appropriate compensation for some type of photo. Lefty is located at 14949 Blythe St, Van Nuys, Calif. 91402.

GEORGE FRENCH has helped organize a Senior Citizens Softball League in Los Angeles. George, 67, a former semipro baseball first baseman, just got the thing started when he broke his foot in practice. After six weeks with a cast, he is back in the game. If any one in the L.A. area is interested and can qualify, contact George. You really should be 60. However, if there is some one in his late 50s who shows some promise, he might get to play.

COMING UP NEXT ISSUE: Committee assignments for the coming year. If any one wants to be considered for a particular committee assignment, please get in touch with Cliff Kachline, SABR, P.O. Box 323, Cooperstown, N.Y. 13326.

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MEMBERSHIP WENT OVER THE 1000-MARK in late September and keeps climbing. The rapid increase -- it was 836 in late June -- results primarily from the editorial in The Sporting News in mid-July and the article in Sports Illustrated in early September. The real test now is whether we can provide enough information and activities to keep that many people interested. We have already felt the strain of compiling a membership directory, of maintaining an updated mailing list, and doing the actual distribution for a large body of mobile citizens. We have run out of membership cards and back copies of the 1979 Bulletins. We have reprinted the June Bulletin and also 200 copies of the Membership Directory. This should get us through this year.

A SUPPLEMENT TO THE 1979 DIRECTORY is included with this mailing. It carries the addresses of new members who joined from June 20 to September 6. Please insert it in the back of your Directory.

THE SIXTH ANNUAL Baltimore-Washington Regional Meeting will be held on Capitol Hill in Washington Saturday afternoon, October 27. It will be in the Rayburn House Office Building and tentative participants include Rep. Frank Horton, former head of the Rochester club and VP of the International League; and former pitchers Dick Bosman and Steve Ridzik. There will be a program. A flyer has gone out to the regional members. If others happen to be in the area or want to attend from some distance, you are welcome. Contact Bob Davids, 202/362-6889 for additional details.

THE SEMIANNUAL EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING will be held in Washington the evening of October 27, following the Regional Meeting. The Board will attempt to reach a decision on the proposed quarterly SABR publication and the specific time and place of the 1980 National Convention in the Los Angeles area. The convention matter has been tough to deal with because so far we have been unable to locate reasonably priced accommodations in that area. Of course, anything suffers by comparison with St. Louis where we paid about \$17 for a single and \$23 for a double. If there are any other pertinent matters that should be taken up, please get in touch with the President, Cliff Kachline.

THE 1979 BASEBALL RESEARCH JOURNAL was sent out by bulk mail in mid-September. If authors or other members want to obtain extra copies, they may acquire up to three at \$2 apiece. The book sells for \$5 to non-members.

PLEASE SEND IN YOUR CHANGE OF ADDRESS promptly to SABR, P.O. Box 323, Cooperstown, N.Y. 13326. Our publications go out by bulk mail or book rate and they are not forwarded if you have moved.

KIT CRISSEY will be out of the country for the next year, teaching in Greece for at least part of that time. Most likely this means there will be no annual meeting of former ball players in Philadelphia, which Kit has put together so well in the past.

William F. Battig, Professor of Psychology at the University of Colorado, died of heart failure at Boulder on July 2. He was born in Milwaukee in August 1929 and received his Ph.D. from the University of Wisconsin. He was interested in the Milwaukee Brewers and statistical analysis. One of his projects was the correlational analysis of runs scored by visiting teams and home teams by inning and game. Dr. Battig had been a member of the Society for one year.

Willard L. Stevens of Washington, D.C. died of a heart attack on August 22. He was 53 and was retired from his job as an accountant in the House of Representatives because of ill health. A native of Alabama and a WWII veteran, he attended George Washington U and the Strayer School of Accounting in Washington. He was a Senator fan and had a broad interest in baseball. Mr. Stevens had been a member for only six weeks, having joined SABR as a result of the editorial in *The Sporting News*.

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS FOR THE NEXT YEAR have been made by the President. The committee chairmen should report to the President twice a year on the activities of the group. Members not listed below who want to become more involved in specific work of the Society should contact the chairman, listed in "caps."

AUDITING: SIMONSEN, Gonzalez, O'Malley

BASEBALL RECORDS: CHIPP, Liebman, DiTullio, Laberge, Luse, Carle, Lattanzi, Orner

BIOGRAPHICAL RESEARCH: KACHLINE, Simenic, Haber, Hufford, Gustafson, Shea, Malatzky, Winnie, McConnell, MacAlister, Carter, Raja, Dubbs.

EDITORIAL BOARD: DAVIDS, Kermisch, Obojski, Rothe, James, Jozwik, Selzer, Dubbs, O'Connor.

MINOR LEAGUES: HOIE, Jackson, Pardon, Luse, Nemec, Brooks, Selko, Raja.

NEGRO LEAGUES: HOLWAY, Kleinknecht, Malarcher, Webb, Doherty

NOMINATING: McCONNELL, Grosshandler, Murdock, Meyer, Schott

PUBLIC RELATIONS: GUSTAFSON, Grosshandler, Hugo, Harper, Harville, Bortstein, B. Herbert

STATISTICAL ANALYSIS: PALMER, Cramer, Schwartz, D. Smith, Carle, Trueman, Savage, Meyer, D. Adams, Pankin, James.

DONALD GROPMAN'S BIOGRAPHY OF JOE JACKSON, entitled "Say It Aint So, Joe!" has been published by Little, Brown, and sells for \$9.95 in your local bookstore. The book, recently reviewed in *Sports Illustrated*, contains sympathetic treatment for the Black Sox hitter who had a lifetime bat mark of .356.

JIM BREADY HAS PUBLISHED his third edition of The Home Team, the full history of the Baltimore Orioles. This is their 25th anniversary in the modern era, 1954-79, but Jim also includes the history of the International League team, the AL club of 1901-02, and the "Old" Orioles of the 19th century. There are pictures on almost all of the 112 large-size pages. Very interesting. Copies can be obtained from the Public Relations Department, The Orioles, Memorial Stadium, Baltimore, Md. 21218. It is \$5 softbound and \$10 hardbound.

THERE WAS AT LEAST ONE SABR MEMBER at the funeral of Yankee catcher Thurman Munson. Dick Schrader teaches at Boston College but was back in his home town of Canton, Ohio, when the tragedy occurred.

THE BILL SCHROEDER BASEBALL SAFARI was successfully completed on September 6. Instead of going around the world in 80 days, Bill and several adventuresome colleagues decided to watch all 26 major league teams in action in 14 days. They started in San Diego on August 24 and a dozen more stops around the country were made when they wound up in Anaheim on September 6. The group really had to hustle to get all the games in. Bill, who admits to being at least 75 years old, outlines this remarkable travelogue with box scores and interesting narrative. The report is available to those interested. Send a request to W.R. Bill Schroeder, Citizens Saving Athletic Foundation, 9800 S. Sepulveda Blvd, Los Angeles, Calif. 90045. Ask for the Baseball Safari report.

SABR MEMBERS FEATURED in newspaper articles recently included Tom Eckel in the Charleston, W.Va. Daily Mail, and Ron Gabriel in the Washington Star. Tom's article was in regard to his detailed statistical work for the Charleston Charlies (the type of outs batters made -- grounders, flies -- to what field, against what type of pitching, etc. Ron's was a nostalgia piece about his loyalty to the old Brooklyn Dodgers, which is reflected in the Ebbets Field seats he has in his home and the Brooklyn cap he wears at annual conventions.

COULD A TEAM OF MAJOR LEAGUERS FROM NOTRE DAME beat an all-time team from another university. Cappy Gagnon, who has identified 61 major league players past and present who attended Notre Dame, is issuing a challenge to any other university all-star team. (You may suspect Cappy of wanting to do this now, before the USC players get any more longevity.) Certainly the Fighting Irish could take the University of Illinois team identified in the June 1975 SABR Bulletin. We'll carry them below for comparison. Are there any challengers?

<u>Illinois</u>	<u>Pos.</u>	<u>Notre Dame</u>
Jake Stahl	1B	Cap Anson
Herb Plews	2B	George Cutshaw
Ed Spezio	3B	Billy Sullivan Jr.
Lou Boudreau	SS	Tillie Shafer
Wally Roettger	LF	Carl Yastrzemski
Hoot Evers	CF	Cy Williams
Don Lenhardt	RF	Red Murray
Tom Haller	C	Doc Powers
Ken Holtzman	P	Ed Reulbach

NEW MEMBER JOHN McCLAIN, 274 West Main Road, Portsmouth, R.I. 02871, is researching players with 100 RBIs in a season, split between two clubs. He has Goose Goslin, Senators-Browns, 1931; Chuck Klein, Cubs-Phils, 1936; Gus Zernial, W.Sox-A's, 1951; and Ralph Kiner, Pirates-Cubs, 1953, but he could use some help finding the others.

SCOTT BONGIE, P.O. Box 694, Iowa City, Iowa 52240, wants to know if any one has tabulated Babe Ruth's sacrifice bunts and sacrifice flies. He also is compiling a list of players who have both pitched and caught in the majors since 1900. Fred Mitchell was the most active at both ends of the battery, pitching 97 games and catching 68. Mike Ryba might be next in line. Then there was Jimmy Foxx and Bill Harman. The latter caught in one game of a twinbill and pitched in the other while with the 1941 Phils. If anyone has compiled such a list, Scott would be interested in comparing notes.

FORMER PHILLIE BROADCASTER GENE KELLY, who made an interesting slide presentation at the Philadelphia Annual Convention in 1974, died September 18. He was 60.

SOME UNUSUAL AND INTERESTING HAPPENINGS IN THE MAJORS IN 1979

1. George Brett hitting 20 triples and Garry Templeton 19, the highest totals in many years. Templeton leading for the third time in a row, a new NL mark. Brett having 20 or more doubles, triples, and home runs.
2. Templeton collecting 100 hits batting right and 111 batting left, a very unusual balance and a new major league record.
3. Brothers Phil and Joe Niekro the only 20-game winners in the NL. Phil sharing the lead in wins (21), and also leading in losses (20) the same season. It hasn't happened before in the majors in this century.
4. Darold Knowles setting a new career record for games pitched by a lefthander with 763. He passed Warren Spahn at 750.
5. The Milwaukee Brewers not being shut out all season until the last game when Jerry Koosman did it. It was the latter's 20th victory for the Twins, giving him 20-victory seasons in both leagues (Mets, 1976). Tommy John of the Yanks also became a 20-game winner in each league (Dodgers 1977).
6. Pete Rose playing the full schedule of games at age 38 and at first base. He previously had played the full schedule as a second baseman, third baseman, and as an outfielder. This is the sixth season Rose has played all games.
7. Frank Taveras missing a game on September 23 but still playing in 164, a record for a two-team performer. How could this happen? When Taveras was traded from the Pirates in mid-season to the Mets, the New Yorkers had played three fewer games of their schedule.
8. Darrell Porter of the Royals going over the 100-mark in walks, runs scored, and runs batted in, and hitting ten triples, all very unusual for a catcher.
9. Willie Wilson of the Royals hitting five inside the park homers, probably the most in a season since Kiki Cuyler hit eight with the Pirates in 1925.
10. Wilson stealing 83 bases to edge Ron LeFlore of the Tigers for the AL crown. LeFlore's runner-up total of 78 is the highest in this century.
11. Gorman Thomas of Milwaukee achieving the highest level of home runs in both the majors and minors. He hit 45 for the Brewers this year and 51 for Sacramento in the Pacific Coast League in 1974. Previously the record was 43 for Ted Williams with the Red Sox in 1949 and the same number for Minneapolis of the American Association in 1938.

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SABR BRINGS RESEARCHERS WITH SIMILAR INTERESTS TOGETHER. Len Fiorito of Seattle and Rich Marazzi of Ansonia, Conn. had been corresponding about a project of mutual interest for two years. Finally, this past summer Len crossed the country to visit Rich and was a guest on his weekly TV sports show where they discussed baseball of the 1950s. They also saw games at Yankee Stadium and at Shea, and visited Cooperstown together. Next year Rich and his family plan to visit Seattle.

GREAT HITTING PITCHERS, the second SABR publication for 1979, is reaching the stage of preparation where we are wondering whose picture to put on the cover. Should it be Guy Hecker, Jack Stivetts, Doc Crandall, George Uhle, Red Lucas, Red Ruffing, Wes Ferrell, or Don Newcombe? Did I hear some one say Bob Buhl? Of course it depends somewhat on what photos are available. We probably should have had a SABR survey on this subject, but because we have had so many insert pages with our Bulletin mailings this year, we haven't been able to work it in. If any one has strong feelings about this, don't hesitate to drop a note to the editor.

The SABR Bulletin

NEWSLETTER OF THE SOCIETY FOR AMERICAN BASEBALL RESEARCH

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THE EXECUTIVE BOARD MET IN WASHINGTON october 27 to deal with some 20 agenda items. Many were administrative matters of little interest to the membership, but some can be reported here along with other happenings of the last 8 weeks.

THE DATES OF JULY 11-13 have been set for the 1980 National SABR Convention in the Los Angeles-Anaheim area. The specific place has not yet been pinned down. It has been very difficult to find a good meeting place with reasonable hotel rates. The most likely choices include one very close to the LA airport and another in the Anaheim area, close to Disneyland and the California Angels' park. The Angels will be playing at home that weekend. We will give you more specific guidance in the next Bulletin. In the meantime, count on July 11-13.

THE SABR MINOR LEAGUE COMMITTEE has proposed an "Honor Roll" of great minor leaguers to be established as part of a permanent minor league display at the National Hall of Fame in Cooperstown. Those honored would not be members of the Hall of Fame, but would be presented plaques or scrolls on HoF Day and have their names listed (similar to the Spink and Frick Awards). The proposal, too detailed to be spelled out here, is now being reviewed by the Executive Board, which will make a decision about sending it to the Hall of Fame for their consideration.

COMPUTERIZATION OF THE MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY is being investigated as a more convenient way to handle the large volume of member information. Although there would be considerable first year expense, this ought to balance out in subsequent years. The Board also has given John Pardon the go-ahead to expand the introductory part of the Directory to include the Society's goals and purposes, constitution, code of behavior, history, past officers and directors, demographics, geography, etc.

THE CODE OF BEHAVIOR for members of the Society is being redrafted to modify the code's language, shorten it, and put it in more positive terms. In the absence of the code, some members are using the Membership Directory as a mailing list for distributing flyers for commercial purposes. Some of this activity may be perfectly acceptable, particularly if it deals with baseball research, but it is important that you first request permission from the President, Cliff Kachline, who can be reached at SABR, P.O. Box 323, Cooperstown, N.Y. 13326.

NO DECISION HAS BEEN MADE on the proposed quarterly SABR publication. The several proposals suggest different formats and the officers are trying to come to some consensus about the appearance and the contents of such a publication.

AUDITING COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN ERIC SIMONSEN, a former SABR Treasurer, performed an audit of the Society's finances in early October and circulated copies of his work papers to members of the committee. Eric made several recommendations which are being reviewed by the Executive Board.

MINOR LEAGUE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN BOB HOIE reported mailing letters in October to 71 members who listed the minor leagues among their interests but had not been in contact with his committee. Replies were received from about 30 percent and the way was opened for greater activity by this committee in minor league research. Other committees might consider this approach if they haven't already.

THE RAYBURN HOUSE OFFICE HEARING ROOM was packed on October 27 to hear the testimony of Steve Ridzik, Boze Berger, and Walt Huntzinger. No, this wasn't on the energy crisis or SALT II. It dealt with such things as Ridzik breaking in with the Whiz Kids in 1950; with Berger's views on child labor laws (Bob Feller breaking in as a 17-year-old phenom in 1936); and Huntzinger's salary with John McGraw's Giants in 1924. This was part of the sixth annual Baltimore/Washington Regional Meeting held this year on Capitol Hill. There were 51 members there from nine States, including Ron Toya from New Mexico and Paul Doherty from Massachusetts, and more than 20 guests. Kit Crissey moderated the panel of former players. Cliff Kachline spoke and provided a film from the Hall of Fame. Bob Davids talked about major league players who served in Congress; Jim Bostain spoke on extra-base hitting of past and present stars; Bob Kingsley on home run potential of present ball parks; and Bill Meaded provided humorous sidelights from his book interviews of former stars.

A REGIONAL MEETING IN TORONTO is planned for the summer of 1980. Bill Humber, who heads the Baseball Studies Group at Seneca College in suburban Toronto, and who has a built-in constituency, met with fellow SABR members in Toronto on December 1 to go over some of the plans. Actually the group is looking beyond the Regional Meeting in 1980 to the possibility of hosting a National SABR Convention in Toronto in the summer of 1981.

BASEBALL RESEARCH EXCHANGE

JOHN McCLAIN, 274 West Main Road, Portsmouth, R.I. 02871, has a two-page list of all major league pitchers who had a career won-lost percentage of 1.000 since 1900. There is one hurler who was 4-0, nine who were 3-0, etc. Hey, there is the name of Jimmie Foxx, who was 1-0 in ten mound appearances!

JAMIE SELKO, 2256-4 Patterson St, Eugene, Ore. 97405, has compiled a list of all those players who both caught and pitched in the majors since 1876. Hey, there's the name of Jimmie Foxx, who caught in 109 games and pitched in 10!

ART SCHOTT, 459 Jewel St, New Orleans, La. 70124, has the box score and narrative account of the last baseball game played by Lou Gehrig. It was a Yankee exhibition game with the farm club at Kansas City on June 12, 1939. This was six weeks after Lou left the regular lineup. Some interesting names in that box score (No, Jimmie Foxx did not appear). On the flip side of that page, Art carries the box score and account of the last unassisted triple play -- Ron Hansen with the Senators in Cleveland, July 30, 1968.

If any members are interested in any of these research items, they may request same from the donor above. SABR will pay reproduction and mailing costs for those who are making these items available.

SOCIETY FOR AMERICAN BASEBALL RESEARCH

SABR SURVEY OF BEST FIELDERS, 1970-79

In 1972 when the Society was very young, the best fielders for each position were selected for each decade since 1900. Since we are now at the end of the 1970s, it is time once again to focus on an often neglected side of baseball and select the defensive standouts of the last decade. The rules laid down for the 1970-79 selections are basically the same as we used before. A candidate must have played at least six years of the decade to be eligible. If he played in both leagues, he should have at least five seasons in one circuit. To give you the right historical bearings, we run below the 1960-69 defensive selections in each league.

<u>AL</u>	1960-69	POS	1960-69	<u>NL</u>
Vic Power		1B	Bill White	
Bob Richardson		2B	Bill Mazeroski	
Brooks Robinson		3B	Ron Santo	
Luis Aparicio		SS	Maury Wills	
Al Kaline		OF	Roberto Clemente	
Carl Yastrzemski		OF	Willie Mays	
Jim Landis		OF	Curt Flood	
Bill Freehan		C	John Edwards	
Jim Kaat		P	Bob Gibson	

- AL
- First Base
George Scott
Jim Spencer
- Second Base
Bobby Grich
Frank White
- Third Base
Graig Nettles
Br. Robinson
A. Rodriguez
- Shortstop
Mark Belanger
Ed Brinkman
Rick Burleson
- Outfield
Ken Berry
Paul Blair
Dwight Evans
Fred Lynn
Amos Otis
Joe Rudi
Mickey Stanley
C.Yastrzemski
- Catcher
Carlton Fisk
Thur. Munson
Jim Sundberg
- Pitcher
Jim Kaat
Jim Palmer

We toyed with the idea of being specific about outfield positions, but finally decided to continue selection of three gardeners without designation. Names of some fielders are supplied in the margins, based primarily on Gold Glove awards. But you are encouraged to consider other players in reaching a decision, and that decision should be based on the player's total fielding performance during the decade, not just the last few years. Please use the same format as above.

<u>AL</u>	1970-79	POS	1970-79	<u>NL</u>
_____		1B	_____	
_____		2B	_____	
_____		3B	_____	
_____		SS	_____	
_____		OF	_____	
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_____		P	_____	

- NL
- First Base
Steve Garvey
K. Hernandez
W. Montanez
- Second Base
Tommy Helms
Joe Morgan
Manny Trillo
- Third Base
Doug Rader
Ken Reitz
Mike Schmidt
- Shortstop
Larry Bowa
D. Concepcion
Bud Harrelson
Roger Metzger
- Outfield
Bobby Bonds
Cesar Cedeno
Willie Davis
Cesar Geronimo
Garry Maddox
Dave Parker
Dave Winfield
- Catcher
Johnny Bench
Bob Boone
Ted Simmons
Steve Yeager
- Pitcher
Bob Gibson
Phil Niekro
A. Messersmith

MY NAME _____ DATE _____

RETURN THIS BALLOT TO: Edward Winkler
1508 N. Greenbrier St.
Arlington, Va. 22205

A 1980 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM is enclosed. We are now officially on a calendar year basis and would like to sign you up for another season. We hope to have a second publication in 1980 and the present plan is to publish the best of the first three annual Research Journals, which have been out of print for several years. We will mix in some surveys and will promote regional meetings in the East as the National Convention moves to the West Coast for the first time. So, send in your renewal form with a check for \$15 (in U.S. funds) and we not only will launch a new year but a new decade.

GREAT HITTING PITCHERS, the second SABR publication promised for this year, has been typeset and the galleys have been proofed. It now goes to page proofs and review with the pictures, etc. Then to the printer where it will be reproduced and then to a bulk mailer we have arranged to handle distribution. These things do not move so rapidly in the Holiday Season, but 1979 members are assured that they will receive this publication, even though it may not reach you until mid-January.

ARTICLES FOR THE 1980 BASEBALL RESEARCH JOURNAL are now being received by the editor, Bob Davids, 4424 Chesapeake St. NW, Washington, D.C. 20016. If you have some new and interesting material, based on original research, send it in for review by the editorial board. As indicated by the 1979 Journal, a wide range of articles are included. Type your article double-spaced and try to keep it under ten pages. If you have an idea for an article not yet written, bounce it off the editor and he will give you some response.

One theme we are considering for the 1980 Journal is post-playing careers. We would cite former major league players who have gone into certain non-baseball fields and then highlight one in each category who made a name for himself. The categories would be politics (what else in an election year?), education, industry, medicine, science, law, religion, literature, music, show business, military, etc. We are a little weak in certain areas like literature (too bad Zane Grey didnt make it to the majors), music (too bad Eddie Basinski didnt continue playing the violin), and science (too bad we havent found a solid candidate yet). We are avoiding the baseball related fields such as sports writing and broadcasting and are considering only those former players who went into the main-stream occupations. If any one has any good ideas or information along these lines, let the editor know.

ENCLOSED IS A SABR SURVEY BALLOT to select the best fielders by position for the period 1970-79. The ballot provides the background for this survey and the necessary guidelines. If you have an appreciation for the role defense plays in baseball, take time to fill out and return the ballot.

STAN GROSSHANDLER is again coordinating article submissions to the American and National League ball clubs for their programs. These were very popular items in the 1979 scorecards. If various members again want to submit appropriate and interesting material for this service, they should get in touch with Stan at 4905 Richland Drive, Raleigh, N.C. 27612. He has to get the material in to the clubs by mid-January so there is not much time left.

STEVEN LAVOIE is beginning to collect information for a history of the Oakland A's (since he feels the last chapter is now unfolding). He would like anyone with suggestions on resource materials to contact him at 1405 Mariposa St, San Francisco, Calif. 94107.

BOOKS, BOOKS, AND MORE BOOKS

BASEBALL GRAPHICS is an interesting concept developed by John Davenport. He can tell a story about the 3000-hit club with lines and symbols that show where Rose, Brock and Yaz stand in comparison with earlier hitters; or the year-by-year comparison of Brock and Cobb in stolen bases; or attendance changes; team histories of the Astros and Expos, and countless other graphic presentations. In addition, he has done a pamphlet with 25 graphs covering the 1979 season. Both can be obtained by SABR members at a 20% discount. This means you can get the 1979 Sampler for \$1 and the Baseball Graphics book for \$8. You can order separately or order both for \$9 postpaid. Send your check to First Impressions, Box 9073, Madison, Wis. 53715.

THE NEWARK BEARS, THE MIDDLE YEARS, is the second book by Randy Linthurst on the great minor league team. The earlier one covered the years 1932-38; this one deals with 1939-44, a period when the Bears won a Junior World Series and two IL championships and provided the NY Yankees with a large body of talent. Randy received a grant from the New Jersey Historical Commission for his research. If you want a copy of this second book, send \$5.50 to Randy at 325 West Upper Ferry Road, #B-2, West Trenton, N.J. 08628.

EVEN THE BROWNS, Bill Mead's humorous book about baseball during WWII, put out in 1978, is being made available to SABR members at a discount. This is the original hard-cover edition, illustrated and, for members, autographed by the author. The bookstore price is \$9. Bill will send it postpaid for \$6. Order from him at 7520 Radnor Road, Bethesda, Md. 20034.

HARVEY FROMMER is offering a discount on his two books. They are "Sports Lingo: A Dictionary of the Language of Sports," which sells in bookstores for \$10, and "Sports Roots: The Story Behind Nicknames, Expressions and Terms Born in the World of Sports," which sells for \$9. Any member interested in ordering both books may have them for \$14, or \$7.50 for either one. Send a check to Dr. Frommer, 791 Oakleigh Road, North Woodmere, N.Y. 11598.

THE MACKMEN has been reprinted in hardback, and Father Jerome Romanowski, the author, reports that he can now fill orders again after running out of the original printing. The new edition is an expanded version of his history of the Philadelphia Athletics and contains more than the original 60 photos. It is in hard cover and now sells for \$7.60 postpaid. If interested, send that amount to Encomium Moriae Enterprises, 1712 South State Road, Upper Darby, Pa. 19082.

AL SIMMONS, THE BEST, is a 100-page biography of Aloysius Syzmanski (you would have changed your name, too), published by Edward Doyle, a teacher and long-time researcher in the Philadelphia area. The book, which focuses primarily on the great outfielder's years under Connie Mack, contains more than 20 pages of pictures. If you want a copy, send a check for \$4.50 to AMT, 5936 Roosevelt Blvd, Phila. Pa. 19149. Incidentally, once we had established that Mr. Doyle is a longtime Phillie fan and had already done a booklet on Chuck Klein, we asked if he could do a story on Baker Bowl. He is interested, so maybe we will finally have such an article in the 1980 Journal.

THIS IS ANOTHER REMINDER to please send in your change of address to SABR, P.O. Box 323, Cooperstown, NY 13326. We have had to send a number of extra copies of the Directory and the Journal because your address was not up to date.

CONGRATULATIONS TO BOB BROEG for winning the 1979 J.G.Taylor Spink Award for journalistic achievement.