

The Bulletin

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SOCIETY AIMING HIGH, YOU HAVE CHANCE TO HELP

Testimonials to the high regard in which members hold the Society have been pouring into the SABR office in recent weeks. Many membership renewals have been accompanied by expressions of praise and confidence in the organization. Typical comments have included: "SABR is certainly one of the great bargains to be found anywhere." ... "Last year's pictorial issue of The National Pastime alone was worth the price of membership." ... "This is the best annual expenditure I make." ... "When I showed my son the many rewards of belonging to SABR, he wanted to become a member, too. I think the Society is still a well-kept secret."

The numerous laudatory comments and the suggestion that many baseball fans still do not know about SABR, coupled with the realization that an enlarged membership could enable the Society to undertake additional projects, prompted the Executive Board to conclude that a full-fledged membership drive would be appropriate.

Every member doubtless has a number of friends and acquaintances who would enjoy belonging to SABR and receiving the Society's publications. A membership can be a great gift for a parent, child, neighbor, boss, postman, doctor, barber, etc. It's an inexpensive way to solve the always-difficult problem of gift giving.

As a special incentive, each new member you recruit or pay for during the membership drive will entitle you to a reward in the form of (a) a handsome new SABR pin similar to the one shown at the right, (b) a back-issue SABR publication to help round out your collection or (c) a credit of \$2.50 toward your 1985 dues. Incidentally, the new pins will become available in mid-April. They will be offered for sale at that time for \$5, including postage and handling. But meantime you can earn the right to receive one free of charge by enrolling a new member.



The membership drive is beginning immediately and will continue through the end of May. If you are not in position to give a gift membership, you always can try to get some new prospect to pay for his or her own membership. Inform the person of the enjoyment that you personally have experienced from being a member and of the \$24 worth of four fine publications--the Baseball Research (turn to page 2)

1985 MEMBERSHIP CARD ENCLOSED

A membership card for 1985 is enclosed with this Bulletin. Be sure to check for it before discarding the envelope. Every member is receiving a card. If you are one of those who have not yet renewed, we urge you to do so immediately. Members are reminded that the membership card does not entitle the holder to any special privileges and is not to be used for such purpose.

YES, '84 PUBLICATIONS ARE COMING

Do you believe in gremlins? They seem to have taken aim at SABR's 1984 publications, causing further production delays. The Baseball Research Journal will be mailed (bulk rate) by February 18. New Volume II of Minor League Baseball Stars should be ready about March 1 and The National Pastime soon thereafter. These are all part of the 1984 membership package.

---SABR Directory---

Headquarters--P. O. Box 1010, Cooperstown, NY 13326 Phone 607-547-8728

President--Cappy Gagnon	Director (1981-85)--Frank Phelps
Vice-President--John McCormack	Director (1982-86)--Robert McConnell
Secretary--John Pardon	Director (1983-87)--Eric Simonsen
Treasurer--Joseph McGillen	Director (1984-88)--Thomas Jozwik
Executive Director--Cliff Kachline	Publications Director--John Thorn

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Journal, both the regular and pictorial issues of The National Pastime, and the new Ballparks book--that he or she will receive in addition to the bimonthly Bulletins and Membership Directory.

By signing up one or more new members, you not only will be benefitting yourself but you will also help the Society achieve its goal of having at least 7,600 members on the rolls by year's end.

Briefly, here's how the membership drive system of rewards will work:

1-The first new member you enroll during the drive will entitle you to a choice of a SABR pin, any pre-1984 SABR publication or a \$2.50 credit toward your 1986 membership renewal. (See page 10 for list of publications.)

2-For each additional new member you sign up, you are entitled to another pin, credit or publication, including any 1984 publication.

3-If you enroll three members, you can select three items or, if you prefer, a copy of Insider's Baseball, the 274-page hardcover anthology of SABR articles.

4-To qualify for the above, the person you sign up must be a new member. Inducing a 1984 member to renew will not count. And as is the case with special sales and inducements, this system of rewards cannot be applied retroactively.

5-To receive your reward, you must fill out a coupon (see page 9) and forward it along with the check and application covering the new member to: SABR, P. O. Box 1010, Cooperstown, NY 13326.

You will find two membership applications on page 9. If you need more or prefer not to cut up your Bulletin, feel free to photocopy the applications as well as the coupons. A new SABR flier also is enclosed. You will note that it contains an offer of a free copy of This Date in Baseball History. That offer is intended for new members who join on their own and is not applicable if you decide to select a SABR pin, publication or dues credit for signing up the person.

IT'S OBVIOUS that you the members have great faith in SABR. Despite the tardiness of the last three 1984 publications, renewals have been running far ahead of last year's pace. As of February 1 nearly 60 percent had sent in their dues payment for 1985. Incidentally, as is noted on page 1, the three remaining publications which 1984 members are due to receive will be in the mail shortly. We're certain you will be delighted with them and will agree the wait was worth while. At the same time you can be assured that the production problems that caused the delays have been resolved and that the four publications scheduled for 1985 will appear on time. (New 1985 members can purchase the 1984 and other back-issue publications.)

FOR THOSE who have not sent in their renewal, we urge you to do so immediately. This will avoid the added cost that is involved in followup notices. In addition, work will begin shortly on this year's Membership Directory, and those who delay renewing risk the possibility of being too late for inclusion in the Directory. If you misplaced the renewal card that was enclosed with the December Bulletin, you can use one of the applications found on page 9.

MESSAGE TO MEMBERS FROM SABR PRESIDENT

Through this letter and survey the officers and directors of SABR would like to inform the membership of some of the major issues challenging the Society and to solicit your advice to aid us in our decision making.

First, some background: Through the dedicated efforts of founder Bob Davids and other volunteers SABR grew steadily for a decade after its inception in 1971. This growth enabled us to accumulate a small surplus in the Society's treasury. Membership increased each time an article featuring SABR appeared in a major baseball publication. In 1982 and 1983 we embarked upon two new directions which substantially increased our membership: The creation of a second regular publication, The National Pastime, and the hiring of a paid executive director, Cliff Kachline.

Last year and again this year your Board authorized an ambitious publications schedule calling for four annual publications--Baseball Research Journal, both the regular and pictorial editions of The National Pastime and one other book--plus the Membership Directory and the bimonthly Bulletins.

The Society now offers a considerable array of services to members, including publications, microfilm library, research exchange, research committees, regional meetings and the annual convention.

Our current membership is in excess of 5,200. SABR has an annual income of more than \$160,000 from dues, publications sales, advertising and gifts. By the way, because the Society is recognized as a not-for-profit corporation under section 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code, donations and gifts to SABR are tax deductible to the donor.

SABR's size coupled with its continued growth has required the Board to consider alternative options to maintain our services. Quite simply we have outgrown the capacity of our one-person office. We have rejected the choices of putting a ceiling on membership or cutting back on publications.

At its January 12 meeting the Board approved the establishment of a second staff position--director of publications--and selected John Thorn to fill the role. In this less-than-fulltime position he will oversee the production of our four annual publications and also work to locate corporate sponsors to underwrite all or part of the expense of the publications. This position will enable us to place our publications on a more regular schedule.

The Board also has authorized a recruitment drive. All additional income derived from this effort will go to member services and may result in the following: 1-The purchase of additional microfilm materials for loan to members; 2-The establishment of a permanent SABR office, and 3-The publication of research monographs, etc.

As a SABR member you are being asked to participate directly in our future in two ways. First, we want your help in recruiting new members as detailed on page 1. Secondly, we want your advice on some of our future directions. You can provide this by responding to the survey that appears at the end of this letter. (We rec-

NOMINEES BEING SOUGHT FOR OFFICER/DIRECTOR POSITIONS

Want to serve on the SABR Executive Board? If so, the Nominating Committee is interested in hearing from you. The Executive Board is the Society's governing body and consists of eight members--the four officers and four directors. It meets quarterly to consider and transact SABR business. The four officers are elected annually, while the directors are named for four-year staggered terms, which means one vacancy occurs each year. The elections are held at the annual convention. Anyone wishing to be considered for a position as officer or director should immediately contact Stan Grosshandler, chairman of the Nominating Committee, at 4905 Richland Drive, Raleigh, NC 27612 (phone 919-782-6513) and supply him with a resume that can be distributed to members of the committee.

ognize that many of you dislike cutting up your copies of The Bulletin, so feel free to make a photocopy of the survey.)

As a final word, matters of philosophy are bound to produce disagreements in any organization. Your Board has had to wrestle with many such "knotty problems," including the following: 1-Should we allow advertising in The SABR Bulletin? 2-Should we sell our mailing list to commercial baseball organizations for mailings on a one-time basis? 3-Should the sale of baseball memorabilia be permitted at SABR conventions? 4-Should convention accommodations be in spartan and inexpensive college dormitories or in traditional hotels? 5-Should we recruit members aggressively, possibly attracting casual fans who drop out, or should we have slower but stable growth? 6-Should we take positions on the political issues facing baseball (designated hitter, expansion, Hall of Fame elections, etc.)?

Some of these questions have been resolved. Others are still pending. Most have caused consternation for members of the Board. We hope you appreciate that we are doing our best. We continue to value your input, and we encourage all members to consider pursuing any of the following means to work for the Society's betterment: 1-Write your president (Gagnon, not Reagan); 2-Attend regional meetings and the annual SABR convention; 3-Submit research material; 4-Offer to participate on SABR committees (newcomers are always welcome), and 5-Offer to run for a SABR office.

Thanks for your support.

(Signed) Cappy Gagnon, SABR president

---1985 SABR Membership Survey---

1-If SABR's expenses begin to exceed income, would you favor a dues increase to \$25 or \$30 or a reduction in the number of publications to three per year?
Check one: Dues increase _____ Reduction in number of publications _____

2-We are considering lifetime dues. The cost would probably be at least \$250.
Would you be interested in buying a lifetime membership? Yes _____ No _____

3-A committee is being set up to seek endowment funds through gifts and bequests. All members are urged to consider making tax-deductible gifts and bequests of research materials, books and cash to SABR. Would you be willing to assist in this effort? If so, please explain _____

4-Do you have entree to any company, foundation or individual who might consider underwriting from \$5,000 to \$15,000 of the cost of a SABR publication? If so, list such leads below. (We will arrange for a followup to include a visit by SABR officials, a presentation of past publications, a highlighted feature at the annual SABR convention, etc.) _____

5-Which alternative do you favor for establishment of a SABR office and library?
(a) In Cooperstown to take advantage of the proximity to the Hall of Fame.
(b) Other than in Cooperstown to avoid duplicating the Hall of Fame.
(c) Home city of the SABR executive director to allow flexibility in hiring.
(d) Some other specific city or region. (List location and reasons) _____

6-Preparation of the SABR Membership Directory will begin shortly. Because some members have voiced objections to being solicited for research help and to receiving mailings from commercial firms, we are offering the options indicated below. Check your preference or preferences.
(a) List my name, address, etc., as usual in the SABR Membership Directory.
(b) List my name only (no address, phone, etc.) in the Membership Directory.
(c) I do not wish to receive mailings from commercial firms; please remove my name from the mailing list when it is sold to such firms.

Send survey and comments to: Cappy Gagnon, 2798 Hacienda Dr., Duarte, CA 91010.
[Be sure to include your name.]

SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING REGIONAL MEETINGS

Pittsburgh--11 a.m., Saturday, February 9, at Point Park College
Pacific Northwest--1 p.m., Sunday, February 17, at Portland State University
Toronto--9:30 a.m., Sat., February 23, at Seneca College, 1750 Finch Av. East
Philadelphia--9 a.m., Sat., April 27, at Quality Inn Airport, 20th & Penrose
Chicago--1 p.m., Sunday, May 5, at Loyola University
New York--12 noon, Saturday, May 18, at Shea Stadium
Houston--Tentatively late April or early May

PACIFIC NORTHWEST--Jerry Staley and/or Syl Johnson are potential guests of the area's winter regional. Bill Curran will report on his new book on fielding and there will be a trivia quiz. Contact: Doug Simpson (206-392-6660).

TORONTO--Bill Humber, chairman of Continuing Education at Seneca, is again heading up arrangements. Those interested in making a presentation and/or attending should contact him at the college (416-491-5050 ext. 2518).

PHILADELPHIA--A day-long program is planned starting with a reception at 9 a.m., meeting from 10-5 with a luncheon break, and Phils-Cubs game at 7:05 p.m. Members wishing to make a 10-minute presentation should advise their topic. Guests are welcome. Price of meeting/luncheon is \$11, game tickets \$6. Make checks payable to: "SABR Baseball Reunion" and send to H. E. Crissey, Jr., 1806 Benton St. #1, Philadelphia, PA 19152. Reservation deadline April 20. If staying overnight, call Quality Inn (215-755-6500) and specify SABR for flat-rate of \$50 for a single or double. Contacts are: Crissey (215-745-8503), Al Del Rossi (215-383-5399) and Frank Phelps (215-265-1622).

CHICAGO--Roland Hemond will be featured speaker at the 1-6 p.m. spring regional set for Loyola University. Several other guests are expected. The program also will include presentations and a trivia contest. Contacts: Marge and Jon Daniels (312-266-7239) and Rich and Barbara Topp (312-736-3671).

NEW YORK--Plans for The Big Apple's second regional are now being finalized. They will include presentations, special guests, buffet dinner and the Mets-Giants game. The price of the meeting, buffet and game will be \$25. A flier with full details will be mailed to area members early in March. Contacts are: Garrett Kelleher (day 212-815-4270, night 914-357-3744) and Vince Russo (516-454-4642).

HOUSTON--Despite icy streets a dozen SABR members gathered at the Astrodome on January 31 for an organizational meeting and lunch hosted by Mike Ryan, Astros' P.R. director. A regional will be arranged to tie in with an Astros' game. Information will be sent to area members. Contact: Tony Cavender (713-522-3231).

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CONVENTION SET FOR JULY 12-14 AT HYATT REGENCY IN OAKLAND

Two significant changes are in store for those attending SABR's 1985 convention. The annual conclave, set for July 12-14, will be held in a major hotel--the Hyatt Regency in downtown Oakland, Calif.--rather than in a college campus setting as was the case the last four years. And the traditional ballpark date that has become a feature of the gatherings is being switched from Saturday to Sunday.

Tentative convention plans prepared by the Oakland committee headed by Gene Sunnen call for the annual get-together to begin at 2 p.m. on Friday, July 12, and conclude at 11:30 a.m. on Sunday. Attendees will then journey to Oakland Coliseum for an oldtimers game featuring the 1972-73-74 A's champions and the Oakland-Milwaukee contest that follows.

A special room rate of \$56.16 per night, including tax, is being offered by the Hyatt. This rate covers up to four persons in a room. Each room has two double beds, and a rollaway can be added. Those desirous of sharing a room to hold down costs are urged to check with other members. The April Bulletin will spell out final convention arrangements and will include a reservation form.

EX-PLAYERS, '34 WORLD SERIES FILM DELIGHT REGIONAL GUESTS

Two ex-major leaguers--Jackie Brandt and Jerry Cram--served as panelists together with SABR member Bill Gorman, general manager of the Omaha team, at the initial regional held in Omaha on January 12. Another former player, Bill Fischer, who is pitching coach for the Red Sox, was prevented from attending by a last-minute commitment. All three panelists told of their experiences working in the development of players for the majors. Brandt related some humorous anecdotes from his years as a player and coach, while Cram, currently Kansas City's minor league pitching instructor, described the power--or lack of same--in Bill Faul's hypnotic states and his experience of pitching between 1 and 3 a.m. in the Mets' 24-inning game. Presentations were made by Ross Horning, David Kemp and Alan Svoboda, and Svoboda presented his All-Time Nebraska Major Leaguers Trivia Test. A total of 21 persons attended the meeting. Afterward they adjourned to Bob Gibson's Restaurant to lunch among the photos and trophies. The group hopes to hold another regional late in May or early in June around the time of the College World Series.

Mike Roarke, pitching coach of the Cardinals, and SABR member Tim McNamara, who went directly from Fordham to the majors in 1922, were featured guests at the Providence area's first regional. The affair, held January 12 in nearby Warwick, attracted 63 persons despite bad weather. Roarke discussed his role as pitching coach and provided insights on such subjects as Bruce Sutter, Willie Hernandez and last year's beanball episodes. McNamara, a schoolboy teammate of Gabby Hartnett, recounted his experiences with the Braves and Giants before arm trouble cut short his career. Joe Lawler and John Etchingham, reference bibliographer at the University of Rhode Island, headed a "How to Research" panel. Presentations were given by Hal Goodnough on his boyhood teammate, Mickey Cochrane; Dick Waldbauer, who delivered a paper on Dave Fultz written by Jay Barry; Fred Ivor-Campbell on Hoss Radbourn's questionable 60th victory in 1884; Rich Tourangeau on his efforts to get Arky Vaughan elected to the Hall of Fame, Reno Roy on his Fans' Hall of Fame project, Joe Lawler on the Cooney baseball family and Jack Kavanagh on Germany Schaefer. Frank Geishecker won the trivia contest prepared by Fr. Jerry Beirne.

A turnout of 75, including 48 members, attended the St. Louis "hot stove league" regional held at the National Bowling Hall of Fame across from Busch Stadium on February 2. The gathering was treated to the premier public showing of a 1934 World Series film taken by Harrison "Doc" Weaver, late trainer of the Cardinals, from the team's dugout. Bob Broeg provided the narration. A baseball highlights film featuring Dizzy Dean and PeeWee Reese also was shown. Jim Toomey gave a preview of the 1985 Cardinals and Bill Borst discussed the recently-formed St. Louis Browns Hall of Fame. The program also included a tour of the bowling shrine, of which SABR member Ed Marcou is P.R. director.

COMMISSIONER, PADRE PREXY, GOVERNOR, EX-PLAYERS AMONG NEW MEMBERS

Baseball's new commissioner, Peter Ueberroth; Ballard Smith, president of the San Diego Padres, and Governor Richard Thornburgh of Pennsylvania, a red-hot fan, are among the newest members of SABR. The Executive Board voted to present a complimentary 1985 membership to commissioner Ueberroth, while Elten Schiller, senior vice-president of the Padres and a SABR member for several years, gave his boss a membership for Christmas and Gov. Thornburgh was the recipient of a similar gift from his son and daughter-in-law, David and Becky Thornburgh.

Three more ex-big leaguers--Ernie Johnson, Randy Hundley and Frank Seward--also are recent additions to the Society's rolls. Johnson, former pitcher, has been an Atlanta Braves' broadcaster for many years, while Hundley, ex-catcher, operates so-called fantasy baseball camps. A friend provided Seward, former pitcher, with a membership. Others who joined during the last two months include Red Sox broadcaster Joe Castiglione, whose partner Ken Coleman enrolled last fall; Wayne Minshew, P.R. director of the Atlanta Braves; Dan Evans, administrative assistant with the Chicago White Sox, and Ira Berkow, New York Times sports columnist.

SEVERAL MEMBERS made donations of money or valuable material to SABR recently. Don Wingfield, longtime Washington-area photographer, donated a sizeable collection of negatives, prints and publications, while Richard Kremer contributed two baseball books. Monetary contributions were received from George Bromley, Randy Way, Stew Thornley, Neil Munro, Dave Shury, Robert McDowell and George Evans. The Society expresses its appreciation to each of them.

THE HONORARY DEGREE of Doctor of Humane Letters was conferred upon Smokey Joe Wood, father of member Bob Wood, by president A. Bartlett Giamatti of Yale University on January 3. Smokey Joe, now 95, coached baseball at Yale for 20 years after closing out his major league career. Sons Joe Jr. and Bob played for Yale.

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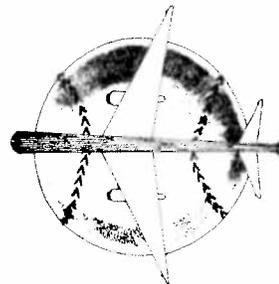
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COMMITTEES SEEK HELP--AND CAN PROVIDE IT, TOO

Interested in participating in some phase of baseball research? Looking for re-search help and not sure where to turn? If you find yourself in either category, keep in mind that SABR has ten different committees that are actively engaged in various phases of research. All are eagerly seeking additional persons willing to participate in committee activity. At the same time the committees can provide assistance to those who need research help. Because committee participation is on a volunteer basis, committee members cannot be expected to do extensive research for others, but rather they can furnish guidance as to research sources. If you write for assistance, remember that it is common courtesy to supply a stamped, self-addressed envelope for a reply. The names of the committee chairmen, with their address unless it is correct as shown in the Membership Directory, are:

Ballparks--Robert Bluthardt; Baseball Records--Everett Cope, 14999 Buffalo Jump Rd., Three Forks, MT 59752; Bibliography--Frank Phelps; Biographical Research--Richard Topp; Collegiate Baseball--David K. Anderson; Computerization--Gary Skoog, 2231 North Magnolia, Chicago, IL 60614, and Tony Formo, 16 Bonnyview Drive #8, Toronto, Ont. M8Y 3G6; Minor Leagues--John Pardon; Negro Leagues--Philip Lowry, 10650 Porto Court, San Diego, CA 92124; 19th Century--John Thorn and Mark Rucker; Statistical Analysis--Pete Palmer.

THE NEW COMMITTEE on Computerization would like to hear from members having an interest in computerized data and analyses therefrom. U.S. members should write to Gary Skoog, Canadians to Tony Formo per addresses above. They have a questionnaire which will be sent upon request. The committee seeks to facilitate the networking and sharing of resources and entry of baseball data in machine-readable form so it can be replicated and extended. Anyone interested in working with Project Scoresheet should contact Skoog immediately. Account form boxscores of the 1984 season are presently under construction.

A LISTING of baseball books published in calendar year 1985 is among the projects being undertaken by the new Bibliography Committee. Tom Heitz will be compiling the list of commercially-published titles, while project manager Joe Lawler is handling the category of self-published books, those with a local distribution and books with a limited press run. Members who plan to publish a book this year or who become aware of any self-produced books are urged to get in touch with Lawler at 4 South Road, Kingston, RI 02881 (401-789-4156). The committee plans to prepare a quarterly compilation and a year-end cumulation.

VERN LUSE has produced a revised set of 1888 Texas and Texas-Southern League batting, pitching and fielding records and is making copies available at \$3 per set. He also has compiled averages of various other small minor leagues of the 1880s and 1890s where a few box scores still are missing. Anyone interested in these averages or willing to help Vern locate the missing box scores should contact him. His address: Vern Luse, P. O. Box 3477, Parkersburg, WV 26101.

ART CANTU is offering a full list of players participating in O.B. (both majors and minors) for any particular year, 1900-1984, for \$5 per season. Each list has all players in alphabetical order with first names in most instances, the name of the league (abbreviated) and the player's batting average or won-lost record. You can order same by writing to: Art Cantu, 9423 Burke St., Pico Rivera, CA 90660.

Edmund Browalski, longtime Detroit sportswriter and a SABR member since 1973, died of a heart attack on January 3 at age 66. Known around Tiger Stadium as "Big Ed," he had covered the Tigers since 1951 and served as official scorer at all Detroit games since 1974. Tiger president Jim Campbell described him as "one of the finest men I've ever known." As a teenager Ed played briefly for the Cardinals' Pine Bluff (East Dixie) farm in 1935-36. In the early 1970s he spearheaded the founding of the National Polish American Sports Hall of Fame. Three years ago the Detroit BBWAA chapter honored him by creating the "Big Ed Award" to be given to a player or official exhibiting goodwill.

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IT'S TIME TO MAKE RESERVATIONS FOR ANNUAL CONVENTION

The 15th annual SABR convention promises to be another outstanding affair, and many members are now busily making plans to attend. The conclave will take place July 12-14 in Oakland, Calif. The only other time the Society's annual convention was conducted on the West Coast was in 1980 when Los Angeles was the host city.

This year's meeting will be held in a major hotel--the Hyatt Regency in downtown Oakland. The convention itself will begin at 1 p.m. on Friday, July 12, and continue until noon on Sunday. SABR members will then journey to Oakland Coliseum to attend the Sunday afternoon Oakland-Milwaukee game.

The 1985 gathering affords all members a special opportunity. For those residing west of the Rockies, the venue offers a chance to attend a SABR national meeting without having to travel 1,500 miles or more. For those living in the East, Midwest and South--or in Canada, Mexico and abroad--it provides an occasion to visit a beautiful area of the West Coast. If your family enjoys baseball, they can share the convention with you. Otherwise family members can take in the sights in Oakland and San Francisco. From the Hyatt Regency it is a 15-minute ride on BART, the Bay Area's excellent subway system, to downtown San Francisco.

Roy Eisenhardt, president of the Oakland A's, will be the featured speaker at the Saturday evening banquet. He represents some of the progressive new ownership in baseball. Possible participants in the Friday evening player panel include Bill Rigney, Curt Flood, Bob Uecker, Smead Jolley and Sal Bando. A panel discussion of baseball authors will feature SABR members Bill James and Pete Palmer. Research presentations by members again will form a large part of the convention program. Because the A's weekend schedule includes an Oldtimers game featuring the 1972-74 Oakland champions, a theme of the convention will be baseball dynasties, and it is hoped that some of the presentations will be devoted to team dynasties.

The host committee, headed by Gene Sunnen, has arranged for a special flat rate of \$56.16 per room per night (including tax) at the Hyatt Regency--or \$28.08 per person double occupancy. Each room has two double beds. A rollaway can be added if more than two want to share a room, and up to four persons can be accommodated in a room. However, if you wish to share a room with several others, you will have to put together your own group. The host committee will attempt to (turn to page 2)

Promises! Promises! Where's the Beef . . . er, Books?

Someone has suggested that SABR's publications record the past year reads like the theme of the play "Promises! Promises!" Yes, regrettably, we have failed to meet the promised schedules of delivery. All 1984 members should now have their copy of the '84 Baseball Research Journal--unless they overlooked notifying us of an address change. But the two other 1984 publications--new Volume II of Minor League Baseball Stars and the regular 1984 issue of The National Pastime--have not yet appeared. Rest assured, though, the books will be forthcoming. And as hopefully was the case with the Journal, we believe the response will be: "It certainly was worth waiting for the two publications." For more on the subject, see page 3.

DO WE SHOW YOUR ADDRESS CORRECTLY?

All members are urged to check the label on the envelope in which this Bulletin arrived to make sure their name and address are shown correctly. If there is any mistake whatsoever, please advise the SABR office immediately. Work on the 1985 Membership Directory will start shortly. Many 1984 members have not yet renewed. Should you be among them, we suggest you send in your dues promptly. Otherwise you may miss the cutoff date for the Directory.

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serve as matchmaker only for those who want to share a room with just one other person.

To make your hotel reservations, you can call Hyatt's national reservations toll free (1-800-228-9000) or the Hyatt Regency in Oakland (415-893-1234). Be sure to identify yourself as attending the SABR convention to assure receiving the special rate. You must reserve a full room and pay for the first night's lodging by check or credit card. You can arrive as much as a week early and stay up to a week after the convention at the special rate. All room reservations must be made by June 15; thereafter Hyatt's regular rate of \$83 per night plus tax will apply. Incidentally, keep in mind that the SABR convention will be at the Hyatt Regency in downtown Oakland and not at the Edgewater Hyatt House located near the Oakland Coliseum.

Except for the Saturday evening banquet, everyone will be on his own for all meals. You can eat in the hotel or take advantage of the variety of restaurants that are within walking distance of the hotel. The registration package will include information on the restaurants.

Free transportation is available from the Oakland Airport to and from the Hyatt Regency, and there is regular commercial service to and from the San Francisco International Airport.

Everyone attending the convention will be required to pay a \$15 registration fee. Tickets to the Saturday banquet are \$20, while tickets to the Sunday game are \$8, including transportation to and from the park on BART.

A registration form appears on page 5. Note that all registrations to attend the convention must be received by the committee by June 15. A complete convention agenda will be carried in the June Bulletin.

FOUR FORMER major league players and Stan Musial's first minor loop manager are among the names that have been added to the SABR rolls as a result of the membership drive that was launched with the February Bulletin. The ex-big leaguers who were brought aboard are Tommy Holmes, a frequent speaker at SABR regionals; Dick Bartell, Johnny Vander Meer and Mickey Rocco. Harrison Wickel, long-time scout who managed Musial in his 1938 pro debut, is likewise now a member.

THE SOCIETY has been the recipient of numerous donations recently. Mrs. William Battig, widow of a former member from Colorado, donated four cartons of baseball publications that had belonged to her late husband, while Jack Dougherty of Wilmington, DE, purchased three file drawers and donated them to SABR for use in storing player cards. In addition, Vincent Kelleher of Woodside, NY, and Roy Cox of Culhooee, NC, made financial contributions.

LAST CALL for those interested in running for a position as SABR officer or director. All interested candidates should immediately contact Stan Grosshandler, chairman of the Nominating Committee, at 4905 Richland Drive, Raleigh, NC 27612 (phone 919-782-6513). The deadline is May 15.

FOR OR AGAINST the DH? With Commissioner Ueberroth planning to canvass fans on the subject, several persons suggested a SABR poll to see how our members feel. To register your vote, send a note stating "For the DH" or "Against the DH" to Phil Grabar, P. O. Box 176, Burgess, VA 22432. He offered to tabulate the votes.

GETTING THROUGH "GROWING PAINS" STAGE CAN BE DIFFICULT

The delayed appearance of several '84 SABR publications understandably has raised concern among some members. Noting the constantly-revised mailing dates given in various issues of The Bulletin, a few inquired as to the problem involved. One expressed the thought that the delays might damage SABR's credibility. Another posed the pointed question: "Is the organization in financial trouble? If so, why not inform the membership?"

No, the Society is not in fiscal difficulty. Simply put, it has been experiencing the same "growing pains" that many organizations and businesses have gone through. That factor more than anything has contributed to the situation. In the past two years SABR has expanded tremendously in membership and in the publications and services provided. The result has been that the burden on the few persons handling the various functions increased greatly, making it difficult occasionally to meet the proposed schedules and deadlines.

The projected mailing dates listed in earlier Bulletins represented honest estimates that were arrived at, possibly spurred by wishful thinking, during discussions with the editors and printer. Unfortunately various circumstances that could not be foreseen intervened. The message which follows deals further with the subject.

In the belief that some members might be interested, a brief summary of the 1985 SABR budget is presented herewith: Total revenue expected (based on a projected membership of 7,630 by year's end)--\$196,600, including \$152,600 from membership dues and \$24,100 from publications sales. Total expenses--\$196,600, including \$103,085 for publications (Bulletins, Membership Directory, two issues of The National Pastime, Baseball Research Journal and Ballparks book), \$49,225 for administrative/editorial salaries/benefits, \$10,600 for capital investment and \$10,500 for telephone, postage and supplies. Anyone desiring a copy of the complete 1985 budget and/or the auditor's 1984 report can obtain either or both by requesting same and forwarding a stamped, self-addressed envelope to the SABR office.

MESSAGE FROM THE PUBLICATIONS DIRECTOR

Hello. My name is John Thorn, and I'm your new (and first) Publications Director. SABR has created this position in part to remedy the scheduling problems that emerged in 1984 and, more importantly for the long term, to increase the range of our publications, their appeal and their exposure in the marketplace. This attempt to seek a wider audience proceeds from a conviction by the Executive Board that SABR, despite its extraordinary growth in recent years, remains baseball's best-kept secret.

SABR's membership has grown with its publications, and vice versa. In 1980 the Society numbered 1,145 individuals who paid \$15 annual dues; they received the Baseball Research Journal, Membership Directory and The Bulletin. Today SABR counts 5,400-plus adherents who pay \$20 in dues and will receive the aforementioned publications, two issues of The National Pastime (one a "conventional" issue, the other a pictorial devoted to the deadball period 1901-19) and a book-length research project by Phil Lowry, Ballparks.

With increased membership have come increased opportunity and, alas, responsibility. Most of you will want to know, before learning of the program for the decade, why your 1984 publications have been so late in arriving. The second 1984 issue of The National Pastime, which I developed in 1982 and continue to edit, has lagged chiefly for personal difficulties and entanglements having nothing to do with the Society. For this delinquency of duty I sincerely apologize, while assuring you that the 1984 "conventional" TNP is not a phantom and will materialize soon. The Baseball Research Journal, which you should all have by now, and Minor League Baseball Stars--Volume II were or have been delayed principally on account of structural problems within SABR that, to a degree, have affected The National Pastime as well. These three publications have been prepared by (turn to page 4)

altogether different staffs spread among several locations; the labor has been largely uncompensated and the burden of meeting deadlines through spare-time efforts has proven onerous and, plainly, unrealistic for the future. (A beacon of calm and order amid the turbulence has been the Society's printer, Dean Coughenour of Manhattan, Kan.; none of the "gremlins" that infiltrated the editorial apparatus worked their mischief on him.)

The lack of a SABR office for centralized administrative, editorial and research services has been addressed with the inception of a Facilities Fund, described in earlier issues of The Bulletin. The uneven editorial and design specifications and seat-of-the-pants production schedules have been addressed with the creation of a funded, part-time post of Publications Director. In this capacity I will seek to place SABR publications on a realistic timetable that will bring members reading matter throughout the year, not just in the final quarter (or, as in 1983 and 1984, spilling over into the next year). In this regard, if 1984 was a year of editorial problems, 1985 will be one of transition: my aim is to bring you one 1985 publication before the convention in July, another by Labor Day and the last two in December. In 1986 the intent will be to deliver one in each quarter.

Moreover, as Publications Director I will look to arrange for retail distribution of SABR publications, co-publishing arrangements, subsidy from corporate/individual sponsors for The National Pastime and/or Baseball Research Journal, and other means of assuring our members a continued level of quality and, one hopes, increased quantity of publications. Several other facets of the Publications Director position are on the shelf for the moment, awaiting review of 1985 results.

This last year has been a confused and difficult one for SABR administrators and workers, struggling to keep pace with the demands of a booming organization; 1985 promises to be smoother, not glassily serene. But the bumpy ride bespeaks exciting times for all of us in SABR--the best is yet to come.

THROUGH THE efforts of Lou Sauritch, one of SABR's newest members, the 1984 Baseball Research Journal has received probably the widest circulation of any of the Society's publications to date. Sauritch, who recently formed a promotions firm with a partner, arranged to purchase approximately 2,500 Journals as soon as they came off the press for expedited shipment and distribution as part of a baseball promotion by a group of Savings and Loans in Florida, California and Chicago.

VINCE RUSSO is pursuing research on major league franchises, both old and new, and would appreciate hearing from members who live or lived in cities that lost their teams. He is especially interested in the parties' feelings and thoughts at the time of the move. Write Vince at 70-20 108th St., Forest Hills, NY 11375.

JIM LAUGHLIN is seeking help in compiling a list of the 1928-1932 Central League graduates who reached the majors. Anyone in position to provide assistance can contact Jim at 797 Ohio Ave., East Liverpool, OH 43920 (phone 216-386-6720).

VOLUME I of Baseball's Forgotten Heroes contains brief biographies of 82 ex-major league stars, none a Hall of Famer until Arky Vaughan's recent election. Written by Frank Stevens, the 40-page, 8½x10½ booklet includes photos--often gum cards--of all 82 players and was printed from neatly-typed copy. It is available at a reduced \$3.95 from: Stevens Enterprises, P. O. Box 187, Netcong, NJ 07857.

THE 1985 DODGER Blue Book, compiled by Tot Holmes, is offered to SABR members at \$5 postpaid, a 15 percent discount. This eighth annual edition, a 132-page soft-cover, has stats on everyone who played for the Dodgers since 1890 plus various feature stories. To order it write: Tot Holmes, Box 11, Gothenburg, NE 69138.

CORRECTION: The publications order form on page 10 of the February Bulletin inadvertently listed the wrong price for the forthcoming regular 1984 edition of The National Pastime. Should you use that order form, please note the price of the 1984 regular issue of TNP should be \$6.00.

REGISTRATION FORM

SABR CONVENTION AT OAKLAND, CA, JULY 12-14, 1985

(A photocopy of this form may be used if you wish to keep your Bulletin intact.)

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A check or money order for the Total Cost, made payable to SABR XV, must accompany each registration and should be sent to: Frank Speltz, P. O. Box 2787, Alameda, CA 94501. The deadline for receipt of registrations is June 15; forms received after that date cannot be accepted. (NOTE: If you will be attending the convention alone and wish to share a room with another person, don't call the Hyatt but instead contact Frank Speltz at 415-865-3386 or Gene Sunnen at 415-228-9368 and they will try to pair you with someone.)

Should you find it necessary to cancel, a full refund will be made provided you contact Frank Speltz prior to June 30. No refunds after that date.

Research Presentations: If you wish to make a ten-minute research presentation, indicate the topic in the space below and send along a one-page outline. The committee will contact you later. (In the event you need a slide projector, tape player or video equipment, please advise.)

TOPIC _____

Displays/Sales: These will be handled at one table by a person or persons designated by the convention committee as was done at the 1984 convention in Providence. No other displays or sales will be permitted. Only baseball publications authored by SABR members or SABR-sponsored items will be accepted. Persons wanting to display and/or have their publications sold should list the titles. The committee will contact you later.

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SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING REGIONAL MEETINGS

Philadelphia--9 a.m., Sat., April 27, at Quality Inn Airport, 20th & Penrose
Minneapolis--9 a.m., Saturday, May 4, at Normandy Inn, 405 South 8th Street
Chicago--1 p.m., Sunday, May 5, at Loyola University
New York--12 noon, Saturday, May 18, at Shea Stadium
St. Louis--1 p.m., Saturday, July 13, at National Bowling Hall of Fame

PHILADELPHIA--Reservations deadline April 20. Contact: Kit Crissey (215-745-8503).

MINNEAPOLIS--Check-in, coffee, 9 a.m.; presentations, 9:30-noon; lunch at 12:30; panel discussion featuring George Thomas and John Sevcik plus baseball quiz, 2-4:30, and then Twins-Orioles game at 7:30. Contacts: Alden Mead, Stew Thornley.

CHICAGO and NEW YORK--See details on page 5 of February Bulletin.

ST. LOUIS--Presentations, a trivia bowl and some surprise guests are scheduled. A hot buffet dinner will be served at 5 p.m. Cardinal-Padre game at 7:05. Price for meeting-buffet-game \$19.50. Contact: Erwin Fischer (314-831-4843).

STEVE BLASS AT PITTSBURGH REGIONAL; TORONTO ATTRACTS 90

Steve Blass was the featured speaker at Pittsburgh's initial regional, which attracted 38 members and guests on February 9. The former Pirate pitching ace gave an interesting, humorous talk. Presentations were made by Ed Luteran on the varied statistics he keeps on Pirate games; Bob Loveland--Recollections of Carmen Hill, Kevin Warren--Dick Williams' managing effect on lefty power hitters; Paul Adomites--Rotator cuff injuries; Tom Kayser, the Pirates' assistant minor league director--Life in the minors: The story of Dan Thomas, and George Wiley--Computer analysis of statistics. A panel discussion on the 1985 Pirates and baseball trivia contest rounded out the program. A letter was read from Pennsylvania Gov. Richard Thornburgh, a new SABR member, who expressed regrets about not being able to attend.

Approximately 90 people showed up for Toronto's annual winter regional at Seneca College on February 23. Attendees included a crew from the French language service of the Canadian Broadcasting Co., who filmed the opening segments of the meeting. Presentations were given by Jacques Berger--Switch-pitching pitchers, Neil Munro--Statistical research, David Leslie--A minor league travelogue, Mike Wise--Potential Hall of Famers, and Tony Formo--Computer Committee report. Other subjects discussed later in the session included a review of the 1984 season, Fergie Jenkins' political ambitions and the All American Girls Professional Baseball League. Bill Humber, who has headed up the Toronto regionals, reports that future meetings will be held in the fall shortly after the World Series.

Fifteen members and one guest attended the fourth annual Pacific Northwest regional in Portland on February 27. With no player guests, due partly to the illness of Syl Johnson, who died a week later, the meeting was devoted to a trivia contest, won by Phil Erwin; a pre-season pennant poll, which saw the Mets and Blue Jays chosen to meet in the World Series, and some important policy making. The members voted to stay with a February-August meeting schedule and approved a three-man executive committee. Bob Jones was chosen to succeed Doug Simpson as president and Jim O'Donnell was selected as president-elect.

Competition from the televised Georgetown-Villanova NCAA basketball final held attendance to 14 persons for the Albany (N.Y.) area regional at Union College in Schenectady on April 1. The group organized formally by electing Bob Giblin as president. Frank Keetz gave a presentation on early professional baseball in the capital district. Another meeting is planned for sometime this summer.

Three SABR members--Joel Oppenheimer, Norrie Shea and Cliff Kachline--together with a former member, James LaVilla-Havelin, participated in a baseball program titled "Baseball: The Men and Their Myths" held at The Dugout restaurant in Rochester, N.Y., on March 10. Approximately 45 persons attended.

THE ELIAS BASEBALL Analyst, compiled from the files of the Elias Sports Bureau, has been tabbed by writers Tom Boswell and Peter Gammons as "the best statistical baseball bible ever published." The 416-page volume (Collier Books, \$12.95 at bookstores) contains a detailed analysis of every 1984 major leaguer.

THE BILL JAMES Baseball Abstract for 1985 is available at bookstores. Published by Ballantine Books, a division of Random House, the 308-page softcover of wit, wisdom, facts and figures is in its ninth annual edition. It sells for \$7.95.

CHUCK WASLEWSKI is offering his final 1984 Baseball Report covering Boston Red Sox situational statistics (15 pages, normally priced \$10) to SABR members at a reduced \$8. A 1985 subscription for all seven monthly issues, including the final report, is \$45. Write to Chuck at 10 Newton St., Millers Falls, MA 01340.

BILL CARR has produced the 1985 Baseball Matrix, a computer analysis of 1984 big league team offensive and defensive performances. It takes into account ballpark effects and quality of opposition. The 31-page stapled booklet, which also has a summary of 1980-84 data and ballpark effects, can be obtained for \$7 postpaid by writing to: Bill Carr, 20 Northwest Pass, Ballston Lake, NY 12019.

EDDIE EPSTEIN, who developed a formula that generates a dollar value for a player's season performance, has produced a computer printout of 300 pages that applies the formula to almost all 1984 major leaguers. He has priced the printout at \$12 (including postage/handling) but is offering it to SABR members for \$10.50. Send orders to Saberstein Co., 4173 Crestheights Road, Baltimore, MD 21215.

THE 1985 BOOK on Starting Pitchers, edited by Ron Lewis, provides comprehensive statistical data for last season on 185 pitchers, including records vs. winning/losing teams, in stopper situations, on natural/artificial turf, with 3-4-5 days' rest, home/away, day/night, etc. The 142-page softcover, regularly priced \$24, is offered to SABR members for \$14 postpaid. For a copy write to: Research Analysis Publications, SABR Desk, P. O. Box 49213, Los Angeles, CA 90049.

BOB DEWS has issued an expanded edition of The Georgia-Florida League 1935-1958. First published in 1979, the softcover now has 192 pages. Besides averages and records of the old Class D league, it includes a letter from New York Governor Mario Cuomo, who played in the league in 1952, a short history of minor league baseball by Dews and the addresses of many former minor leaguers. The book sells for \$6 and can be ordered from: Rebel Books, P. O. Box 302, Edison, GA 31746.

ANGEL TORRES, a leading Spanish language sportswriter, has authored The Baseball Bible. The 474-page softcover is a narrative reference covering the highlights of each season, 1900-1984, and includes boxscores of historic games, statistics, anecdotes and many photos. Priced at \$14.95 plus \$1.25 for postage/handling, the book can be ordered from: The Baseball Bible, P.O.Box 1266, Montebello, CA 90640.

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OPENING DAY marked the first appearance of The Golden Era Cubs 1876-1940 which Eddie Gold and Art Ahrens co-authored. The 180-page hardcover includes pictures, biographies, statistics and anecdotes of the Cubs of that era and a free 18x24" color poster. The book is available for \$14.95 (includes shipping) from: Golden Era Cubs, Bonus Books, Inc., P. O. Box 11409, Chicago, IL 60611.

CARL LUNDQUIST has arranged for a \$2 discount for SABR members on his new book United We Stood, which is based on his long career as baseball editor and staff correspondent at United Press. To obtain the book, which includes 57 chapters and some 200 pages, send \$10.50 plus \$1 for postage/handling to the publisher: Todd & Honeywell, 10 Cuttermill Road, Great Neck, NY 11021.

BAMBI'S BOMBERS: The First Time Around by Don Olson has just made its appearance. It represents a fan's journey with the 1978 Milwaukee Brewers and tells what life in the majors is like. Olson spent the entire year traveling with the team. Containing 256 pages of text and 16 of photos, the softcover is available for \$7.00 postpaid from: NOSLO Publishing, P. O. Box 26909, Milwaukee, WI 53226.

KEN STADLER has authored The Pacific Coast League: One Man's Memories, 1938-1957. In the 174-page softcover he relives the great days of the PCL, recounting events he witnessed or heard via radio and friendships he made. Ken is offering the book to SABR members at a reduced \$6.95. Send orders to: Marbek Publications, P. O. Box 66251, Los Angeles, CA 90066.

AN ANTHOLOGY titled The Temple of Baseball has just come off the press. Edited by Richard Grossinger, it contains stories written by Thomas Boswell, W. P. Kinsella, John Krich, Grossinger himself, former players Bill Lee, Steve Boros and Sadaharu Oh and others. It also has 12 full-color pages of baseball art and collages. The 252-page book sells for \$12.95 (softcover), \$27.50 (deluxe hardcover) plus \$1.35 for postage. Order from: North Atlantic Books, 2320 Blake St., Berkeley, CA 94704.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY Press has issued A. G. Spalding and The Rise of Baseball: The Promise of American Sport by Peter Levine. The 184-page hardcover (\$16.95 at bookstores) chronicles the life of the man who became one of baseball's early giants and who formed the huge sporting goods business that bears his name.

BILL HUGO is producing Riverfront Review, a tri-weekly devoted to the Cincinnati Reds in particular and major league baseball in general. The initial issue, consisting of ten neatly-typed, 8 1/2 x 11 pages, was dated April 8. The publication will feature player profiles, nostalgia, analysis, records and quizzes. A one-year subscription (17 issues) costs \$20 or you can obtain three introductory issues for \$4. Write to: Riverfront Review, P. O. Box 36414, Cincinnati, OH 45236.

THE SCOREBOARD NEWS, a newsletter about the Cubs, has been launched by Jerry and Karen Johnson. It features Cub history, unique graphs and stats on the Cubs and other N.L. teams, articles and original cartoons. A one-year subscription (seven monthly issues during the season), regularly \$17.50, is offered to SABR members for \$15. Write to: Karen and Jerry Johnson, 1937 Wilson Ct., Mt. View, CA 94040.

A REVISED edition of Barry Gifford's The Neighborhood of Baseball: A Personal History of the Chicago Cubs has just been published. It includes the '84 playoffs. The 212-page paperback, regularly \$7.95, is available to SABR members for \$6.00 plus 50¢ postage from: Creative Arts Book Co., 833 Bancroft Way, Berkeley, CA 94710.

SPECIAL DISCOUNT: "The Ultimate New York Yankees Record Book" published in July 1984. 384 pages of Yankee feats and figures, listing every Yankee regular-season score, season narratives and many, many other stats never before in print. Took over 10 years to research. Send check or MO for \$11 to: Walter LeConte, 4910 Harding St., Baker, LA 70714 (allow 4-6 wks for delivery).

SPECIAL DISCOUNT: Bob Broeg offers SABR members a \$7 saving on his three latest books, autographed personally or as desired. Separate discounts: "My Baseball Scrapbook," \$13.95; soft-cover "Redbirds," \$9.95, and "The Pilot Light and the Gas House Gang,"

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BACK ISSUES of The SABR Bulletin from June 1983 thru December 1984 are available at \$1.00 each or all 10 for \$5.00. To order write to: SABR, P. O. Box 1010, Cooperstown, NY 13326.

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The Bulletin

NEWSLETTER OF THE SOCIETY FOR AMERICAN BASEBALL RESEARCH

Volume 15, Number 3, June 1985

OAKLAND ROLLS OUT RED CARPET FOR CONVENTION

The anticipation and excitement are mounting. The committee has things in readiness. Shortly a sizeable number of SABR members will be heading for Oakland, Calif., and the Society's fifteenth annual convention. With reservations still coming in, convention chairman Gene Sunnen anticipates between 250 and 350 persons will be on hand for the July 12-14 get-together.

The convention program again is marked by what promise to be numerous interesting and informative events. As usual, several former major leaguers will participate in a player panel. Bill James and Pete Palmer will provide a lively "Sabermetrics" panel, and there will be a novel World Series of Trivia. In addition, the schedule includes the always highly-enjoyable research presentations by members, the annual banquet and an opportunity to attend an Oakland-Milwaukee game. As was noted in the last Bulletin president Roy Eisenhardt of the Oakland A's will be the featured speaker at the banquet.

Everyone attending the convention will be eligible to participate in the trivia contest. Three-person teams will be set up, and following a written quiz the teams boasting the best records--at least four teams and possibly more--will engage in an oral playoff series to determine this year's SABR trivia champions.

If you haven't yet made plans to attend the convention, there still is time. The committee has arranged to have the deadlines for registration and also for hotel reservations extended to June 21. And if you would like to make a 12-minute research presentation, the opportunity to do so remains open. But you had best get humping if you don't want to miss out on all of the fun.

Remember that the convention will be held at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in downtown Oakland. Special rates of \$56.16 per room per night--or \$28.08 per person double occupancy--are available (800-228-9000). The Hyatt has full wheelchair access for anyone requiring same. For further information and the registration form, refer to your April Bulletin. In the event you did not retain it, send (turn to page 2)

LAST PHASE OF ROOKIE SURVEY GETS UNDERWAY

The ballot for the final phase of SABR's retroactive rookie survey is now available. For newer members unfamiliar with the subject, the Society has been selecting the No. 1 rookie in each major league from the turn of the century to the late 1940s when The Sporting News and the Baseball Writers' Association began their selections. The current SABR ballot covers the years 1932-1948. Only one player, either a regular or a pitcher, is being picked in each league. Because the ballot/statistical data runs six pages, it is too bulky to be included in The Bulletin. SABR members interested in participating in the survey may obtain a ballot from Bob Davids. Send him a postcard or letter at 4424 Chesapeake St. NW, Washington, DC 20016 or call him (202-362-6889), and he'll get one to you. Results of the entire poll will be announced following completion of this final phase.

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your name, address and phone number, along with a check payable to SABR XV covering the registration fee (\$15), banquet (\$20) and game (\$8) to: Frank Speltz, P.O. Box 2787, Alameda, CA 94501--or call him (415-865-3386) or Gene Sunnen (415-228-9368). All registrations and presentation requests must be received by June 21.

Following is the tentative agenda for this year's convention:

Friday, July 12

10:00 a.m.--Registration opens
2:00-5:00 --Research presentations
7:00-8:30 --Player panel
8:30-10:00--Introduction of SABR
 authors and open house

Saturday, July 13

9:00-11:30--Introductory speaker,
 Sabermetrics panel and
 other guest speakers

Saturday (continued)

1:30-4:00 --General membership meeting
4:00-6:30 --World Series of Trivia
7:30-10:00--Banquet
10:00-11:00--Committee meetings

Sunday, July 14

9:00-11:30--Research presentations
12:00 --Depart for stadium
1:05 --Oakland-Milwaukee game

SABR PINS NOW AVAILABLE, MEMBERSHIP DRIVE EXTENDED

The attractive new SABR pins will be in abundant evidence shortly. You'll doubtless see numerous members wearing them at upcoming regional meetings and at the national convention. The pins were delivered by the manufacturer late last month and have been mailed to all who ordered them or chose one in connection with the membership drive.

The membership drive that was launched with the February Bulletin has produced several hundred new members to date. Because of the feeling that many of you have relatives, friends and acquaintances who would enjoy being members of the Society, the Executive Board has decided to extend the drive through the end of the 1985 baseball season. The same stipulations spelled out in the February Bulletin will prevail. This means you can receive at no cost a SABR pin or SABR publication of your choice by enrolling a new member. The handsome blue, gold and white pins also can be purchased for \$5 postpaid by writing to the SABR office, P. O. Box 1010, Cooperstown, NY 13326.

"Why the membership drive?" a few members have inquired. "I liked SABR better when it was smaller." Apparently those who feel that way overlook the fact that they received just one publication a year--or two at most--when the Society's membership was under 1,000. In addition, those participating in SABR activities such as regional meetings and the annual convention have found their acquaintanceship and baseball contacts have been greatly broadened as a consequence of the expanded membership.

There are, of course, other reasons for the campaign to increase membership. They include: 1--Letters and phone calls received daily make it obvious that many persons who would gain the same enjoyment that you do from belonging to the Society and receiving the SABR publications are just now finding out about the organization, and 2--As membership increases the unit cost of producing publications decreases, thus providing funds that can be channeled into other projects.

Volume II of Minor League Baseball Stars has received high acclaim. A part of the 1984 membership package, it was mailed to all '84 members in mid-May. Many were so enthralled by the information and data in the book that they immediately sent in orders for the first edition of Minor League Baseball Stars. One of them was Jim Campbell, president of the Detroit Tigers. He found Volume II so fascinating that he not only ordered the first issue but also requested that copies of both be sent to one of his long-time associates.

The final item in SABR's 1984 publications package--the regular issue of The National Pastime--went to press the week of June 3 and copies were shipped Book Rate to all 1984 members on June 12-14. While the publication contains a 1985 copyright, it remains a part of the 1984 membership package.

RESULTS OF MEMBERSHIP SURVEY DRAW BOARD'S PRAISE

How interested are members of the Society in matters brought before the Executive Board? The response to a survey carried in the February Bulletin would indicate that a goodly number has a deep interest in many of the issues facing the Board and is willing to provide input when requested to do so.

Results of the Survey were announced by president Cappy Gagnon at the Board's April 28 meeting in Philadelphia. He reported that more than 450 members responded and that an overwhelming majority enthusiastically recommended that additional surveys be conducted. A brief summary of the results follows: 1-Possible dues increase vs. reduction in number of publications--79 percent for dues hike, 21 percent for fewer publications; 2-Lifetime membership--40 percent in favor; 3-Location of SABR office/library--51 percent for Cooperstown, 34 percent somewhere else, 15 percent in home city of the executive director; 4-Mailings from commercial firms--Approximately 50 indicated they did not want to receive same.

Numerous members also commented on some of the "knotty problems" mentioned in the president's report that accompanied the survey. Of those doing so, 77 percent approved of carrying ads in SABR publications, 91 percent favored selling the SABR mailing list to raise revenue, 76 percent urged the Society to recruit new members more slowly and 89 percent felt the Society should take a position on baseball issues.

Board members agreed the survey results were interesting and revealing. Because the large response has made a personal acknowledgment to everyone impractical, president Cappy and the Board suggested this forum be used to express appreciation to all who participated.

The Board then proceeded to deliberate on several of the issues. It decided to table consideration of a dues increase and voted not to publish a Membership Directory this year. The fact that 1985 income is lagging behind projections together with questions about the Directory's usefulness prompted the verdict to drop it for one year. Members wishing to become active researchers can contact the SABR office for a list of committee chairpersons.

It also was agreed to investigate further the matter of a lifetime dues setup and to arrange for the names of members who object to receiving commercial mailings to be removed from the SABR mailing list that is sold for such purposes. Anyone desirous of having his or her name deleted should so notify the SABR office.

John Thorn, publications director, reported on plans for 1985 publications. He said the first '85 book--either The National Pastime or the new Ballparks book--will appear in August. He also disclosed that Mark Alvarez is serving as co-editor of The National Pastime and Mark Rucker as co-editor of the Ballparks book, while Cliff Kachline is continuing as editor of the Baseball Research Journal and The SABR Bulletin.

In other action the Board approved Chicago as the site of the 1986 national convention and voted to establish a Bob Davids Award in honor of the Society's founder. A three-man committee of Frank Phelps, Stan Grosshandler and Gagnon was named to formulate plans for the award.

NEW 1985 MEMBERS CAN OBTAIN '84 BOOKS AT REDUCED RATE

A special offer is being made to new 1985 SABR members. It is the result of inquiries from several who joined in recent months and asked about making their memberships retroactive to 1984 so as to be eligible to receive last year's publications. New 1985 members can obtain copies of all four 1984 publications and last year's six SABR Bulletins by remitting \$20 (plus \$2 for postage/handling) to the SABR office, P. O. Box 1010, Cooperstown, NY 13326. Purchased separately, the four '84 books--Baseball Research Journal, both the regular and special 19th-century pictorial issues of The National Pastime and Volume II of Minor League Baseball Stars--would cost \$24 plus postage/handling.

Cappy Gagnon, SABR president, has just moved. Members might want to note his new address. It is: 3714 Lankershim Blvd., Hollywood, CA 90068.

THREE MORE prominent baseball personages--Lee MacPhail, former American League president who now heads the owners' Player Relations Committee, and former players Bob Uecker, now a Milwaukee Brewer broadcaster, and Bill Werber--have been added to SABR's membership rolls. A trio of former minor leaguers also was enrolled recently. They are Jim Basso, an outfielder who rejoined after a one-year absence; John (Red) Walsh, who pitched for the San Francisco Seals and Ventura Braves and is pitching coach at Santa Clara University, and Ray Borowicz, University of Buffalo baseball coach who was an infielder in the Pony League in 1941-42 and in the Yankee system in 1946.

VERN LUSE, one of the Society's most dedicated researchers, has been supplying Max Schumacher, president of the Indianapolis Indians and a fellow SABR member, with reams of data on that team for use in the 100th anniversary book which the club plans to publish next year. Vern continues to burn the midnight oil behind his microfilm reader despite operating under several handicaps. Besides being separated from his family by his job as an engineer helping build a new Dupont plant in Parkersburg, WV, he has had a special area of concern--son Tracy, who has been in a coma for several months in Sacramento, Calif., following an automobile accident. The doctors have told Vern that they feel Tracy will recover.

JOHN DIMEGLIO, history professor at Mankato (MN) State University, has embarked on a busy summer schedule. He has arranged to visit and interview some 44 former players in the Midwest and East in connection with a research project on the life of major leaguers during the 1940-1960 period.

PERRY LEE BARBER, who is believed to be SABR's only gal umpire, attended Harry Wendelstedt's Umpire School early this year for the fourth consecutive year and placed 40th in a class of 200. She wound up working several Mets' intra-squad spring training games as well as some White Sox B-squad and minor league spring exhibitions. In all she umpired in about 75 games during her four-month stay in Florida. Perry is scheduled to sing the national anthems of both the U.S. and Canada, the latter in French, before the June 21 Mets-Expos game.

SEVERAL MORE members have made cash donations to the Society. They include Jud Manning, Paul Winston and Walter Hill. On behalf of the organization, we thank them for their generosity.

REV. JIM SMITH, who headed up the Boston regional the past two years, has accepted the pastorate of the Elim Baptist Church in Minneapolis and will be departing for the Midwest with his family late this month.

COMMISSIONER PETER UEBERROTH'S decision to survey fans about the designated hitter and other baseball subjects has stirred considerable interest. Numerous members have suggested the Society conduct similar polls. Those who read The SABR Bulletin carefully will recall the April issue urged members to voice their feelings about the DH by sending a note stating "For the DH" or "Against the DH" to Phil Grabar. He reports having received just slightly more than 100 responses, including "a number of interesting and humorous comments which might make for an interesting feature," and advises he'd like to have more of you cast your vote on the issue. If you haven't already done so, send your vote to: Phil Grabar, P. O. Box 176, Burgess, VA 22432. The results will appear in the next issue.

Wirt Gammon, Sr., longtime Chattanooga sportswriter and SABR member, died in Chattanooga on May 20 at the age of 79. He enrolled in the Society just two months after it was founded in 1971 and was No. 66 on the membership list. Joining the Chattanooga Times in 1930, he served as the paper's sports editor for 37 years before "retiring" in 1971, but continued to write his popular "Just Between Us Fans" column. An acknowledged scoring rules expert, he published a monthly newsletter on baseball scoring for several years.

SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING REGIONAL MEETINGS

Boston--10:00 a.m., Saturday, June 15, at Boston University
 St. Louis--1:00 p.m., Saturday, July 13, at Bowling Hall of Fame
 Cooperstown--7:30 p.m., Sunday, July 28, at Tillapaugh's
 Chattanooga--4:30 p.m., Saturday, August 31, at Engel Stadium
 Cincinnati--Saturday, September 7 (Time/place to be announced)

BOSTON--Baseball columnist Peter Gammons, Red Sox historian Ellery Clark and Bob Wood, son of Smokey Joe, will be special guests. Meeting will run until 1:30. Participants will then walk to Fenway Park for the Red Sox-Toronto game.

ST. LOUIS--The theme will be "St. Louis Baseball Memories" with former sports editors Bob Broeg and Bob Burnes and ex-players Frank Crespi and Jim Delsing as guest panelists. Hot buffet at 5 p.m., Cards-San Diego game at 7:05. Cost per person \$19.50. Contact: Erwin Fischer (314-831-4843).

COOPERSTOWN--Tom Gorman, former umpire, will be featured guest at third annual Cooperstown regional held in conjunction with Hall of Fame weekend. Members planning to attend or wanting to make 12-minute presentations should contact Cliff Kachline, P. O. Box 1010, Cooperstown, NY 13326 (phone 607-547-8728).

CHATTANOOGA--Carrington Montague, VP of the Chattanooga Lookouts, is now working on arrangements. He can be contacted at 615-825-1470.

CINCINNATI--Plans being finalized. Contact: Tom Chase (513-451-8157).

PROMOTIONAL PLUGS by several writers among the SABR membership have had a significant impact on the Society's recent growth. Bill James devoted several paragraphs in The Baseball Abstract the past two years to SABR, with the upshot that a sizeable number of new members was attracted to the Society. An article by Tom Knight in a New York city shoppers' guide also induced several persons to join. To Bill, Tom and others who have similarly plugged the organization in print and on the air, the Society says a big "Thanks much."

A GROUP of 16 Brooklyn Dodger fans gathered at Larry Groff's home in Lincoln, RI, on April 26 to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the 1955 Dodgers' season-opening ten-game winning streak that led to Brooklyn's only world championship. A special highlight of the occasion was a visit by pitcher Clem Labine, who showed a videotape of the '55 players' recent reunion at Vero Beach, FL. In addition to Groff, other SABR members attending the celebration were Ron Dean, Blair Perry, Howard Wasserman, Don O'Hanley, Dale Collett, Jim Murphy, Jack Kavanagh, Bill Elander, Joe Klein, John McClain and Jim Feeney.

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A record 200 members, wives and guests packed the All-Star Room at Shea Stadium for New York's second annual regional on May 18. The afternoon-long program was marked by an all-star guest lineup headed by Mets general manager Frank Cashen, who served as featured speaker. Others who spoke included Mets coaches Mel Stottlemyre and Vern Hoscheit, Arthur Richman, assistant to Cashen; sportswriter Red Foley, who discussed official scoring, and broadcasters Tim McCarver and Ralph Kiner, who made short talks during the buffet. Jay Horwitz and Dennis D'Agostino of the Mets' P.R. staff also made brief appearances, while umpire Ed Montague wowed the audience with some of his magic. Those making presentations were Rob Godfrey--The Future of Baseball, Jean-Pierre Caillault--Offensive Production Formula, Mike Searson--Psychology in Baseball, Ben Baschinsky--Percentage of Extra-Base Hits, Al Blumkin--Game 7 of 1960 World Series, John Holway--New Offensive Stats, Larry Hogan--Ray Dandridge as a Hall of Fame Candidate, Steve Nadel--Batting/Pitching Career Comparisons, and Carl Lundquist--When a Friend Needs a Feller (Bob). Tom Knight served as emcee and Al Blumkin won the trivia quiz.

Former White Sox pitcher Billy Pierce and Roland Hemond, general manager of the Chisox, formed the guest panel at Chicago's regional on May 5. Hemond, a SABR member, and Pierce both proved sharp and diplomatic in responding to the numerous loaded questions. A total of 62 persons attended. Presentations were given by Joe Naiman--Over the Line, Mark Podrazik--Project Scoresheet Update, Don Zminda--How Day Baseball Affects the Cubs, Bob Koehler--Milwaukee Brewers 1902-1952, and Gary Skoog--Sabermetric Results from 1984 Teams. The most controversial portion of the session involved a Cub fan vs. White Sox fan donnybrook between Eddie Gold and Rich Lindberg. Jon Daniels and Rich Topp staged what proved to be a tough trivia quiz, which was won by Gold with 27 out of a possible 40 correct.

Thirty-three members, the largest turnout yet for a Twin Cities regional, participated in the May 4 meeting in Minneapolis. Paul Castner, 38, who pitched for the 1923 Chicago White Sox, was the featured speaker. Presentations were made by Andy Lurth--Birth of Metropolitan Stadium, Alan Holst--Comparable Player Strength, Dave Moore--Miller Memories, John DiMeglio--Dixie Images, Alden Mead--Do Clutch Hitters Exist? and Stew Thornley--On to Nicollet, Part II of the Minneapolis Millers History. An audio tape of the late Halsey Hall recalling past players and events was played, and films of the 1965 All-Star Game and World Series were shown. During the business phase of the meeting the group decided to organize into the Halsey Hall chapter of SABR.

Nine former major and Negro League players were among 80 persons, including 57 members, in attendance at Philadelphia's eighth annual regional on April 27. The players present were Roy Hughes, Gene Benson, Bert Kuczynski, Sy Morton, Joe Munson and Larry Kimbrough, all SABR members, plus Al Brancato, Frank Hoerst and Mahlon Duckett. Organizer Kit Crissey moderated a question/answer period with the players. Ten-minute presentations were supplied by Rob Godfrey--The Fan of the Future, Don Nelson--In Baseball Three's a Charm, Alan Harrod--Estimating Missing Strikeouts for Early 20th Century Batters, Lloyd Johnson--Alex McKinnon and the Rochester Hop Bitters, Dutch Doyle--Philadelphia Ballparks, Bert Kuczynski--Babe Ruth as I Knew Him, Joe McGillen--Some Humor and a Bit of Nostalgia, Joe Lawler--The Anthracite Presence in Philadelphia, John Holway--1924 Negro League World Series, and Ron Liebman--Arky Vaughan, Ernie Lombardi and the Hall of Fame. A Cubs-Phillies quiz was given, and several baseball books donated by Harry Buscher were raffled off.

Houston's first regional attracted 20 members, wives and friends, May 18. Through arrangements made by Mike Ryan of the Astros, the group enjoyed a pre-game dinner in the Astrodome Club. Clark Nealon, longtime sports editor of the Houston Post and an authority on the old Texas League, provided some fascinating observations and insights into the baseball scene. Afterward the attendees watched the Astros play the Cardinals. Tony Cavender, who headed up the affair, advises that a similar session may be scheduled for later in the season.

A WEEKLY STATISTICAL newsletter, Baseball Insight, is now in its fourth season. Editor Phil Erwin will forward a sample copy of the 12-page publication to any SABR member who sends him a stamped, self-addressed No. 10 envelope. Requests should be addressed to: Baseball Insight, P. O. Box 13727, Portland, OR 97213.

BASEBALL'S GREATEST Managers by Harvey Frommer profiles 21 of the game's leading skippers from Cap Anson and John McGraw to Earl Weaver, Whitey Herzog, Dick Williams and Billy Martin. Published by Franklin Watts, Inc., the 280-page hardcover furnishes an insight into the tactics of running a team and is filled with anecdotes, statistics and photographs. It sells for \$16.95 in bookstores.

INVISIBLE MEN: Life in Baseball's Negro Leagues by Donn Rogosin is now available in paperback. Published by Atheneum, the 283-pager sells for \$7.95 in bookstores.

JERRY MALLOY has compiled an eight-page index to Sol White's 1907 Guide on black baseball. If you would like a copy of the index, send \$1 to Jerry at 844 French Drive, Mundelein, IL 60060.

DAVE VOIGT is seeking glossy photos of major league stars and events from 1860-1985 for his forthcoming history of major league baseball. Anyone who might be able to help Dave can contact him at 112-A Mifflin Blvd., Reading, PA 19607.

JIM KAPLAN plans a book on fielding and would be pleased to receive any ideas, anecdotes and opinions about the subject of defense, greatest defensive players, gloves, etc. Write him c/o McGinn, 119 W. 69th St. #4-A, New York, NY 10023.

EDWARD MAHER is doing research on the reaction of Brooklyn Dodger fans to the loss of their team to Los Angeles and would like to hear from diehard Brooklyn rooters. His address is 6 Wingate Lane, Attleboro, MA 02703.

RICHARD ZITRIN is compiling information on ghost leagues, fantasy leagues, rotisserie leagues, etc. If you belong to one, send the name of the league, number of teams, starting date, rules, etc., to him at 3987 20th St., San Francisco, CA 94114.

THE FIRST banquet of the St. Louis Browns Fan Club, held May 23 in St. Louis, attracted a turnout of 117 persons. The organization inducted four players into its Hall of Fame--George Sisler, Ken Williams, George McQuinn and Ned Garver. Garver also was the principal speaker at the affair. Four SABR members--Bill Borst, Erwin Fischer, Frank Kane and Jim Woods--are on the Browns Fan Club board.

GENE MURDOCK was accorded the honor of making the ceremonial first pitch at the opening game of the NCAA Division III World Series at Marietta College in Ohio last month. Murdock, a Marietta College history professor and author of two baseball books, has been an official scorer for the series for nine years.

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THE FINEST BLOOPERS and most hilariously-inept moments in diamond history are recounted in The Baseball Hall of Shame by Bruce Nash and Allan Zullo. The 190-page softcover about the sport's lovable losers was published by Pocket Books and sells for \$5.95 in bookstores. Nash and Zullo, both SABR members, already are working on a sequel, due out next spring, and invite other members to contribute by sending material to them at: Nash & Zullo, P. O. Box 6218, West Palm Beach, FL 33405.

IN PINE-TARRED and Feathered: A Year on the Baseball Beat, Jim Kaplan tells what it's like to cover major league baseball for the nation's leading sports magazine, Sports Illustrated. The full-length hardcover is a diary of the 1983 season, the struggle to find a successor to Bowie Kuhn, a visit to the Baseball Hall of Fame and the winter baseball meetings, but it deals as much with baseball writing as with baseball. The book sells for \$15.95 plus \$2 for postage and can be obtained from: Algonquin Books, P. O. Box 2225, Chapel Hill, NC 27515.

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EDDIE GOLD and Art Ahrens, co-authors of the Chicago bestseller, The Golden Era Cubs 1876-1941, have just published a companion, The New Era Cubs 1941-1985. The 250-page hardcover includes photos, biographies and statistics of Cub players and managers. It can be obtained for \$16.95, which includes shipping and a free 18x24" color poster, from: Bonus Books, Inc., P.O. Box 11409, Chicago, IL 60611.

A 162-PAGE softcover titled The Last Word has been produced by Davis Jackson. It contains situation statistics and analyses of 1984 player performance based on play-by-play accounts. The publication also analyzes baserunning, fielding and relief pitching opportunities and how lineups work. Regularly \$14.95, the book is offered to SABR members at a reduced \$12 plus \$1.05 postage/handling. To order it, write to: Jackson Research, Inc., P. O. Box 28, New Braunfels, TX 78131.

WOODFORD ASSOCIATES, headed by SABR member Laurence Hyman, has produced the official yearbooks of both the Yankees and Cubs this year. The Yankees Yearbook contains more than 200 historic photographs as well as color shots of the current players, while the Cub Yearbook is rich in color photos of Cub players and Wrigley Field. The two publications are available at \$6 each, which includes first-class postage, from: Woodford Associates, 4043 23rd St., San Francisco, CA 94114.

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TOP TALENT ARRAY TURNS CONVENTION INTO A SMASH HIT

12-14 get-together in Oakland, it was an unforgettable weekend--and an experience long to be remembered.

Great....Terrific....Most enjoyable and informative....Best yet....These are a few of the adjectives used by members in expressing their views about the Society's 15th annual convention. For most of the 300 persons who attended the July

12-14 get-together in Oakland, it was an unforgettable weekend--and an experience long to be remembered. From the Hyatt Regency facilities to the program arranged by chairman Gene Sunnen and his committee, the three-day conclave left virtually everyone ecstatic. And the potential fallout benefits of the event could provide additional stimulus for the organization. The reason: Sports Illustrated and Roger Mudd's new "American Almanac" show, which debuted on NBC on August 9, both had staff personnel on hand for the entire convention with a view to carrying a future piece on the Society.

While more than half of the attendees hailed from California, many savoring their first SABR convention, members also came from such distant points as New England and Florida. In fact, approximately 70 members who live east of the Mississippi River made the junket to Oakland to join in the festivities. A special salute is in order for a trio from Philadelphia who, harking back to their days in the old Negro Leagues, made the cross-country, round-trip journey by bus. They were Gene Benson, Sy Morton and Jeep McClain.

The convention was replete with highlights ranging from the banquet address by Roy Eisenhardt, president of the Oakland A's, to the Sabermetrics panel of Bill James, Allan Roth and Pete Palmer, an excellent talk by former baseball writer Leonard Koppett, a newly-enrolled SABR member; the World Series of Trivia and the player panel of Sam Chapman, Earl Robinson and Bill Raimondi. The three were last-minute additions after illness forced Smead Jolley and Dick Bartell to cancel out on plans to participate.

Eisenhardt, who is regarded as one of baseball's most progressive (turn to page 2)



SABR president Cappy Gagnon (left) congratulates Bob McConnell (right), winner of first annual Bob Davids Award, as Society founder Bob Davids looks on.



Members of winning team in the World Series of Trivia pose with their trophies. Left to right—Jamie Selko, Ed Goldstein and Bill Carle.

President Cappy Gagnon has appointed new chairmen for three committees. Bob Hoie will head the Nominating Committee, succeeding Stan Grosshandler; Jon Daniels replaces Eric Simonsen on the Auditing Committee, and Richard Clark is taking over from Phil Lowry on the Negro Leagues Committee.

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executives, discussed some of the difficulties facing the game. He said he felt television was a prime problem. Not only does the nature of the medium sometimes cause viewers to gain wrong impressions of the sport, he declared, but the great disparity in TV income has become a major point of contention, with many clubs adamantly opposed to any form of revenue equalization. As an example of what the TV income disparity can lead to, he cited the situation that culminated in the Rickey Henderson deal last winter. Eisenhardt said 10 percent of the Yankees' annual TV revenue pays for Henderson's reported \$1,500,000 salary, whereas ten percent of the A's television money would have given him only a \$140,000 salary.

The James-Roth-Palmer panel mixed enough humor and wit with its array of statistical data to keep even those having little interest in stats highly amused and entertained. Koppett's expertise on baseball also attracted rapt attention.

The player panelists, representing three different phases of the sport, likewise made a big hit. Chapman related incidents from his long career with Connie Mack and the Philadelphia A's, Raimondi recalled experiences from his 20 years as a Coast League catcher, and Robinson, currently special projects director for the Oakland team, told of his days in the Dodger and Baltimore organizations.

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

A total of 20 members gave research presentations over the three-day period. As some observers commented afterward, the caliber of the presentations continued to show improvement over some of those of earlier years. A list of presenters at the Friday session with their topics follows: Robert Tiemann--The 1885 St. Louis Browns: Development of a Dynasty, Gary Skoog--Computers in Baseball, Alan Blumkin--Seventh Game of the 1960 World Series, Dutch Doyle--Babe Ruth and the Ascension Catholic Club of Philadelphia, Charles Lee--Effects of Baserunner Situations on Offensive Production, John Dewan--Project Scoresheet Update, Jules Tygiel--Integration of Baseball in the Minor Leagues, Davis Jackson--Stadium Effects on Left/Right Matchups, Denis Telgemeier--Players with the Oakland A's and San Francisco Giants, Richard Zitrin--RABs and TIBs, Eric Naftaly--Babe Ruth as a Mythological Hero, and Jay Feldman--Is There Life After the Brooklyn Dodgers?

Presentations at the Sunday morning session included: Doug Alford--Slide show on Defunct Ballparks Today, Davis Jackson--Effect of Base Stealing Attempts on Scoring, George Land--Baseball History at Irvington High School, Phil Lowry--Zaniest Ballpark Characteristics, John Holway--Attendance and Pitching: Exploding the

STRIKE'S OVER, BUT DESIGNATED HITTER CONTROVERSY LINGERS

Fans everywhere rejoiced when the baseball strike was shortlived, but the controversy over the designated hitter continues. Of the 156 SABR members who expressed their views in response to a poll mentioned in the last two Bulletins, 136 or 87 percent voted against the DH and only 20 in favor. The subject came up anew at the Oakland convention, and it was decided to pursue it further. Anyone having research data or views supporting the designated hitter is requested to forward same to Frank Speltz at P. O. Box 2787; Alameda, CA 94501, while those with facts and opinions opposing the DH should send them to John L. Sullivan, Apt. F, 586 W. 1500 N Street, Layton, UT 84041.

DO WE LIST YOUR ADDRESS CORRECTLY?

All members are urged to check the mailing label on the envelope in which this Bulletin arrived. If there is any mistake in your address or spelling of your name, please advise the SABR office immediately. Nearly 400 copies of the 1984 publications that were mailed early this year were returned by the postoffice because members notified us too late--or not at all--of their new addresses.

Myth, Ron Gabriel--Brooklyn Dodgers Hall of Fame Ceremony, Allan Roth--Forty Years in Baseball, Dick Beverage--Casey Stengel and His 1948 Oakland Oaks, and Don Zminda--How Day Baseball Affects the Cubs.

The general membership meeting on Saturday afternoon was marked by the customary membership, financial and committee reports. President Cappy Gagnon also presented SABR founder Bob Davids with a duplicate of the new L. Robert Davids Award and then at the banquet that evening introduced Bob McConnell as the winner of the first Bob Davids Award. McConnell, who was among the 16 founding members of the Society, has long been one of the organization's most dedicated researchers.

Committee reports consisted largely of progress accounts of continuing projects. John Thorn, co-chairman of the 19th-Century Committee, disclosed that that group has begun working on anecdotal biographies of pre-1900 greats for use in a future SABR publication. (For more information on SABR's research committees and how to participate in their activities, turn to page 6.)

Standing in for chairman Stan Grosshandler, Bob Hoie presented the Nominating Committee's slate of candidates for officers and directors. It consisted of: President--Cappy Gagnon, incumbent; vice-president--Tal Smith, replacing John McCormack, who decided to step aside for personal reasons; secretary--Luke Salisbury, replacing John Pardon, who chose not to continue in that position; treasurer--Joe McGillen, incumbent, and director--John Pardon, Vern Luse, Garry Kelleher and Larry Guren to fill the vacancies created by the expiration of Frank Phelps' term and the resignation of Eric Simonsen. Two additional persons--Len Levin and Paul Adomites--were nominated from the floor for the position of director.

The candidates for the four offices, facing no opposition, gained election, while Pardon won a four-year term as director by being named on 56 of the 103 ballots cast and Luse assumed the two years remaining of Simonsen's term with 51 votes. Kelleher was named on 36 ballots, Levin on 26, Admonites on 15 and Guren on 14.

Following the election, Gagnon convened a quasi-meeting of the Executive Board to provide the membership with a better idea of what transpires at such sessions. Subjects discussed, with the general membership introducing several, included future conventions, membership cards, the decision not to publish a Membership Directory this year, the SABR microfilm library and a suggestion that SABR members might serve as official scorers. The 1986 convention already has been awarded to Chicago, and it has been suggested the 1987 convention be held in Washington in conjunction with the Cracker Jack Old Timers Classic.

SPECIAL BOOK OFFER FOR SABR MEMBERS ONLY

SABR members are being offered a special opportunity to acquire a handsome new book. Through arrangements with Warner Books, the Society is making The Complete Picture Collection of Topps Baseball Cards, a 736-page, coffee-table size publication, available to members only at a reduced price. It contains full-color reproductions of the more than 21,000 cards published by Topps over the past 35 years and represents an excellent reference source for tracking players' careers. Due off the press shortly, the book would make a fine birthday or Christmas gift. It will retail for \$79.95, but SABR members can obtain a copy for \$59.75 postpaid as long as the Society's supply lasts. To order a copy, send your name, address and check to: SABR, P. O. Box 1010, Cooperstown, NY 13326. Copies should be ready to mail early in October.

SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING REGIONAL MEETINGS

Los Angeles--Saturday, August 31 (details being finalized)
Chattanooga--4:30 p.m., Saturday, August 31, at Engel Stadium
Cincinnati--11 a.m., Saturday, Sept. 7, at St. Paul United Methodist Church
Washington--1 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 28, at University of Maryland, College Park

LOS ANGELES--Plans were incomplete at this writing. Those interested in attending should contact Cappy Gagnon (home 818-769-9278, office 213-946-7879).

CINCINNATI--Jon Warden, ex-Detroit pitcher, will be featured speaker. Dick Miller will have slide presentation on old parks. Contact: Tom Chase, 413-451-8157.

WASHINGTON--Area's 12th annual regional will run from 1-5 p.m. Other details being finalized. Contact: Bob Davids, 202-362-6889.

NEW YORK--Committee bought 50 tickets for Yankees-Toronto game of Saturday, September 14; available for purchase on first-come basis. May try to hold a meeting prior to game and planning Hot Stove sessions for fall. To buy game tickets or to obtain information on meetings, send self-addressed, stamped envelope to Garry Kelleher, 9 Van Dyke Ave., Suffern, NY 10901 (phone 914-357-3744).

PITTSBURGH--Planned August 17 regional at Three Rivers cancelled due to uncertainties caused by player strike, but group may reschedule meeting for the fall.

FIFTY-SEVEN members and guests, including ex-players Jim Delsing and Frank Crespi, attended St. Louis' second annual summer regional on July 13. Former sports editors Bob Broeg and Bob Burnes selected their all-time Cardinals and Browns teams and related St. Louis baseball memories. Presentations were given by Harold Skelton, who served as Zoilo Versalles' agent in the '60s, on "Baseball's First Player Agent," by Fred Heger on his participation in the Cardinals' Fantasy Camp and by Rick Salamon on baseball cards. In a poll to decide which Cardinal uniform number should be the next to be retired, Enos Slaughter's No. 9 finished first with 20 votes followed by 15 each for Frank Frisch's 3 and Joe Medwick's 7.

PETER GAMMONS, prominent Boston Globe baseball writer, was the featured speaker at Boston's regional on June 15. He provided the approximately 85 persons in attendance with an interesting insight into many of the incidents and personalities shaping recent baseball news, including Earl Weaver. Other speakers at the Boston affair were Ellery Clark, Bob Wood, Tom Shea and Pete Palmer.

TOM GORMAN, long-time National League umpire, stole the show at the third annual Cooperstown Hall of Fame weekend regional on July 28. He had a turnout of 45 fellow SABR members and guests in stitches with entertaining recollections of his days of calling 'em. Presentations were delivered by Dutch Doyle on Babe Ruth playing for the Ascencion Catholic team of Philadelphia, Joe Lawler on Joe Glenn, Steve Krevisky on predicting team finishes and Barry Morstain on Micro-League Baseball.

BOBBY WINKLES, player development director for the Chicago White Sox, was guest speaker at the Capital District (NY) chapter regional held at East Field, home of the Glens Falls (Eastern) team, on July 20. He told the six members present about his days under Charley Finley at Oakland and about his tenure as baseball coach at Arizona State, where Reggie Jackson was one of his players and looked upon Bob as a surrogate father. Winkles revealed he will return to the White Sox coaching lines next season to round out ten years in the majors for pension purposes.

JOE HAUSER was the featured guest of the Wisconsin regional on June 1 in Kohler, a city located some 50 miles north of Milwaukee. The affair was hosted by Bob Koehler and held in the American Club, site of the Sheboygan County Hall of Fame which features memorabilia of Hauser's long baseball career. The session drew 22 persons, including Ken Keltner and his wife, who were guests. Don Olson discussed his book Bambi's Bombers (about the 1978 Milwaukee Brewers), while other presentations were made by Tom Jozwik on the 1960 Pirates, Bob Koltermann on players whose careers were shortened by tragedy and Joe Naiman on "Over the Line."

TERRY KENNEDY and Kurt Bevacqua have become the first two active big league players to join SABR. Kennedy writes a weekly column for the daily Escondido Times-Advocate. Bevacqua is publisher and editor of Baseball Gold, the Padres' paper. Two former major leaguers--Al Rosen, now president-GM of the Houston Astros, and Mal Mallette--also have been added to the SABR rolls. Mallette, who turned sports-writer after his playing days, is director of development of the American Press Institute. Others who joined the Society recently include Donald Davidson, special assistant to Rosen; Jack Dunn, vice-president of the Baltimore Orioles; Terry Barthelmas, director of administration for the Cleveland Indians; Dick O'Connell, former general manager of the Boston Red Sox, and Chester Chatham, brother of the late, legendary Buster Chatham and himself a former minor league player.

PAT HARMON retired as sports editor of the Cincinnati Post on August 1 after 34½ years with that paper....Tom Knight served as emcee at the second annual Brooklyn Dodger Hall of Fame inductions held June 2. Babe Herman, Dolph Camilli, Johnny Podres and the late Dixie Walker were inducted....Apologies to Saul Rogovin. He was a speaker at New York's May 18 regional, but our report omitted his name.

WANT TO become an official scorer? The Society has been informed that scorers are being sought in several minor leagues. The basic requirements to qualify are (1) a thorough knowledge of the scoring rules, (2) a willingness and ability to attend all--or virtually all--of your team's home games, and (3) the dedication to do a prompt, neat, accurate job in filling out the official scoresheet immediately after each game. Any member living in a minor league city who has an interest in being an official scorer is invited to send a short note to that effect to: SABR Official Scorer, P.O.Box 1010, Cooperstown, NY 13326. The notes will be passed along to the appropriate parties, who will keep the names on file in case openings occur.

SEVERAL members have expressed interest in securing copies of presentations made at the convention and regional meetings. If you have a typewritten (single-space) copy of your talk and would be willing to fill requests for it, notify the SABR office and it will be listed under Research Exchange in the next Bulletin. The Society helps defray photocopying and postage costs for Research Exchange material.

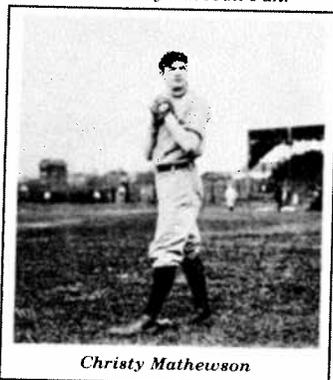
MEMBERS interested in pursuing research are reminded that the SABR Lending Library has microfilm of The Sporting News (1886-1942), Sporting Life (1883-1917) and the Chadwick-Spalding-Wright Scrapbooks/Diaries (1860-1907). One reel can be borrowed at a time for a two-week period. In the case of Sporting Life or TSN, indicate year and month desired (some reels begin or end in midseason) and list several alternates just in case your first choice is out on loan at the time. The address of the SABR Lending Library is P. O. Box 1010, Cooperstown, NY 13326.

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AN OPEN INVITATION: SHARE IN PLEASURES OF RESEARCH ACTIVITY

Research and the dissemination of research information have been a cornerstone of the Society ever since it was founded. The various SABR publications and the articles and statistics in them stand as a monument to the diligent efforts of those members who have engaged in a steady schedule of research projects.

The publications as well as the presentations given at the national conventions and at SABR regional meetings often have inspired members with no previous baseball research experience to try their hand at it. "Boy, that was great. If Joe can come up with something that interesting, I should be able to do likewise," is a common reaction. As a result, numerous persons who were merely "consumers" when they enrolled in SABR now are active researchers.

The Society and its committees would like to encourage additional members to participate in research activity. Most who pursue research find it to be an enjoyable and rewarding diversion. If you have an interest in this area, whether or not you have had previous experience, or if you are seeking to learn of others involved in similar aspects of research, you are encouraged to get in touch with the chairman of the committee involved.

A brief description of the current activities of each committee together with the name and address of the chairman follow. In the absence of a 1985 Membership Directory, it is suggested that you retain this page for future reference.

BALLPARKS--As the committee name implies, it is interested in all aspects of major, minor and Negro League parks, past and present. Chairman--Robert Bluthardt, 244 N. Oxford Street, San Angelo, TX 76901.

BASEBALL RECORDS--Seeking to correct/verify/expand major league records and statistics and compile missing data for individual players. Chairman--Everett Cope, 14999 Buffalo Jump Road, Three Forks, MT 59752.

BIBLIOGRAPHY--Locate, identify, evaluate, classify and describe baseball literature; plans bibliography covering 1985. Chairman--Frank V. Phelps, 253 Bernard Drive, King of Prussia, PA 19406.

BIOGRAPHICAL RESEARCH--Determine the complete/correct name, date/place of birth/death and other vital data of every major leaguer on whom same is still lacking. Chairman--Richard Topp, 4045 N. LaPorte, Chicago, IL 60641.

COLLEGIATE BASEBALL--Compile alma mater of all present/former major leaguers and list of ex-players who coached college teams. Chairman--David K. Anderson, 416 Hilliard Avenue, Monterey Park, CA 91754.

COMPUTERIZATION--Coordinate efforts of members having computers; arrange to share available computerized data and to input additional data. Co-chairmen--Gary Skoog, 2231 N. Magnolia, Chicago, IL 60614, and Tony Formo, 16 Bonnyview Drive #8, Toronto, Ont., Canada M84 3G6.

MINOR LEAGUES--Compile averages not previously published; verify/correct standings; complete manager/umpire/attendance/affiliation records and league classifications. Chairman--John F. Pardon, P. O. Box 728, Crugers, NY 10521.

NEGRO LEAGUES--Compile averages not previously published and biographical data of players/umpires/administrators. Chairman--Richard Clark, 1080 Hull, Ypsilanti, MI 48197.

19TH CENTURY--Compile rosters and records of pre-1871 teams; prepare capsule biographies of period's little-known stars/managers/administrators. Co-chairmen--John Thorn, 18 Virginia Avenue, Saugerties, NY 12477, and Mark Rucker, 137 Circular Street, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866.

STATISTICAL ANALYSIS--Most efforts being channeled toward Bill James' "Baseball Analyst" so it can serve as a research exchange. Chairman--Pete Palmer, 12 Farmcrest Avenue, Lexington, MA 02173.

JEFF FAILS has started a "World Series Gang" to undertake research on the fall classic with a view toward producing material for a future SABR publication. Five members--Eduardo Blanco, Steve Thomas, Charles Simon, Vince Nauss and Walt Robertson--have already joined the "Gang." Others willing to participate in this World Series research effort can contact Fails at 2516 2nd Ave., Lake Charles, LA 70601.

CAMPBELL GIBSON is collaborating with the University of Maryland in seeking information about that school's first graduate to reach the majors--Simon Nicholls, Philadelphia A's shortstop of 1907-0 . Nicholls died of typhoid in 1911 at age 28, leaving a wife, Marie Coneen Nicholls of Philadelphia, daughter Courtney and son Simon Jr. Anyone with information about Nicholls' life and career or about his descendants is asked to write to Gibson at 2202 Nordok Pl., Alexandria, VA 22306.

DAVID NEFT, former executive vice-president of Louis Harris & Associates, recently was named director of research for Gannett Co., Inc., which publishes 85 daily newspapers, including USA Today, and operates 22 TV and radio stations. Neft, who was general manager of Sports Illustrated Enterprises from 1970 to 1973, became a VP of the Louis Harris organization, a Gannett subsidiary, in 1976.

C. E. "PAT" OLSEN was one of seven persons inducted into the Texas Baseball Hall of Fame at the seventh annual banquet of the Ex-Pro Baseball Players Association of Texas on July 10 in Arlington, TX. Another SABR member, Howard Green, introduced one of the inductees, ex-major leaguer Harry Craft. Two other members--Red Borom and Chester Chatham--were among four recipients of the George Schepps Meritorious Award.

BOB BROEG, former long-time sports editor of the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, is back at the typewriter after recovering from a sextuple heart bypass performed in May.

A CONTINGENT of 11 members of the Halsey Hall chapter of SABR, led by Dave Anderson of Lemmon, SD, journeyed to Clear Lake, WI, on June 23 for a tour through the newly-opened Burleigh Grimes Museum and for a visit with Ol' Stubblebeard himself. After looking over the memorabilia of Grimes' long career, the group listened to Burleigh's recollections of the 1920 World Series, Babe Ruth's alleged called-shot homer in the 1932 Series and Grimes' numerous run-ins with league president Frank Shaughnessy while managing in the International League. The visit concluded with a lesson by the master on how to throw the spitball.

THE SASKATCHEWAN Baseball Hall of Fame's first annual induction dinner is slated for August 23 in Battleford, Sask. SABR member Dave Shury heads up the institution, while another member, Bill Humber, author of Cheering for the Home Team--A History of Baseball in Canada, will be guest speaker at the affair.

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MICHELSON'S Book of World Baseball Records has been compiled by Court Michelson. It includes records in all major categories, hundreds of little-known facts and "firsts," umpire and odd-ball records, trivia, lists and a special section on baseball tragedies, handicaps and comebacks. The 184-page book is available for \$9.95 from Sports Record Bureau, Dept. WBR, P. O. Box 25, Glen Ellyn, IL 60138.

A REPRINT of The 1937 Newark Bears: A Baseball Legend by Ronald A. Mayer has just come off the press. The 300-page softcover, with 32 photos and rich in nostalgia, recounts the season of what many rate the greatest team in minor league history. The book sells for \$9.95 plus \$1.50 for postage/handling. Orders should be sent to: Vintage Press, 40 Christine Drive, East Hanover, NJ 07936.

BASEBALL'S Forgotten Heroes by Frank Stevens has brief biographies of 82 former stars, none a Hall of Famer until Arky Vaughan was recently elected. The 40-page, 8½x10½ booklet, printed from neatly-typed copy, contains photos of all 82 players. It is discounted at \$3.95 by: Stevens Enterprises, Box 187, Netcong, NJ 07857.

BOB CARROLL, a member of both SABR and its pro football counterpart, is offering a free sample copy of The Coffin Corner, the PFRA's newsletter, to any SABR member. To obtain same write to Bob Carroll, 12870 Rt. 30, N.Huntingdon, PA 15642.

BILL BORST plans to launch a quarterly, The American Baseball Review, in December. It will feature critiques on baseball books and films, interviews with leading authors and a special section on the self-published. For a one-year subscription (\$12), write to: American Baseball Review, P. O. Box 16271, St. Louis, MO 63105.

IN 1983 Bob Chieger came out with Voices of Baseball: Quotations on the Summer Game, a 246-page softcover published by Atheneum. He is now preparing a similar book of Chicago Cubs quotations for a spring 1986 release by the same publisher. Anyone having any quips, quotes or stories on or about the Cubs, Wrigley Field or the city of Chicago is invited to write Bob at P.O.Box 31508, Seattle, WA 98103.

GEOFF LILGE is planning to compile a book on the Texas Rangers and would welcome participation by others. Any member interested in supplying biographies, unusual statistics, records, etc., on the Rangers can contact Geoff at 13301-117 A Avenue, Edmonton, Alta., Canada T5M 3J6. He hopes to have the book ready by the beginning of the 1986 season. All contributors will receive a free copy.

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NEWSLETTER OF THE SOCIETY FOR AMERICAN BASEBALL RESEARCH

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THINGS LOOKING UP —1985 BOOKS ARE DUE OUT SHORTLY

The Society's 1985 publications will begin coming off the press shortly, and the Membership Directory will be reinstated as soon as possible. In addition, members will be receiving four publications--exclusive of the Directory--in 1986. These were among several disclosures and decisions coming out of a meeting of the SABR Executive Board in suburban Washington, D.C., on September 28-29.

Publications director John Thorn announced that the new book on ballparks, titled "Green Cathedrals," will be the first 1985 publication that members will receive. It is now in the final stages of proofing/makeup and should be ready to go in the mail by mid-November. Philip Lowry researched and compiled the data for the book.

The fourth annual regular edition of The National Pastime will follow early in December, and the Baseball Research Journal is scheduled to be delivered later in the month. All 1985 members will receive a copy of each of the three publications.

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

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

A financial report for the first eight months of 1985 revealed the Society is in excellent fiscal shape, while the membership report showed the Society had 5,639 on its rolls through September 26 and should approach 6,000 by year's end. This compares with the 1984 year-end total of 5,280, of whom approximately 970 failed to renew this year.

Cliff Kachline, who has served as SABR executive director since the position was established in July 1983, notified the Board of his desire to relinquish the post to pursue other interests. His resignation was accepted effective November 1.

In other action the Board discussed the election process, the possible marketing of SABR-sponsored products and a proposal to expand the Society's microfilm library and decided to have the finance committee study the dues structure. President Cappy Gagnon appointed Bob McConnell to head a committee to recommend what microfilm to purchase, Tal Smith to lead the long-range planning committee and Stan Grosshandler to chair the L. Robert Davids Award committee.

APPLICANTS BEING SOUGHT FOR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, OTHER ROLES

The Executive Board has begun a search for candidates for the role of executive director. Any member interested in applying for that position--or who would like to be considered as a writer or editor for future SABR publications--is requested to send a letter indicating his or her interest together with a statement of qualifications to the Society's president, Cappy Gagnon, 3714 Lankershim Blvd., Hollywood, CA 90068.

PENCIL IN 1986 CONVENTION ON YOUR SCHEDULE

Once the World Series ends, some fans suffer baseball withdrawal symptoms. Whether or not you are one of them, you can help get through the winter by starting to make plans for next summer. One event all members should consider adding to their schedule is the 1986 SABR convention. It will be held at Loyola University in Chicago on the weekend of either July 11-13 or July 18-20. (The date should be finalized in time for inclusion in the December Bulletin.) The Loyola facility consists of a modern airconditioned building housing the dorm rooms, meeting rooms and cafeteria so that walking will be minimal. The convention committee is planning an exciting time for everyone.

THE SOCIETY expresses its gratitude to three members who recently made some valuable donations to the organization. Jack Rudolph of Des Peres, Wis., gave his vast and valuable collection of Baseball Guides, record books, etc., while John Sargent of New Caanan, Conn., contributed several cartons of baseball publications and Roy Hughes donated his 1945 Chicago Cubs World Series uniform.

THE PROJECT of compiling data and views on the designated hitter is continuing. Anyone favoring the DH and having facts or opinions should send same to John L. Sullivan, Apt. F, 586 W. 1500 N Street, Layton, UT 84041. Those who are against the DH should forward any data to Frank Speltz, P.O.Box 2787, Alameda, CA 94501.

SABR WAS well represented at a program on Rhode Island baseball history given at the Kingston, R.I., Public Library on August 28. Joe Lawler, Larry Groff, Len Levin and Father Gerry Beirne provided a slide show on RI teams and natives who played major league baseball, with Dale Collett supplying additional comments. Talks were given by Fred Ivor-Campbell on Hoss Radbourne, Don O'Hanley on Newport and baseball, and Jack Kavanagh on baseball fiction and "The Baseball Joe Series." A videotape of last year's recreated 1884 World Series game was shown with commentary by Syd Cohen. The highlight of the evening was special guest Wilma Briggs, a seven-year veteran of the All-American Girls' Baseball League (1948-1954). She played at Fort Wayne and South Bend and under managers Max Carey and Jimmie Foxx.

THE SEVENTH annual "Baseball Odyssey Sports Extra" was produced this summer by David Maril, sports editor of the Milford (Mass.) Daily News. The 12-page tabloid supplement included articles on Cub broadcaster Harry Caray, Pittsburgh's Three Rivers Stadium, Washington's bid for a major league team and the Richmond International and Salem Carolina League parks....George French is proof of the energy possessed by many of the geriatric set. At age 73, the Torrance, Calif., resident still is playing softball. Upon seeing Dr. Bobby Brown on TV recently, French recalled striking out the former Yankee in the mid-1940s when he pitched for the VFW team in Pittsburg, Calif., and Brown was on the Camp Stoneman team.

---IN MEMORIAM---

Two of the Society's earliest members and a pair who joined within the past two years died recently. They were Eric (Ric) Roberts, Robert W. Henderson, Joseph A. Fay and John J. Sullivan. Roberts, a writer and editor with the Pittsburgh Courier for 25 years and later sports information specialist for Howard University, was SABR's first black member, enrolling in June 1972 as member No. 103. He belonged to the Society for five years. Roberts died at Howard University Hospital in Washington on September 12 at age 80. Henderson was a noted baseball historian whose 1947 book "Bat, Ball and Bishop" and earlier articles debunked the myth that Abner Doubleday invented baseball. He joined SABR in 1973 as member No. 176 and remained on the rolls until 1981 when the membership was placed in the name of New York City's Racquet and Tennis Club, where he served as librarian. Henderson, 96, died at Hartford, Conn., on August 18. Fay, a long-time school administrator, sports broadcaster and racetrack announcer who joined SABR in 1984, passed away in Lincoln, R.I., on August 28 at age 80. Sullivan, a retired Navy captain, enrolled in the Society earlier this year and died at St. Petersburg, Fla., on August 13, the day before he would have been 65.

THREE MORE ex-big league players and a long-time former minor leaguer were added to the Society's membership rolls in the past two months. They are Russ Meyer, who pitched in the majors from 1946-1959 and has been a pitching coach in the Yankee farm system the last several years, and the trio who were guest panelists at the Oakland convention--Sam Chapman, Earl Robinson and Bill Raimondi. They were rewarded with memberships by the convention committee. Chapman played in the majors from 1939-1951 and Robinson between 1958-1964. Raimondi caught in the Pacific Coast League from 1932-1953 except in 1936, when he was on the Cincinnati Reds' roster but missed the entire season due to injury....Two additional major league executives and numerous minor league officials also joined SARR recently. The big league duo consists of Gordon Ash, player personnel administrator for Toronto, and Robert Croasdale, accountant with San Diego. Croasdale is the tenth member of the Padre organization--eight from the front office and players Terry Kennedy and Kurt Bevacqua--to enroll in the Society.

A FOUNDRING member of SABR, Pat McDonough, has returned to the fold following a lengthy absence. Pat, a former New York City sportswriter, was among the 16 persons who met in Cooperstown in August 1971 at Bob Davids' invitation to organize the Society....The list of members who played minor league baseball was increased by one with the disclosure that John Steadman, sports editor of the Baltimore News-American, had a brief stay as a catcher with York (Inter-State) in 1943.... Eric Simonsen was featured in a two-page article in a recent issue of the Price Waterhouse Staffnews. Titled "Celebrating the Grand Old Game," the story dealt with Eric's role in the recreated 1884 World Series game staged as part of last year's convention in Providence. Four photos of the game, including a cover shot showing Eric as the umpire, were included....Harrison Wickel, long-time scout and Stan Musial's first manager in pro ball, was tendered a surprise 75th birthday party on September 22. He also was feted for his 50 years in pro baseball. Among the 30 guests were numerous major league scouts and SABR president Cappy Gagnon.

THE GRANDSON of member Howard Green is making a name for himself on stage and the screen. Ethan Hawke, a sophomore at West Windsor-Plainsboro (N.J.) High, is one of three space travelers in the feature film "Explorers." He also played the juvenile lead this summer in "The Adventures of Pericles" in Princeton, N.J....Don Valentine, former U.S. Army Ranger, is combining his knowledge of the military and baseball to teach power hitting to youngsters in Atlanta, Ga. Eleven players from his amateur North Atlanta Mustangs team earned college baseball scholarships this year. ...Keith Olbermann has joined KTLA-TV in Los Angeles as a weeknight sportscaster on the station's "News at Ten" broadcast....Mike Ryan, former P. R. director of the San Diego Padres and more recently with the Houston Astros, is now assistant athletic director at New Mexico State University in Las Cruces.

PERRY LEE BARBER, SABR's gal umpire, was the subject of a highly interesting and informative piece written by another member, sports columnist Dick Reynolds, for the Richmond (Ind.) Palladium-Item last month. While trying to become a pro ump, Perry earns her living as a composer-musician....Masaru Ikei, professor at Keio University in Japan, spent several weeks in the U.S. again recently interviewing players for a new book he has been commissioned to write. It will deal with U.S. players who performed in Japan in the 1970s and 1980s....The tabloid "Newport: This Week" published in Newport, R.I., carried a two-page feature last month on Don O'Hanley. A stockbroker and historian of transportation as well as baseball buff, Don joined SABR in 1982 and has done extensive research on R.I. baseball.

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SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING REGIONAL MEETINGS

San Diego--2-5 p.m., Sunday, October 20, at 10650 Porto Court, Tierrasanta
 Rhode Island--12:30-4:30, Saturday, Oct. 26, St. Rita's Parish Hall, Warwick
 Orlando--7:30-9 a.m., Saturday, November 2, Hilton Inn at Florida Center
 Philadelphia--9:30-4:30, Saturday, November 16, Free Library of Philadelphia
 Chicago--1-7 p.m., Sunday, November 17, Loyola University

SAN DIEGO--Phil Lowry will host the regional at his home with presentations from 2-4:30 followed by dinner of hot dogs, hamburgers, beer and soda (cost \$7.00 per person). Afterward the group will watch the World Series on three TV sets. Those planning to attend or give a presentation should contact Phil at 279-0719.

RHODE ISLAND--Tentative guest speakers for area's second regional of year include former pitchers Clem Labine and Art Quirk plus Armand Lamontagne, who sculpted the Babe Ruth and Ted Williams statues now in the Baseball Hall of Fame. The meeting also will include members' presentations. Contact: Len Levin (401-351-3278).

ORLANDO--A breakfast session will provide an opportunity for informal conversation with other SABR members as well as with players on hand for that evening's second annual Orlando Old-Timers Game. Breakfast available for \$3.50. Contact: Dick Crepeau (305-267-3467).

PHILADELPHIA--An informal get-together featuring exchange of ideas and SABR news plus some presentations will be held 9:30-noon and 1:15-4:30 in the Montgomery Room of Free Library at 20th & Vine. No charge; each on his own for lunch. Contacts (215 AC): Frank Phelps(265-1622), Joe McGillen (698-0476), Ed Doyle (831-0158).

CHICAGO--Regional will include dinner (\$7 per person; reservations mandatory). Contact: Marge Daniels, 1211 N. LaSalle Dr. #1402, Chicago 60610 (phone 312-266-7239).

TALKS by two members with long journalistic careers, one an ex-major leaguer, and by two other former players plus a film on old Griffith Stadium highlighted an outstanding program at the twelfth annual Washington-area regional on September 28. John Steadman and Mal Mallette both delighted the 124 persons who attended with their remarks, while Boze Berger and Wilmer Fields supplied enjoyable reminiscences about their respective major and Negro League careers. Steadman, sports editor of the Baltimore-News American, related several fascinating stories about Charlie Keller and the baseball scholarship in his name at the University of Maryland. Mallette, who has worked for the American Press Institute the last 24 years, told of his seven-year baseball career and his associations with (turn to page 6)

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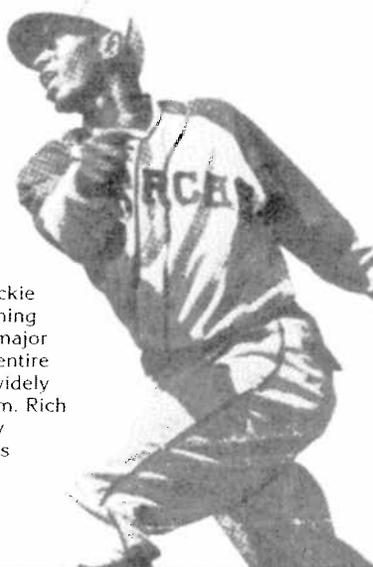
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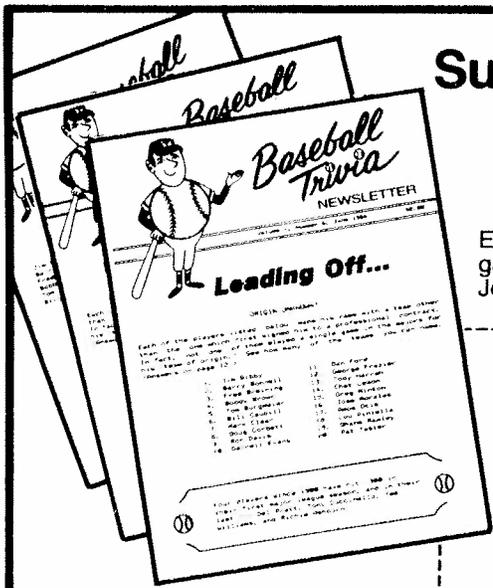
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JAY FELDMAN and his wife are arranging for a December 26-January 1 goodwill baseball tour of Nicaragua. It is strictly a non-profit, non-partisan, humanitarian effort aimed at increasing understanding between the people of the U.S. and Nicaragua through our common national pastime. The itinerary includes visits to as many ballparks as can be crammed into the seven-day stay. Cost of the trip will be between \$800 and \$1,000, including airfare, accommodations and meals. Those interested can contact Diane Callum, c/o Baseball for Peace, Box 379, Winters, CA 95694 (phone 916-795-4818).

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

JERRY LANE, who pitched for Washington and Cincinnati in the mid-1950s, was the special guest at Chattanooga's second annual regional held September 1 at Engel Stadium and related anecdotes from his career. A group of 15, including several from Atlanta, attended. Manager Bill Plummer and pitching coach Ross Grimsley of the Lookouts also stopped by.

LOU JOHNSON, former outfielder, was the featured speaker at Los Angeles' sixth regional on August 31. Now employed by the Dodgers' community relations department, Johnson reminisced about his major league career and two World Series. Forty members and guests attended the meeting, which also included numerous research presentations. One of the most amusing and persuasive was Bob Hoie's talk in favor of the designated-hitter rule.

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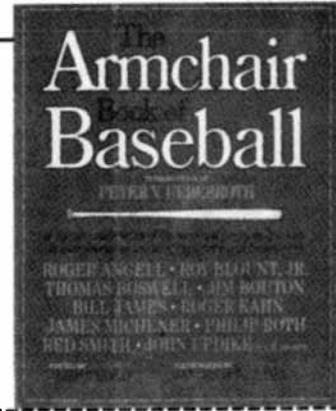
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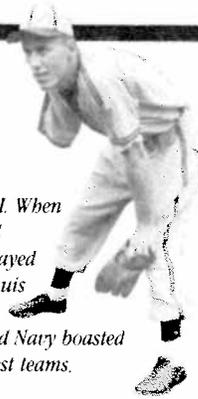
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DICK CLARK, Negro Leagues Committee chairman, reports that many ex-Negro League players have indicated an interest in communicating with SABR members. Anyone who would like to meet or correspond with old black players with a view toward researching that aspect of baseball or who would be interested in helping with the project of compiling averages of the Negro Leagues should contact Dick Clark at 1080 Hull, Ypsilanti, MI 48197.

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THE 100 SEASONS of Buffalo Baseball by Joseph M. Overfield is now in its second printing. With the Bisons having drawn 360,000 the past season, their first year back in Triple-A, despite a poor team, the first printing sold out quickly. The softcover book contains 252 pages, 140 pictures and the names and records of all Buffalo players since 1877. It is available for \$8.95 postpaid (N.Y. residents add 72¢ sales tax) from: Joseph M. Overfield, 21 Pinewoods Ave., Tonawanda, NY 14510.

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THE KANSAS CITY MONARCHS: Champions of Black Baseball has just made its appearance. Written by Janet Bruce, director of Kansas City's historic Wornall House Museum, the 182-page hardcover contains 98 photographs and covers the 35-year history of the Monarchs. The book sells for \$19.95 but is being offered to SABR members at a 20 percent discount (\$15.96 plus \$1.50 for postage/handling) from: University Press of Kansas, 329 Carruth, Lawrence, KS 66045.

THE PHILLIES ENCYCLOPEDIA, a 544-page coffee-table-size hardcover (regular price \$39.95), is being offered at a discount to SARR members by co-author Rich Westcott. The book covers the Phillies' first 101 years and was published by Leisure Press. It can be obtained for \$34.95 plus \$1.55 postage/handling by writing to: Richard Westcott, P. O. Box 157, Springfield, PA 19064.

WITH THIS YEAR being the 40th anniversary of the end of World War II, a new publisher felt it appropriate to reprint Bill Mead's book on wartime baseball under the new title of Baseball Goes to War. Coincidentally, official release date of the tome, which appeared originally as Even the Browns, was September 30, the same date in 1945 on which returning Army veteran Hank Greenberg hit a pennant-winning homer on closing day for Detroit. The book is available for \$7.95 plus 85¢ postage/handling from: Farragut Publishing Co., P. O. Box 65303, Washington, DC 20035.

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NEWSLETTER OF THE SOCIETY FOR AMERICAN BASEBALL RESEARCH

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WALTER JOHNSON TO LEAD SABR

The Board of Directors is pleased to announce the hiring of W(alter) Lloyd Johnson as Executive Director. He replaced Cliff Kachline, who resigned October 31. Johnson was selected from a field of 31 SABR member applicants. The position was initially offered to Harrington E. (Kit) Crissey, former SABR President. Crissey declined the position shortly thereafter due to the time constraints of his teaching job and Naval Reserve status. Johnson, the Board's other finalist, assumed the position on November 15. For the past year, he has been employed by the Hall of Fame, thereby continuing its status as a SABR farm club. Although it is difficult to replace a person the caliber of Cliff Kachline, the SABR Board is pleased to have identified so many experienced and capable applicants for the position.

Like the Big Train, Lloyd Johnson calls the Midwest his home. For the last four years, he has lived in New York. In his position as Senior Research Associate at the Hall of Fame, Johnson met and corresponded with authors, media personnel, researchers, team officials, and the Commissioner's Office. He is known to many SABR members. He co-ordinated transportation for Hall of Famers at the 1985 Induction Weekend. Johnson has been heard on National Public Radio and CBS radio, and has been quoted in **USA Today**. Recently, he was a consultant to Columbia Pictures for its ABC made-for-television spring release, *The Pete Gray Story*. For the past three years, Johnson has written for **The Baseball News**, a Syracuse Chiefs Stadium Club publication. He has done extensive research on Upstate New York baseball of the 1870s when such teams as the Binghamton Crickets, Buffalo Bisons, Albany Senators, Rochester Hop Bitters, and Syracuse Stars competed for fame, but very little money.

Prior to his work at the Hall of Fame, Johnson, 34, received a bachelor's degree in history from Oklahoma State University, and a master's of history from the University of Tulsa. He has worked in a research library for Cities Service Oil & Gas Corp. and edited a college catalog for Cornell University. Johnson also served two years in the U.S. Peace Corps. His office in Senegal, West Africa, was a cement hut with a grass roof. The SABR office remains P.O. Box 1010, Cooperstown, NY 13326; phone 607/547-9160.



These four Johnsons are in the Hall of Fame. Which one is the new SABR Director?

REGIONAL REPORT

27 members and 4 non-members attended the regional on November 16 at the Free Library of Philadelphia. In attendance was Lloyd Johnson in the role of SABR's new Executive Director. Presentations were made by ED DOYLE: Legendary local — Rube Chambers, Old Philadelphia Ballparks; ROB GODREY: The National Baseball Fan Association; JOE LAWLER: Tragedies in the Life of Christy Mathewson; JOE MCGILLEN: Parallels between Ty Cobb and Pete Rose; DICK MILLER: Old Ballparks Research; FRANK PHELPS: Sherry Magee, The Six Editions of Macmillan's **The Baseball Encyclopedia**; and RICH WESTCOTT: The Past, Present and Future of the **Phillies Report**.

28 members and guests attended the 1985 Minnesota regional on October 19 in St. Paul. Presentations were made by JOHN DIMEGLIO: The Tears of Some Old Timers; ANDY LURTH: Altered Results and Missed Highlights — Five Game World Series; ALAN HOLST: Rating Defense for the 1985 Season; ALDEN MEAD: Ten Shutouts; and STEW THORNLEY: The Minneapolis Millers in the Western League, 1894-1900. The player-panel consisted of Larry Rosenthal, Howie (Stretch) Schultz, John Castino, and Bob Johnson.

60 members and guests attended second Rhode Island regional. The featured speakers were Art Quirk, Armand Lamontagne, and Ed Walczak. One of the highlights of the meeting was a "debate" on two questions. Does Phil Rizzuto belong in the Hall of Fame? How does Pete Rose stack up against Ty Cobb? Organizer LEN LEVIN claims that neither topic could be settled.

10 members of the Houston Chapter met and dined at the Astrodome on September 20th courtesy of the Astros Public Relations department. JACK KELLY is seeking a SABR project in connection with the 1986 All-Star game.

The second annual San Diego regional was held October 20th at Phil Lowry's home. Presentations were given by GREG FUNK: Predictive Stats for Team Won-Loss Record; HELEN KNOP: Padres 1985 Season; JOE NAIMAN: Deacon McGuire's 26 Year Playing Record; TOM EDWARDS: 1911 Giants' Tobacco Cards; BRUCE ERRICSON: Player Win Averages; and PHIL LOWRY: Ballpark Geometry. Afterwards, the group watched in amazement as the Quis went unused in Game 2 of the W.S.

A host of 'BUMS' showed up at LARRY GROFF's house in Lincoln, RI to view a videotape of the 1955 World Series. Elston Howard grounded out, again, Pee Wee Reese to Gil Hodges as the Dodgers won their first World Championship ever. Clem Labine appeared to give the proceedings authenticity. RON DEAN edits the quarterly newsletter for the SE New England Brooklyn Dodgers Fan Club.

53 members and guests attended the Chicago regional on November 17. Presentations were made by PHIL BOLDEN: Running a Rotisserie League; DON WARFIELD: Larry MacPhail the Roaring Redhead; EDDIE GOLD: Unknown Poems and Songs; and JOHN KOVACH: From Goose Pastime to Green Stockings. Rich Nye and Don Kolloway were feature guests.



MICROFILM LENDING LIBRARY

The Board has appointed SABR member TOM HEITZ of the National Baseball Library as the Microfilm Lending Librarian. Among the holdings are **Sporting Life** 1883-1917, Chadwick Scrapbooks, Chadwick Diaries, Spalding Scrapbooks, Harry Wright Correspondence, Cincinnati Red Stockings Scorebooks, Knickerbocker BBC Books, and the Knickerbocker Game Books. To borrow or to obtain further information concerning the holdings and services of the SABR Microfilm Lending Library contact: THOMAS R. HEITZ, National Baseball Library, National Baseball Hall of Fame, Cooperstown, NY 13326, (607) 547-9988.

THE RESEARCH EXCHANGE

Baseball Briefs, six page newsletter of interesting and unusual happenings of the 1985 season, is available free from BOB DAVIDS. If interested, send a large (4x9) SASE to him at 4424 Chesapeake St. NW, Washington, DC 20016. . . . For a two page fact sheet on changes in the six editions of **The Baseball Encyclopedia** send a SASE to FRANK PHELPS, 253 Bernard Drive, King of Prussia, PA 19406. . . The SABR **Bulletin** is still looking for the first Italian-American to play professional ball — is it Alphonse Case Martin or the man named after two Roman Emperors, Adrian Constantine Anson? . . . MARC OKKONEN has been working on visual documentation of Major League Post-1900 Uniforms. With close to 1000 pieces of art completed, he is willing to answer any specific uniform question. Send SASE to 1200 Esplanade Apt. 120, Redondo Beach, CA 90277. . . FRANK PHELPS offers a valuable research tool — his two page list of leagues and their boxscores as they appeared in **Sporting Life** and **The Sporting News**. Send SASE. . . LLOYD JOHNSON will provide a one page list of 19th Century baseball magazine articles. Send SASE to Box 1010, Cooperstown, NY 13326. . . The SABR project to identify all steals of home since 1900 is being coordinated by CRAIG CARTER, KEITH SUTTON, and BOB DAVIDS, with an assist from SKIP CLAYTON. The huge study has been approached from several different angles. For example, there have been 40 occasions when a player stole second, third, and home in the same inning (Honus Wagner did it four times; Ty Cobb three). On 58 occasions a player has stolen home in extra innings, frequently with the winning run (Wally Moses did it three times; Frank Frisch and Tony Lazzeri twice). . . The Hall of Fame is looking for volunteers to complete its Home Run Logs. If interested, write or call TOM HEITZ at the National Baseball Library.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Congratulations to JEFF MOREY of Syracuse, NY has completed the ninth year of publication for **The Autograph Review**. . . DENNIS DUGAN has started a new TV series called "Shadow Chasers". . . GERARD M. REHAGEN has a plan to resolve the DH controversy. REHAGEN proposes allowing pinch-hitters for the pitcher without having to remove the pitcher. He claims that strategy would increase as the manager must decide to use a PH on every pitcher's at bat, then decide which PH to use. . .

On Nov. 15 CHUCK STEVENS conducted the 61st Annual Dinner for the Association of Professional Baseball Players of America in Anaheim. Stevens, former Brownie first sacker, serves as the organization's sec./treas. The APBPA assists players during times of personal crisis. . . Veteran sportcaster CHUCK BENEDICT was given a "DAY" by the Southern California Sportscasters Association on November 21. . . MARGE DANIELS will input the 1986 Membership Roll into the Society's computer. Husband JOHN will provide the necessary programming.

LARRY HOGAN of Union County College informs us that his institution has received a grant to produce a one hour video documentary entitled, "Before You Can Say Jack Robinson." The film will portray black baseball in New Jersey prior to 1950. . . YOICHI NAGATA published a piece in **Chuo Koron** on Pete Rose. It's a Japanese mix of **Atlantic Monthly** and **TIME**.

REPORT OF THE PUBLICATION DIRECTOR

By now you are enjoying your Winter 1985 edition of **The National Pastime**. Around New Year's Day you will receive PHIL LOWRY's **Green Cathedrals**, one of the most ambitious research projects ever undertaken by a SABR member. In late January, the venerable **Baseball Research Journal** will be mailed. We hope you like its new look — BRJ has been redesigned from top to bottom.

1986 publications will be spaced throughout the year. The final cut for a **TNP** Pictorial devoted to the dead-ball era (1900-19) nears; the format will parallel that of the 19th century pictorial.

In July, we will present a new venture, **The SABR Review of Books**, edited by PAUL ADOMITES. October will bring the **Baseball Research Journal**, and December, a regular **TNP**. There will be a new **Membership Directory** in 1986, and six issues of the **Bulletin**.

JOHN THORN

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Statistical Analysis

The original members of the committee, BILL JAMES, DICK CRAMER and PETER PALMER have been very busy with their own professional analysis. BILL has successfully started Project Scoresheet, which has available play-by-play for most games in 1984 and virtually all games in 1985. Books are available. They are working on putting the data on disks. The person to contact is JOHN DEWAN, Box 46074, Chicago, IL 60646. DAVIS JACKSON of New Braunfels, Texas, organized a separate set of data gatherers to provide play-by-play data. He published a report last year called **The Last Word**, which covered 1984 and is available for sixteen dollars from Jackson Research, Box 28, New Braunfels, TX 78131. JEFF NEUMAN, a SABR member and Macmillan editor, i.e. **The Baseball Encyclopedia**, has some of his data published in **The 1985 Elias Baseball Analyst**, now available in book stores.

Bibliography

The first product of the committee is intended to be an annotated bibliography of 1985 baseball books, including privately and regionally printed items. JOE LAWLER will edit it.

Collegiate

ONE OBJECTIVE of the committee is to identify all major league players who attended college. JIM FLACK, Assistant Baseball Coach at the University of Maryland, is in a unique position to do this for his school. His office is decorated with photos of 15 U. of M. Major Leaguers. Chronologically, by final year of play or graduation, they are: Simon Nichols, 1901; Buck Herzog '05; Mike Knode '16; Bob Knode '20; Vic Keen '21; Boze Berger '32; Charlie Keller '36; Sherry Robertson '39; Hal Keller '45; Tom Brown (better known for football) and Ron Swoboda '63; Tom Bradley '68; Gene Hiser '70; Jimmy Norris '71; and Bob Ferris '76. Herzog played in 1905 and appeared in the team photo, but apparently was not registered for classes.

Minor Leagues

The committee's highlight in 1985 has been the issuance of **Minor League Stars II**. Research in the minor league field continues in many areas. These include: 1) The three Bobs — DAVIDS, HOIE and McCONNELL — have already begun plans for **Minor League Stars III**; 2) NEIL RAYMOND of Montreal is compiling an all-time roster of Montreal Royals; 3) JACK KAVANAGH of Kingstown, RI is working on the Colonial League 1914-15 and the Northeastern League, 1934; BILL BALLOU of Worcester, MA is compiling data on Worcester from the 1880's; RAY SCHMIDT of Lockport, IL is working on the Wisconsin-Illinois League, 1900's; ART CANTU of Pico Rivera, CA is listing all minor league players, over 400,000 so far; VERN LUSE of Parkersburg, WV is working on the Cumberland Valley League of 1890, also, he is helping the Indianapolis Indians compile a city history of pro baseball; JOHN PARDON and LUSE are compiling a list of cities that have had professional baseball, presently, over 1,400 are counted.

Negro Leagues

The number one project is compiling statistics from box scores for the Negro Leagues from 1920 to 1950. More volunteers are needed for microfilm work. Subcommittees have been set up: 1920-29 JOHN HOLWAY; 1930-39 DICK CLARK; 1940-49 JIM RILEY. Projects that need to be undertaken in an organized way include attempting to get more Blacks into the Hall of Fame, memorializing former Negro League ballparks, establishing biographical information on former Black players, and issuing a cassette tape and/or printed library of interviews with Negro Leaguers. PAUL DOHERTY has asked to retire from the statistical project to pursue his own research interests. The committee and SABR owes him a tremendous vote of THANKS for a job well done.



ANNUAL CONVENTION

The anniversary of the 1906 Chicago World Series is the theme for the 1986 Convention. Loyola University Lakeshore Campus (Chicago) will host SABR on either July 11-13 (Sox v. Orioles) or July 18-20 (Cubs v. Giants). The activities include a ball game, banquet, BOB DAVIDS Award, player panel, member presentations, city tour, plus meetings. More specifics will be in the February **Bulletin**.

1986 SOCIETY FOR AMERICAN BASEBALL RESEARCH MEMBERSHIP FORM

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| 1) Are you willing to do research? | YES | NO |
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AREAS OF RESEARCH INTEREST: (circle up to five items)

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- _____ 2 Negro Leagues
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List areas of specific expertise where you are willing to serve as a resource for media requests or research verification. _____

SABR MEMBERSHIP — 1986

Please print legibly and answer all questions fully.

Send \$20 check (\$23 outside U.S.) to SABR, P.O. Box 1010, Cooperstown, NY 13326 along with your membership form.

Dear _____

You are a most enthusiastic student of the National Pastime. Because of your devotion to the game I have purchased for you a GIFT MEMBERSHIP to the Society For American Baseball Research. Hopefully, 1986 will be the beginning of a long and fruitful relationship between you and SABR.





The National Baseball Library has several hundred unidentified photos. This one pictures Pepper Martin at spring training, but who are the other two guys?

MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

SABR is in good order. The transition is proceeding well. The goal of the new Director is to continue SABR publications and services while enhancing communications between members. It is my desire for each member to feel that he or she belongs to the World's Foremost Baseball Research Organization.

LLOYD JOHNSON

The backbone of the organization is research. This baseball fact finding comes individually and from organized groups. SABR's lineup of committees and chairpersons is:

Ballparks	BOB BLUTHARDT
Baseball Records	EV COPE
Bibliography	FRANK PHELPS
Biographical Research	RICHARD TOPP
Collegiate Baseball	DAVE ANDERSON
Computerization	SKOOG/FORMO
Minor Leagues	JOHN PARDON
Negro Leagues	RICHARD CLARK
Statistical Analysis	PETER PALMER
19th Century	RUCKER/THORN

If interested in serving on one of these committees, contact the chairperson.

BOB HOIE is chairman of the Nominating committee. Anyone wishing to be considered for SABR office should submit an one page statement of interest and qualifications.

St. Louis "Hot Stove" Regional, January 25 at the Bowling Hall of Fame, contact Erwin Fischer — (314) 831-4843 or Dan Krueckeberg (314) 968-8074. Cost is \$6.

ALL-TIME JOHNSON TEAM

P	WALTER	BENCH
C	CLIFF	BILLY
1B	DERON	BOB
2B	DAVY	LOU
3B	JUDY	LAMAR
SS	ERNIE	SLEEPY BILL
LF	INDIAN BOB	
CF	ROY	BULLPEN:
RF	ALEX	BART, CHIEF, KEN,
MGR	DAVY	SI, SYL, TOM, and
UMP	STEAMBOAT	HARDROCK.

TOP PROSPECTS IN — CACTUS

NEW YORK HOT STOVE LEAGUE meets at the English Pub on January 11. For more information, contact Gary Kelleher, 9 Van Dyke Avenue, Suffern, NY 10901, (914) 357-3744. Cost is \$7.50.

YOU CAN CALL ME JOHNSON

A major contributor to baseball history is the Johnson clan. Caleb is the only Johnson to appear in the National Association — a fact that has led some researchers to conclude that many performers in the 1871-1875 era played under assumed names. . . Other Johnson firsts are: first to throw three shutouts in four days — Walter, 1908; first to appear in a World Series — Ernie, 1923; first to get an All-Star game hit — Indian Bob, 1942; first to win a Batting Championship — Alex, 1970; first to lose a nine inning No-Hitter — Ken; and first Black to coach in the Majors — Judy, 1954 with the A's. . . Herbert H. is SABR's Johnson of the Month. This researcher is an Insurance Broker, lives in Paris, France, and has an interest in Undersized Major Leaguers.

TOPPS BASEBALL CARD BOOK

The **Complete Picture Collection of TOPPS Baseball Cards** is selling like soldout World Series tickets. SABR has received a second shipment to fill the many orders. Those who want their books in time for the Holiday Season are urged to speed \$59.75 plus \$1.25 for Special Handling by the Post Office to JOHN THORN, 18 VIRGINIA AVENUE, SAUGERTIES, NY 12477. This 736 page book features color reproductions of 21,000 TOPPS Baseball Cards and retails for \$75.00

JOHN KOVACH has written **From Goosepasture to Greenstockings**, the story of South Bend baseball. Many photos and statistics are included in the 72 page publication. SABR member price is \$5 and can be ordered from John at Northern Indiana Historical Society, 112 S. Lafayette Blvd., South Bend, IN 46601.

Reggie Cleveland is the only Saskatchewan native to appear in a World Series. This and other provincial facts can be learned from the **Saskatchewan Historical Baseball Review**. Send \$4.00 to Saskatchewan Baseball Hall of Fame, Box 524, North Battleford, Saskatchewan S9A 2Y1 Canada.

KAREN AND JERRY JOHNSON have produced **The Scoreboard News**, a newsletter about the Chicago Cubs. Write for details to the Johnsons, 1937 Wilson Ct., Mt. View, CA 94040.

BARRY GIFFORD has written **The Neighborhood of Baseball, A Personal History of the Chicago Cubs**. Send \$7.95 to Creative Arts Book Company, 833 Bancroft Way, Berkeley, CA 94710.

Play Ball 1986 calendar features the famous #7 of the New York Yankees on the cover. Order yours by sending \$6.95 to DIXIE TOURANGEAU, Tide-mark Press, Ltd. P.O. Box 813, Hartford, CT 06142.

The Brown Stocking, an historical journal, is now available from the St. Louis Browns Fan Club. This 84-page volume is a compilation of 18 articles on the history of the Browns, written by such luminaries as Broeg, Richman, Christman, Mead, Garver and Borst. A special price of \$6 ppd. is available to all SABR members. Send check or money order to BFC, P.O. Box 16271, St. Louis, MO 63105.

Baseball History is coming soon. In April 1986, a new baseball quarterly will begin publication. Produced by Meckler, edited by PETER LEVINE, the journal is available at \$22.50. Send to Meckler Publishing, 11 Ferry Lane West, Westport, CT 06880.

Champion Batsmen of the 20th Century by JOHN THOM can be had for only \$5.95 from Bat & Ball Press, Box 83333-S, Los Angeles, CA 90083.

WANTED: BASEBALL RESEARCHER

Tom Heitz, Baseball Hall of Fame Librarian, is seeking a Senior Research Associate. Minimum qualifications are a Master's degree in History and an in-depth knowledge of baseball. Those who are interested should contact Tom at the National Baseball Library. (607) 547-9988.

SABR BOARD MEETING

The next meeting takes place January 18-19. President Cappy Gagnon encourages members to send comments and suggestions to him at 3714 Lankershim Blvd., Hollywood, CA 90068.

The Bulletin

NEWSLETTER OF THE SOCIETY FOR AMERICAN BASEBALL RESEARCH
Volume 16, Number 1, February 1986

LIGHTS OUT, SABR IN

Chicago Cub officials have refused to install lights to accommodate the annual SABR convention. The Cubs and Giants have agreed, however, to fit their Saturday, July 19, game into SABR's busy convention schedule.

Registration opens the evening of Thursday, July 18, and continues until Saturday night. Friday features a tour of Comiskey Park, member presentations, a former player panel, and a trivia quiz. Saturday highlights are the SABR elections and general meeting, ball game, trivia finals, and banquet. Sunday, July 20 concludes the convention with member presentations and baseball movies.

Organizer Marge Daniels and her committee promise surprises and an unforgettable time in the National League's first city. The convention site is Loyola Lakeshore Campus. The price is approximately \$100 per person including lodging and meals. Those **not** staying at the university facilities can attend all activities for about \$55. Rooms and meals for Thursday and Monday are available for an additional \$30 per night. The building is air-conditioned and has access for the handicapped. The sleeping accommodations are single and double rooms, set up in suites of 7. Each suite has double bathroom facilities, a lounge area, and a small refrigerator. The Convention Registration Form will appear in April's **Bulletin**.

The SABR Board of Directors seeks future convention sites. Anyone interested in hosting the National Convention should contact the SABR office.

SABR Office, Box 1010, Cooperstown, NY 13326, 607/547-9160.



REGIONAL REPORT

Last May the Minneapolis group, Minnesota and surrounding states, organized itself into the Halsey Hall chapter of SABR with a formal local organization and Board of Directors. It has more than 50 members, a set of by-laws, and a monthly newsletter. If any SABR regional would like information about the Halsey Hall chapter, write STEW THORNLEY, 982 15th Ave., SE, Minneapolis, MN 55414.

56 members from St. Louis celebrated the Second Annual Hot Stove League winter regional by renaming themselves the BOB BROEG St. Louis Chapter of SABR. Umpire Dave Phillips and Cardinal PR person Kip Ingle were the featured speakers. The night, however, belonged to BROEG. Among his notable baseball accomplishments: his identification of the December **Bulletin's** Mystery Picture.

51 attended the "1st New York Hot Stove League." Saul Rogovin was presented with a SABR membership. Presentations were given by CARL LUNDQUIST, TOM KNIGHT, STEVE NADEL, DIANE FIRSTMAN, LARRY WHITE, DAMIAN BEGLEY, and SCOTT FLATOW. A quiz, given by NADEL and BOB SLADE, was won by some guy named RON.

The theme of the Portland Regional meeting on February 16th will be "Baseball in Oregon: Pro, Semi-Pro, and Amateur." Anyone interested in attending should call JIM O'DONNELL in Seattle (206/632-2255) or MIKE TEDESCO in Portland (503/236-1874).

Saturday, March 1 is the tentative date for the Milwaukee Regional. For more information call TOM JOZWIK at 414/466-5384.

The Philadelphia/Reading Regional has been set for Saturday, April 26 in Reading. The schedule is — reception 9 a.m., meeting 10-4:30, Reading-Vermont game 7 p.m. Game tickets can be purchased at the stadium. The meeting will be at the Motor Inn, Route 183, Reading, PA 19601. Members wanting to make 10-minute talks should inform KIT CRISSEY of their topics. Early reservations are helpful. The deadline is April 19. Send \$12 checks to H.E. CRISSEY, JR., 1806 Benton St., #1, Philadelphia, PA 19152. Overnight rooms are available at the Inn, 215/376-6711. Rates are \$36.04 single and \$43.46 double. Contact CRISSEY, 215/745-8503, or FRANK PHELPS, 215/265-1622 for more information.

Meet me in St. Louis on June 28 for a Regional meeting featuring a buffet dinner and a Cardinals-Phillies game.

The New York Regional, September 19, will include dinner and a game at Shea Stadium.



BOB BROEG identified the mystery photo in the last Bulletin as Pepper Martin, Yo-Yo- the mascot, and Ripper Collins. BROEG informs us that the picture was taken at Bradenton, FL in the early 1930s. MATTHEW WALSH and GENE ELSTON also spotted Collins. This Bulletin features unidentified team photos from the National Baseball Library's collection.

RENEWAL TIME

1986 SOCIETY FOR AMERICAN BASEBALL RESEARCH MEMBERSHIP FORM

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New Renewal

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MEMBERSHIP IS NOW OVER 6200

SABR by-laws state that a member's dues must be paid by April 1 to remain in good standing. This year there will be NO separate mailing to solicit renewals. Please use this form, or a photocopy of it. This is the last renewal form that will appear in the Bulletin. Canadian members are reminded to send 23 dollars in U.S. currency equivalent.

ATTENTION RESEARCHERS!

SABR is planning to expand its microfilm lending library. Newspapers: **New York Clipper, Spirit of the Times, The Sporting News and New York Mercury**; Magazines: **Baseball Magazine and Baseball Digest**; Guides: Spalding, Reach, Beadle, Dewitt, and others; and Miscellany: Who's Who in Baseball, Tattersall scrapbooks, Tattersall HR log and others are being considered. Let us know if you are interested in using this material. List other material that you feel should be considered for the microfilm library. Write to BOB McCONNELL, 11 Ridgewood Circle, Wilmington, DE 19809.

Frank Bancroft — the first platoon? An examination of the 1882 Detroit-Worcester boxscores show that manager Bancroft altered his batting order when facing left-hander John Lee Richmond. George Wood, portside swinger, usually batted leadoff. Against Richmond, he appeared in the lower third of the order. On June 9, 1882, the first six Detroit hitters were right-handed swingers and the Detroit Free Press commented on the change.

(Research by JOHN SCHWARTZ)



ANOTHER UNKNOWN TEAM
Late 1920s or early 30s vintage, with an Indian head on the uniform chest.

RESEARCH EXCHANGE

ARTHUR SCHOTT offers a two page fact sheet on Roger Maris. Send SASE to him at 459 Jewel St., New Orleans, LA 70124... DAVID MARKS is looking for collaborators on "nickname" research. Contact him at 8079 Caminito, DePizza #C, San Diego, CA 92108... Write to the SABR office, Box 1010, Cooperstown, NY 13326 for Ruth-Maris Home Run Comparison... JIM RILEY is looking for anyone interested in assisting with Negro League research in 1940 and 1941... STEVE NADEL offers a two page fact sheet on 200 game winners. Send SASE to him at 2137 Wallace Ave., #324, Bronx, NY 10462... ROBERT A. BOGORFF of 11001 SW 27th St., Davie, FL 33328 is looking for information that will enable him to complete a scale model of 1955 Yankee Stadium. He needs specifics on depth of runways and grandstands... ROBERT COMPOSTO is looking for researchers to find uniform numbers of players on defunct teams such as the Boston Braves, Philadelphia A's, etc. Contact him at P.O. Box 372, Woodside, NY 11377... Tommy Brown is the youngest player, at 17, to steal home (Dodgers, 1945) and Jimmy Austin (Browns, 1926) is the oldest at 46. Any member who wants to contribute to the Steals of Home project should contact BOB DAVIDS, 4424 Chesapeake St., NW, Washington, DC 20016... JOHN BRIAR, 5353 Columbia Pike, Arlington, VA 22204, is looking for tapes of Washington Senator broadcasts from the 1940-1960 era... The BROOKLYN HISTORICAL SOCIETY seeks artifacts, photos, or documents relating to Brooklyn's baseball history. ELLEN MARIE SNYDER, Curator, is particularly interested in 19th Century material. If you can help the BHS, write to 128 Pierrepont St., Brooklyn, NY 11201 or call 718/624-0890... JOHN SCHWARTZ and TED DITULLIO both claim Buttercup Dickerson was the first Italian player. His middle name is Pessano... G. REED HOWARD of 619 Mt. Lebanon Rd., Wilmington, DE 19803 would like to assist with research on the 1910-14 Athletics... MICHAEL STERN wishes to help research Negro Leagues, 19th Century, or Early 20th Century ball. Write him at Swarthmore College, Swarthmore, PA 19081... WANTED: writers and correspondents for a new baseball publication. Stats, opinion, issues, fiction, humor, photos and reports are sought. Address inquiries or samples to MARTIN LEVIN, 1205-40 Pleasant Blvd., Toronto, Ont., M4T 1J9 Canada, or telephone 416/920-5119... Professor LARRY HOGAN continues his ongoing search for photos, newspaper stories, film footage and memories of Black baseball in New Jersey. If you can help, write him at 20 Rainier Rd., Fanwood, NJ 07023... JIM O'DONNELL, 5026 8th Avenue N.E., Seattle, WA 98105, collects baseball fiction and is interested in trading duplicates. Father GERRY BIERNE is compiling research on team nicknames, specifically, the time and circumstance the nickname's acquisition.

ORAL HISTORY PROJECT

SABR seeks to establish a data bank of player histories on cassette tapes. These tapes can be duplicated, quoted, and used for research by SABR members. Their purpose is to enhance and enliven research by providing information on tape from eye witnesses.

The project will consist of interviews from former Major, Minor, Negro, and Semi-pro baseball players. The data will be indexed by player, league, and team. Player-panelists at regional meetings are excellent sources for such interviews.

SABR must first ascertain the quantity and quality of members' collections and their willingness to share them with SABR. If the response is judged enough to begin the project, the following steps will be taken:

1. Establish a new SABR committee and select a chairman,
2. Adopt a standard interview form,
3. Locate and copy existing interviews,
4. Locate and contact former ball players,
5. Procure donation and copyright agreements,
6. Establish cassette lending library with two copies of each tape — master and lending copy,
7. Set opening date for collection lending.

Interested members, including those with existing tapes, are urged to contact the SABR office.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

BIBLIOGRAPHY

The 1985 **Current Baseball Publications**, an annual bibliography of new works on baseball, has been completed. Work has begun on the 1986 issue. The committee needs information on self-published and foreign baseball publications. Those with information should contact JOE LAWLER, 4 South Rd., Kingston, RI 02881.

BALL PARKS

The committee serves as a clearinghouse for ballparks related research. It encourages any type of project that pertains to baseball stadia: past, present, or future. A committee-wide project is the compilation of a list of ballparks research sources. Members contribute to a vertical file on stadia. It is open to any research request.

The committee also identifies sites of lost or forgotten parks that lack a suitable memorial. If any such park exists in your neighborhood, contact BOB BLUTHARDT, 244 N. Oxford, San Angelo, TX 76901.

RECORDS

Current projects include ART CANTU's work on lifetime records of All Players listed in the Guides, EV COPE on extended career records of Hall of Famers (Johnny Vander Meer pitched a third no-hitter at Tulsa in 1952), BOB DAVIDS on 1927-34 Yankee GWRBI's, Steals of Home and Inside the Park Homeruns, TED DITULLIO continues to work on pitcher's Major and Minor career wins and PETE PALMER, among other projects, is creating a computer data base for records. ROB TRESSO works on cycle hitters. Possible publications by the committee are SABR Record Book, Hall of Fame Book, Great Pitchers' Records, and Great Fielders' Records.

NOMINATING

The SABR Nominating Committee is preparing for elections to be held at the Convention in Chicago this July. In accordance with SABR by-laws, only 1986 members, who are present at the Convention, are eligible to vote. BOB McCONNELL, one of the 16 original members of SABR, will not be seeking re-election to his position on the Board of Directors. Members interested in a 4-year term on the Board should write to the chairman of the Nominating Committee, explaining their interest and qualifications. Respond by April 1st to ROBERT C. HOIE, 2210 Roanoke Rd., San Marino, CA 91108.

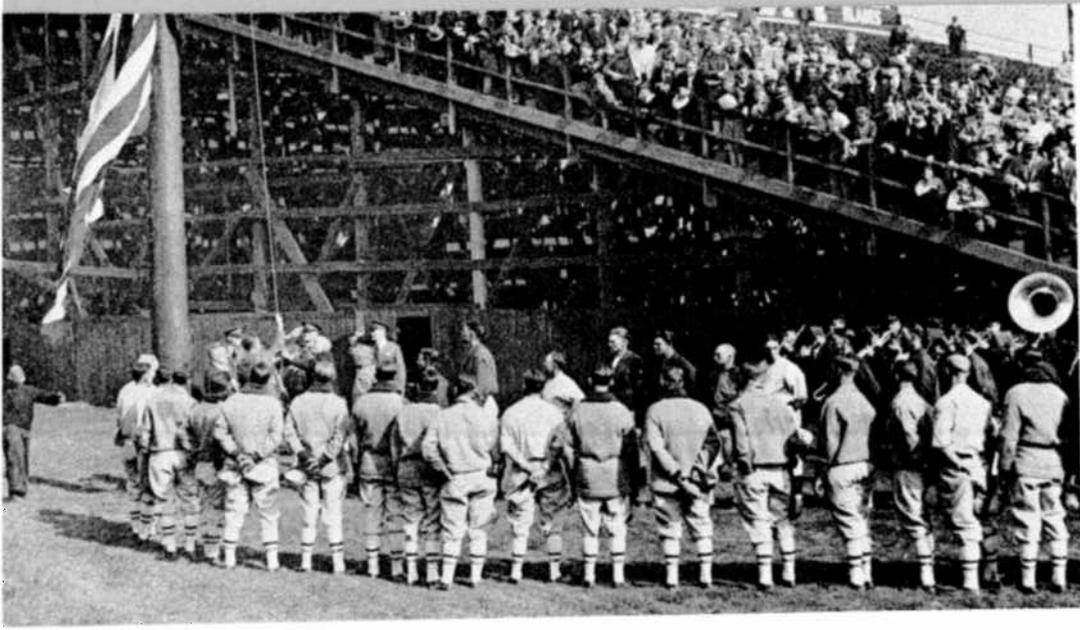
JOE MCGILLEN, current SABR Treasurer, is seeking the office of President. TAL SMITH and LUKE SALISBURY, Vice-President and Secretary, are standing for re-election. CAPPY GAGNON, current President, is running for Treasurer. Candidates for all offices will be listed in the June **Bulletin**.

PUBLICATIONS REPORT

The 1985 **Baseball Research Journals** were mailed February 4. **Green Cathedrals** has been delayed until late March. More than 100 issues of **National Pastime** were returned to us because the Post Office does not forward bulk rate mail unless forwarding postage is guaranteed. If you are a 1985 member who has not received the 1985 winter TNP, and who has changed addresses in the last few months, your TNP is probably in the SABR office. Send \$2 for postage to SABR, Box 1010, Cooperstown, NY 13326.

NAMES IN THE NEWS

BILL JAMES dedicates his newest book, **The Bill James Historical Baseball Abstract**, to SABR founder BOB DAVIDS... TOM GALLAGHER is running for Congress in the 8th District of Massachusetts... The December 9th issue of **New Yorker** magazine calls SABR "recondite"... The 13th Annual Conference on Washington DC Historical Studies features DAVID Q. VOIGT, JOHN B. HOLWAY, BOB DAVIDS, DAVID KELLY, and PAUL MacFARLANE in a program entitled, "The National Pastime in the Nation's Capital: Two Sides of Professional Baseball in Washington, 1901-1960." The morning presentation occurs on February 22 in the Auditorium at the Martin Luther King Memorial Library... RON GABRIEL appeared on a WCBS-TV special, "A Chance at Last: The 1955 Brooklyn Dodgers" and on a WCBS Radio special, "This is Next Year" in celebration of the 30th anniversary of the Brooklyn Dodger's World Series victory on October 4, 1955... TOT HOLMES, Box 11, Gothenburg, NE 69138 has started a newsletter called Dodger Dugout that will be published 19 times each year... New inductees Harlond Clift, Roy Sievers, Urban Shocker, and Johnny Tobin will be honored at the St. Louis Browns Hall of Fame dinner on May 22. Reservations are \$17. Contact ERWIN FISCHER at 1921 River Wood Trails, Florissant, MO 63031... BOB POTTS was recently honored by the Knights of Pythias for 32 years of volunteer service to area baseball. His Clifton Phillies of the Metropolitan league have been the home team of six Major Leaguers including Ron Perranoski and John Montefusco... RENO ROY, 6 Overland Dr., Medway, MA 02053, has a three year old "Fans Baseball Hall of Fame." For ballots write to him.



Two teams listen to a military band. The park is possibly the Polo Grounds in 1918. Are the bleachers recognizable?

On June 15, 1890 lefthanded Rochester shortstop Bill Greenwood participated in a triple play against American Association rival Syracuse. This was the only game at short for Greenwood during that season. His regular position was second. Boxscores record the TP, but do not give a full account of the play. If anyone can find the particulars contact JOHN SCWARTZ, 166 Danforth St., Rochester, NY 14611.

Anniversaries in 1986

National League	110th
American League	85th
Joe DiMaggio as a Yankee	50th
Bobby Thomson's HOME RUN	35th
Don Larsen's Perfect Game	30th
Roger Maris' 61 Home Runs	25th
Opening of new Yankee Stadium	10th
All-Chicago World Series	80th

In his first season of Organized Ball in 1953 Roger Maris hit nine home runs in 418 ABs for a frequency rating of 46.4. League leader that season was teammate Frank Gravino, who produced 52 HRs, 352 BA, and 174 RBIs in 471 ABs. Gravino, with a homer frequency of 9.1, never made the Major Leagues.

JOE NAIMAN challenges the world with his all-JOE team:

1B Adcock	Bench
2B Morgan	Judge, Gordon, Cronin,
3B Dugan	Sewell, Moore, Kelley,
SS Tinker	Rudi, and Kuhel.
C Torre	
LF Medwick	Bullpen
CF DiMaggio	Bush, Rogan, Williams,
RF Jackson	Niekro, Beggs, Heving,
P McGinnity	Page, Horlen & Nuxhall.
MGR McCarthy	
Announcer Garagiola	Top Prospect
	Hauser

JAPANESE TRIPLE CROWN WINNERS

Yasuharu Nakajima	Yomiuri	1938
Katsuya Nomura	Nankai	1965
Sadaharu Oh	Yomiuri	1973
Sadaharu Oh	Yomiuri	1974
Hiromitsu Ochiai	Lotte	1982
Greg "Boomer" Wells	Hankyu	1984
Hiromitsu Ochiai	Lotte	1985
Randy Bass	Hanshin	1985

ABIJAH BECKWITH

In the 1985 Nov-Dec issue of the **The Conservationist**, portions were published from the journal of Abijah Beckwith (1784-1874). He lived in Herkimer county, upstate New York. The excerpt reads, "All most all men have some peculiar qualities which to a greater or less extent control their action. The two leading traits with me were first a fondness for field sports such as hunting, fishing, ball playing, etc. . . . In these sports I spent quite too much time, & played ball until I was 45 & hunted foxes until 55." Beckwith quit playing ball in **1829!**

ADVERTISING POLICY

The Bulletin will have no paid advertising for the first six months of 1986. Advertisers should consider these alternatives:

MAILING LIST	MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY
\$150 Private — Non-Profit	Full Page \$250
\$300 Commercial	Half Page \$150
	Third Page \$100
SABR REVIEW OF BOOKS	2x2 inch box \$50
Same rates as Directory	

SABR is committed to providing advertising space for members. The 1986 *Directory* will feature separate listings for newsletters, card, and memorabilia dealers, baseball book dealers, self-published books and fan clubs at no extra cost. For an ad or separate listing contact the SABR office.

BOOKS

BILL JAME'S **Baseball Analyst** (The Journal of Sabermetrics) enters its third year. Written by its subscribers, the magazine features articles on statistics and indepth analysis, as well as some humor, an occasional book review, and original cover art. The publication is issued six times a year and is available as an annual subscription for \$12. Send checks to **The Baseball Analyst**, Box 171, Winchester, KS 66097.

The Cardinals' 1985 batting average when they hit the ball on the ground was 100 points lower in Busch Stadium than in other turf parks. This and other statistical facts can be found in **The Last Word, 1986**. Authored by DAVID JACKSON, the book sells for \$12.50 plus \$1.00 4th class postage. Send money to JACKSON, Box 28, New Braunfels, TX 78131.

Remember Zane Grey's redheaded outfielder? Read their true story in JOE OVERFIELD'S **The 100 Seasons of Buffalo Baseball**. The book, now in its third printing, can be ordered from him at 21 Pinewoods Ave., Tonawanda, NY 14150. Cost is \$8.95 post-paid.

We Could Have Finished Last Without You is a trivia book about the St. Louis Browns. (Convention goers had better bone up. RON LIEBMAN is preparing for you.) This BILL BORST book is available from Krank Press, Box 16271, St. Louis, MO 63105, for \$4 post-paid.

Greatest Minor League team ever! **The 1937 Newark Bears**. 300 pages, 32 photos. Send \$9.95 (plus \$1.50 p/h) to Vintage Press, 40 Christine Dr., East Hanover, NJ 07936. RON MAYER is the author.

Boston Braves Fans can watch the 1947 Braves in action on a 40 minute VHS color videotape. To order, send \$45 plus \$2.00 p/h to DOAK EWING, 904-C Clubhouse Circle West, Decatur, GA 30032.

MARK GALLAGHER found a trunk in Fly Creek. Besides an old baseball, he discovered his old publications. Special Founder's Day price: **The Yankee Encyclopedia**, \$17.50; **Day by Day in Yankees History**, \$5.50; buy both, get **50 Years of Yankees All-Stars** FREE. Write MARK at 522 New Mark Esplanade, Rockville, MD 20850.

Souvenir programs from Buffalo's 1985 Oldtimers game feature 39 players, including Hank Aaron, Johnny Bench, Lou Brock, Brooks Robinson, and Warren Spahn. The price is \$4.50 plus 50¢ postage. Write to Bison Baseball, Inc., Box 538 Station G, Buffalo, NY 14213.

The Great St. Louis Baseball Challenge Book I & II are the trivia expert's dream. SABR member price is \$3.75 per book. (RON LIEBMAN already knows these cover to cover.) To order, write Trivia Productions, Inc., Box 1013, Florissant, MO 63031. ERWIN FISCHER and DAN KRUECKEBERG are the authors.

RICHARD GROSSINGER announces that he is publishing **Life After Saberhagen: Bruce Jenkins' 1986 Guide to Baseball**. It is available for \$5.70 post-paid from North Atlantic Books, 2320 Blake St., Berkeley, CA 94704.

There is night life, high life, low life, but no still life. **United We Stood**, a book by CARL LUNDQUIST, is a social history through baseball. Special SABR price is \$11.50 post-paid. Write to Todd & Honeywell, Ten Cuttermill Road, Dept. SB, Great Neck, NY 11021.

**This Man is
WANTED
in
50 STATES
for
BIOGRAPHICAL
DETAIL**

Name: William Henry McWilliams
a.k.a. "Bill"

Birthdate: November 28, 1910

Birthplace: Dubuque, Iowa

Height: 6'0" **Weight:** 185 lbs.

Bats: Right **Throws:** Right

Record: Did two games in the big time with the infamous Boston Red Sox of 1931 (61 wins, 93 losses under ringleader Shano Collins); went 0 for 2 as a pinch hitter in bigs; known to associate with other infielders; has been spotted hanging around third base bag hugging the foul line in cities like Tulsa (1932), Decatur (1932), Springfield, Mass. (1933 and 1940), Williamsport (1933 and 1938) and Elmira (1939). Last seen in a baseball uniform in the Piedmont League at Durham, North Carolina waving a Louisville Slugger at a sharp breaking curveball (1941).

WARNING: DO NOT APPROACH THIS MAN UNLESS ARMED WITH A BIOGRAPHICAL QUESTIONNAIRE.

ACTION: IF SUBJECT McWILLIAMS IS SPOTTED — NOTIFY SABR, P.O. BOX 1010, COOPERSTOWN, NEW YORK, 13326

**REWARD FOR INFORMATION LEADING TO THE WHEREABOUTS
OF
WILLIAM HENRY McWILLIAMS**



***REWARD: SABR WILL WAIVE MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR ONE YEAR IN RETURN FOR INFORMATION LEADING TO THE WHEREABOUTS OF WILLIAM HENRY McWILLIAMS, SHOWN ABOVE AS A MEMBER OF THE 1931 BOSTON RED SOX.**

PLEASE POST THIS NOTICE PROMINENTLY IN ALL PUBLIC PLACES

Do not miss April's Swimsuit issue.

The Bulletin

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LET'S GO TO WRIGLEY!

"We are baseball junkies; we come here once a year to shoot up on baseball!" said Bill Borst, to ABC-TV at the Milwaukee Convention (prior to the Pittsburgh drug probe.) The theme for SABR Convention XVI is "The 80th Anniversary of the All-Chicago World Series." The date is July 18, 19 and 20. The location is Loyola University Lakeshore Campus on the north side of Chicago. The facility consists of a modern, elevator-equipped, air-conditioned building, with single and double rooms set up in suites of seven rooms. Each suite has two bathrooms and a lounge area. The sports center is available for a small charge. A tour of the city for the entire family is available for a small charge, depending upon the response.

The Organizing Committee, Barbara Topp, Richard Topp, Marge Daniels and Jon Daniels, have worked diligently to ease the pitfalls of visiting Chicago. (Remember that the Go-Go White Sox slanted the foul lines inward.) Please fill out the registration form as completely as possible and send it in early — we expect a large turnout! **MAY 23** is the deadline for registration. Accommodations and time for presentations cannot be guaranteed after that date.

A book auction of selected volumes from the SABR library will be held Saturday night. The proceeds will go to enlarge the Microfilm Lending Library. Members not attending the Convention may submit mail bids by sending a long SASE to **BOB McCONNELL**, 11 Ridgewood Circle, Wilmington, DE 19809 for a list of available books.

Friday

- 7:30-Breakfast
- 9:00-Tour of Comiskey Park
- 12:30-Lunch, Loyola
- 2:00-Welcome
 - Member Presentations
- 5:30-Dinner/Cocktail
 - Reception
 - (Lakeside B-B-Q-weather permitting)
- 7:30-Ex-Player Panel
- 9:30-Trivia Quiz-1st Round
- 10:00-Committee Meetings/
 - Board Meeting/
 - Workshops

Saturday

- 7:30-Breakfast
- 8:30-General Business Meeting/City Tour for families
- 12:00-Leave for Wrigley Field-San Francisco/Cubs game
 - No lunch at Loyola-
- 5:00-Trivia Finals
- 7:00-Banquet
- 9:00-Panel Discussion
- 10:00-Book Auction

Sunday

- 7:30-Breakfast
- 9:00-Member Presentations
- 12:30-Lunch
- 2:00-Checkout/
 - Baseball Movies

REGIONAL REPORT

A small group of NW SABR members gathered at Sam's Hofbrau in Portland on February 16 to hear presentations by MARC JONES: Baseball in SW Washington, 1903-05; PETER CUTLER: Baseball in Portland, 1880s & 1890s; PAUL ANDRESEN: Baseball in Film; and BRAD WILLETT and JIM O'DONNELL: Spring Training in Florida. PAUL ANDRESEN was elected to succeed JIM O'DONNELL as President of NW SABR, effective February 1987.

37 Met at the Red Carpet Hotel in Milwaukee on March 8. The former player panel of KEN KELTNER and PAUL SCHRAMKA was emceed by BOB KOEHLER. Presentations were given by BURR OXLEY: Postwar Minor League Geographical Study; DEL VOGT: Relationship Between Baseball and Old Testament Bible History; and BRUNO WOLFF: The Shorewood Wisconsin Computer Baseball League. Elmer Regner, of the old Milwaukee Brewers, regaled the crowd with stories from his experiences as traveling secretary, scout, and president of a minor league club. A fictional Hall of Fame vote yielded Billy Williams and Willie McCovey as winners.

Formation of a Southern New England regional chapter will be the topic of a meeting on Saturday, May 10, in Providence, RI. The meeting is open to all members in Massachusetts, Connecticut and Rhode Island. It will be held at the Providence Journal, 75 Fountain St., Providence, and will begin at 1 p.m. For further information, call LEN LEVIN at 401/351-3278 days and weekends, or 401/277-7386 after 4 p.m. Write him at 282 Doyle Ave., Providence, RI 02906.

The Pittsburgh Regional will be the social event of the year at Three Rivers Stadium on Sunday, June 8th, before and after the game with the Mets. Wives and guests are welcome. The Pirates have agreed to promote "SABR Sunday." Contact FRANK BOSLETT, 7439 Penfield Ct., Pittsburgh, PA 15206, 412/731-6499, or PAUL ADOMITES, 412/456-3888 in the afternoon.

First ERROR of the Season: The New York Regional date was incorrect in the February Bulletin. The NY Regional will be held 11 a.m.-7 p.m., Saturday afternoon, May 31, at Tower View Center, 61st and Roosevelt, Woodside, NY. \$17 covers registration and buffet luncheon. Mets-Giants game tickets are available for \$8 each. For information, call GARY KELLEHER, 914/357-3744, or VINCE RUSSO, 516/454-4642.

ERNIE HARWELL is the featured speaker at the May 31 Seattle Regional. NW SABR will hold a 4:15 p.m. restaurant meeting prior to the 7:05 Mariners-Tigers game. JIM O'DONNELL, 5026 8th Ave. NE, Seattle, WA 98105, 206/632-2255, will coordinate research presentations. Contact JIM for more information or to make a presentation.

April 26 is this year's date for the second oldest Regional in SABR. Kit Crissey, 215/745-8503, and FRANK PHELPS, 215/265-1622, are hosting the Philadelphia/Reading meeting. It will be at the Riverside Inn and Motel, 215/376-6711, in Reading not at the Motor Inn as previously reported. The registration deadline is April 19. Send your check for \$12 to Kit at 1806 Benton St. #1, Philadelphia, PA 19152.

Anyone desiring to set up a regional meeting should write the SABR office for "SABR's Guidelines for Regional Meetings." The office can also supply mailing labels with names and addresses of members in your area.



SABR Photo

The Immortal Babe

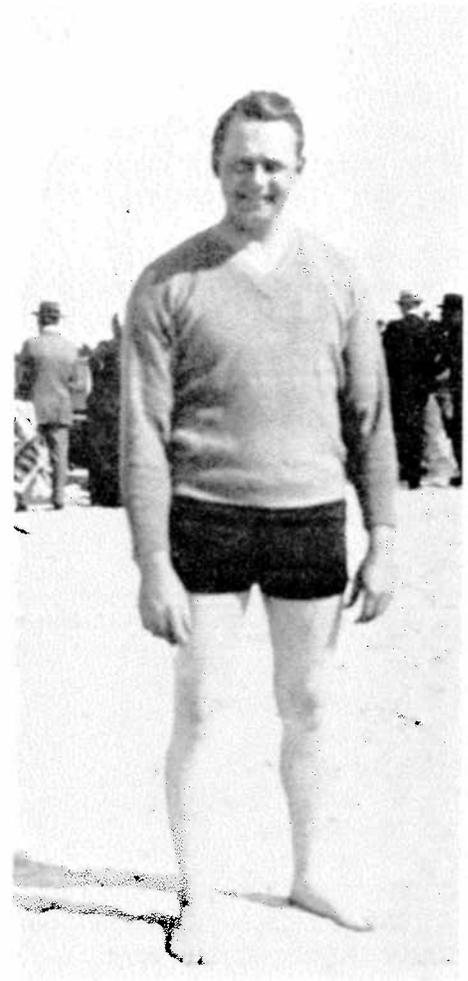
JOHN THORN identified the ballpark with a flag pole as Fenway Park on Opening Day 1924. PAUL MACFARLANE spotted the 1902 Manchester Base Ball Club as the M-Team. The Indian head squad is still unidentified. Various guesses that could not be verified were: Indianapolis Indians, Spokane Indians, and Syracuse Chiefs.

Message from the Director

Some of the new 1986 members did not receive the February **Bulletin**. If you are one of these persons, contact the office. The 1980 and 1981 **Baseball Research Journals** have been reprinted. They are available at \$5 each with \$1 for p/h. SABR will not issue membership cards this year. The saved money goes into the publications budget. This is the **last Bulletin** for non-renewed members. To renew, one should use forms in the December or February **Bulletin** or send \$20 (\$23 foreign) to SABR, Box 1010, Cooperstown, NY 13326. State that it is for renewal.



Waite Hoyt, right, poses on the beach while an unidentified Black player relaxes. Can anyone name this muscular ballplayer?



NAMES IN THE NEWS

BILL HABER's work with the Biography Committee has recently been featured in **Sports Collectors Digest**, **The Sporting News**, and the **New York Times** . . . ROBERT OBOJSKI wrote 'The SABR Story' in this month's **Baseball Card News** . . . PHILIP BESS and HOWARD DECKER are members of the Stadium Task Force of Chicago's Metropolitan Planning Commission. The STF acts as an advisory group to review stadium proposals . . . MARTY ADLER is working on Welcome Back to Brooklyn day. On Sunday, June 8, the Brooklyn Dodger Hall of Fame will induct Preacher Roe, Don Newcombe, Clem Labine, Ralph Branca and the Brooklyn Dodger Sym-phony. For more information about the 1 p.m. ceremony on the steps of the Brooklyn Public Library, contact Marty at 718/693-6655 . . . RICH LINDBERG has written several historical pieces in the 1986 **Chicago White Sox Press Guide**. Thanks to Rich, Sox fans will once again relive the exploits of George Davis and the Hitless Wonders of 1906 . . . TOM GORMAN has been selected Umpire of the Half Century by the Dapper Dan Club of Pittsburgh. Tom, former Major League pitcher and 26 year NL umpire, is fondly remembered for his humorous anecdotes at the Cooperstown Regional during Induction Weekend at the Hall of Fame . . . BILL McMILLAN, an avid baseball fan of the Avid Financial Corporation, includes sixty Chicago baseball trivia questions in his company's brochure . . . Many new members have signed up because of JOHN DUXBURY's column in **The Sporting News** . . . **The BILL JAMES Historical Baseball Abstract** lists 38 players involved in scandals during the 1917-1927 period . . . ROB LEWIS has produced a one hour long radio program entitled, 'Baseball in Music' for WICN in Worcester, MA . . . BOB DAVIDS has arranged for the **Washington Times** to publish a reprinted article from the **Baseball Research Journal** every week during the season . . . ANDREW J. MILNER of Norwich, NY won 1st prize in the **Binghamton Press & Sun Bulletin** High School Editorial Contest. Is he a future baseball research draft pick? . . . MARTY KUEHNERT, editor of the **Japanese Baseball Newsletter**, writes that Boomer Wells, Hankyu Braves' triple crown winner in 1984, made his acting debut in a TV commercial for Pastime, a medicated plaster akin to Ben-Gay, Pastime is applied to the skin over sore spots. In the Ad, Boomer is seen being hit by pitches in an actual game. Boomer, still in his Braves' uniform, runs in and says to the clerk, "Please give me some Pastime!" After he gets the product, the punster says, "Hankyu very much."

COMMITTEE REPORT

BIBLIOGRAPHY

The Committee has completed the **1986 Current Baseball Publications**. JOE LAWLER performed the bulk of the compilation and computer searching for the project. It is hoped that the 35 page document can be printed and distributed in the next two months.

BIOGRAPHICAL RESEARCH

While BILL HABER's work is being recognized by the National Media, the search goes on for more information. BOB HOIE has discovered that William McWilliams worked during the off season in LA as a detective. JEFFREY COPELAND went to the office of the National Association in St. Petersburg and pulled McWilliams' location card. On it, he found a social security number. Further information about McWilliams, and about the players listed below should be directed to RICHARD TOPP, P.O. Box 48471, Niles, IL 60648 (the new address for the Biographical Committee).

The TOPP Twenty Most Wanted List includes several well known 19th century players who disappeared after publicized careers.

1. Otto Peters	?	11. Andy Nelson	1908
2. William A. Salisbury	1902	12. James F. Stanley	1914
3. Harold J. Reilly	1919	13. George F. Beck	1914
4. James H. Bowser	1910	14. William Krouse	?
5. Harry Decker	1884-1890	15. Joe Quest	1878-1886
6. George Treadway	1893-1896	16. Charles W. Jones	1876-1888
7. Joe Mulvey	1883-1895	17. Phil Cooney	1905
8. John J. Horan	1884	18. Bob Stafford	1890-1899
9. William H. McWilliams	1931	19. R.E. Hildebrand	1902
10. Tom Maher	1902	20. Jeremiah Dorsey	1911

COMPUTERIZATION

SABR has the capability to establish an electronic bulletin board system. Interested persons should contact GARY SKOOG, 2231 N. Magnolia, Chicago, IL 60614.

MICROFILM

The Sporting News, 1886-1942, is now available through the Microfilm Lending Library. Dr. HAROLD SEYMOUR's Ph. D. dissertation, "The Rise of Major League Baseball to 1891" is a recent addition to the collection. This 1956 Cornell opus is the first academic publication on baseball in the field of History. The footnotes are invaluable.

NOMINATING

A full list of candidates for president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer and the one vacant board position will be presented in the June **Bulletin**. The Committee is extending the deadline for application to May 10 in order to encourage additional candidates. If you have the interest and ability, and would like to serve SABR as an officer or boardmember, contact BOB HOIE, 2210 Roanoke Road, San Marino, CA 91108, 818/282-3301.

NEGRO LEAGUES

Members working on the Statistics Project have collected boxscores for 1922, and 1928-1930. Help is needed to collect data from the Cleveland, Indianapolis, and St. Louis newspapers. Most all Negro Leagues for the years 1931 to 1939 need researching.

PUBLICATIONS

All 1985 publications have been mailed. If you have not received **The National Pastime**, the **Baseball Research Journal** or **Green Cathedrals**, and you are a 1985 member, contact the SABR office. After each mailing, over 100 issues are returned. SABR must pay return postage on these. This added expense can be avoided by prompt change of address when you move.

The National Pastime Pictorial, 1901-1920, promises to be a treasure. The tentative publication date is early summer. Articles are needed for this year's **BRJ** and **TNP**. Many early **Baseball Research Journal** contributors are now successful writers and accepted baseball authorities. SABR cannot take all of the credit, but . . . Send manuscripts and short articles to JOHN THORN, 18 Virginia Ave., Saugerties, NY 12477.

SABR NATIONAL CONVENTION AT CHICAGO, IL

JULY 18-19-20, 1986

Please complete as best you can so that we may accommodate you suitably. If some of the information is unknown at this time, please make your reservation now and send the additional information later.

Mail to: SABR XVI - MARGE DANIELS - 1211 N. La Salle Dr. #1402, Chicago, IL 60610
 Inquiries: Same, or call 312-266-7239

Enclose a check for **Total Costs**, payable to **SABR XVI**, and a **self-addressed stamped envelope** so that specific information and maps can be sent to you.

Reservations are to be received by **MAY 23**; those received after that date are subject to room availability and a \$10 late charge. Cancellations must be received by July 1 in order to receive a refund.

Name _____	Age _____	Others in party *	Ages
Address _____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
Phone _____	_____	_____	_____

*please note if also members

EVENT	NUMBER ATTENDING	TOTAL COSTS
BASIC FEE (Meeting rooms, materials, equipment, registration, misc.) \$20/person \$40/maximum per family	_____	_____

ACCOMMODATIONS:

- _____ I/we will be attending the convention, but will **not** be staying at Loyola.
- _____ Please send me information on a hotel in the area
 I/we will be needing (circle)
 Fri. Break — Fri. Lunch — Sat. Break — Sun. Break — Sun. Lunch
 Breakfast \$2.50 each; Lunch \$3.50 each
- _____ I/we will be staying at Loyola University (rates include non-refundable meals, unless otherwise stated)
 Nights staying (circle) — THURS — FRI — SAT — SUN
 (circle) Smoking — Non Smoking
 (circle) Drinking — Non-Drinking
 If possible, I would like a suite with _____

Single Occupancy (limited availability) \$34/night
 Would you consider a Double? Yes — No
 Double Occupancy \$27/night/person
 I would like to room with _____

Choose rate (circle) \$34 or \$27 x _____ number of nights x _____ = _____

Should there be an overflow, would you be willing to stay in a dorm a few blocks away? Yes — No

(CONTINUED ON THE OTHER SIDE)

Brought forward from page 1 — Basic fee \$ _____
 Meals for those not staying, if any \$ _____
 Rooms (& meals) \$ _____

EVENT	NUMBER ATTENDING	TOTAL COSTS
Friday AM-Transportation for Tour of Comiskey \$3/person (must leave from Loyola to attend)	_____	\$ _____
Friday PM-Dinner/Reception (Cash Bar) those staying at Loyola, included those not staying at Loyola \$5/person	_____	\$ _____
Saturday-Transportation to Cubs Games \$3/person	_____	\$ _____
Reserved Grandstand Cubs Game Ticket \$6/person Lunch at own at ballpark -No lunch will be available at Loyola-	_____	\$ _____
Saturday night-Banquet those staying at Loyola \$12/person those not staying at Loyola \$17/person	_____	\$ _____
TOTAL ENCLOSED.....		\$ _____

Family City Tour: _____ Yes, I am interested; _____ number of persons
 (small charge, payable on arrival dependent upon interest)

MEMBER RESEARCH PRESENTATION: _____ Yes, I would like to give a presentation.

Title of Presentation: _____

Length of Presentation (circle) 5 min — 10 min — 15 min — 20 min.

SEND AN OUTLINE and note any equipment (visual aides) needed.

You will be contacted.

DISPLAYS/SALES: Only baseball publications authored by SABR members or SABR-sponsored items will be accepted. This will only occur during non-official Convention activities. _____ Yes, I would like to have a display/have publications sold. **SEND A LIST;** you will be contacted.

COMMITTEES: Do you belong to a SABR Committee? If yes, which one? _____

SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS: Do you need special consideration (i.e. handicapped special diet, etc.)? If yes, please be specific as to your needs.

ARRIVAL INFORMATION: (circle) Day of Arrival THUR — FRI — SAT Approx. Time _____

Type of Arrival CAR — TRAIN — BUS — PLANE

Do you need parking facilities (nominal charge)? Yes — No

Type of Vehical CAR — VAN — BUS — TRUCK

Every effort is being made to provide economical pick-up from terminals. Do you want pick-up, if available? Yes — No. If Yes, please provide us with the information on — arrival time, flight number, and airport (Midway/O'Hare), airline. Same applies for Bus & Train.

BARB & RICH TOPP
 MARGE & JON DANIELS
 Co-Organizers

RESEARCH EXCHANGE

Baseball Research Resources at the Library of Congress, a four page summary by LC Librarian JOSEPH PUCCIO, is available for a SASE by writing to the SABR office . . . ARTHUR SCHOTT has compiled a two page data sheet on Roger Maris that includes his first Major league game boxscore. Send SASE to Arthur at 459 Jewel St., New Orleans, LA 70124 . . . FRED IVOR-CAMPBELL is seeking the earliest printed reference to Charles Radbourne as "Hoss." His earliest so far, is an obituary — 1897 — that called him "Old Hoss." Frank Bancroft, his 1984-85 manager claimed, years later, that we all called him Old Hoss' . . . LUKE SALISBURY, current SABR secretary, is writing a book about baseball trivia and would appreciate members sending him their most interesting question. Any material used will be credited by name . . . New York Metropolitan, 1884, day by days compiled by JOHN J. O'MALLEY is available. Send SASE to the SABR office . . . JOHN PARDON, SABR board member, will sell or trade **One for the Book** or **Baseball Record Book**; 1957-1979; and **World Series Record Book**: 1958-68, 1970-79 for the **Dope Book**: '66, '69, '75; or the **Baseball Register**: 1940 and 1941 editions. Contact John at POB 728, Crugers, NY 10521 . . . ROBERT COMPOSTO's search for uniforms from defunct teams has been slowed by the Feb. **Bulletin** listing his address incorrectly. If you can help Robert identify player numbers from the Braves, A's, Browns, Giants or Dodgers, write him at Box 472, Woodside, NY 11377 . . . BILL GANNETT has just moved across the street from the Ansonia Hotel in New York.

"What does the Ansonia Hotel have to do with baseball's history?"

. . . Two research papers, "The Manitoba-Dakota Baseball League," by DON CRAW, and 'Pro-Diamonds in the Diamond State: A History of Pro-Baseball in Delaware,' by JAMES ELFERS, have come to the office. To acquire a copy of either, send \$2 for postage and handling to SABR . . . THOMAS CARLSON, 2313 Fifth St., Muskegon Hts., MI 49444 is looking for photos or diagrams of the Ebbets Field marble rotunda . . . VERN LUSE reminds us that McNulty Park in Tulsa, OK, site of Lyman Lamb's 100 doubles in 1924, had a home run pole in right center. Over the fence to the left of the pole was a homer, to the right was a ground rule double. VERN assures that several minor league parks with short fences featured such poles . . . JOHN L. SULLIVAN, 3395 Harrison Blvd. #48, Ogden, UT 84403, has completed the SABR DH survey. The majority opposed the DH. Some comments include 'If it isn't broken, don't fix it. Baseball doesn't need rule changes. I firmly believe a ball player should be a **complete** player, and be able to field and bat.' Those wanting the complete report should contact John . . . For a listing of colleges that offer baseball related courses, and a directory of SABR professors, write to TOM HEITZ at the Baseball Hall of Fame, Box 590, Cooperstown, NY 13326.

BOOK SHELF

Special offer to SABR members: reprint editions of Henry Chadwick's **The Game of Baseball** (1868), Sol White's **Official Base Ball Guide: A History of Colored Base Ball**, and **History of Base Ball** (1888) by Jacob Morse. All three cost \$39. Separately, they are \$15 each, while they last. Members who have already purchased these books may buy gift volumes at an additional 15% discount on these prices. Send check, money order, or VISA card number and signature to: Camden House, P.O. Box 2025, Columbia, SC 29202.

WILLIAM HUGO, former SABR treasurer, 5968 Winnetka Ave., Cincinnati, OH 45236, publishes a newsletter about the Cincinnati Reds every three weeks. Remember Kluszewski and the cut-out sleeves? Yearly subscription price is \$22.50.

Project Scoresheet's **Account Form Boxscore** books for the 1985 season, including play-by-play accounts of all major league games, are now available at \$29.95 plus \$2.50 postage for each league from Project Scoresheet, POB 46074, Chicago, IL 60646. For further information on teambooks, 1984 books, and data on floppy disks, write to Project Scoresheet.

A limited supply of Macmillan's 1985 **Baseball Encyclopedia**, priced at \$29.95 ppd., is available from ROB GODFREY, The Baseball Fan, P.O. Box 4192, Mt. Laurel, NJ 08054.

Baseball Challenge — Rotisserie League! To secure a franchise application and Master Player List, send \$8.95 to Thornhill Enterprises, 1927 Thunderbird West, Box 607, Phoenix, AZ 85023. Upon receipt and approval of your franchise application, Thornhill Enterprises will place your team in a Baseball Challenge league. A player draft will be conducted and the rosters of each team in your league will be forwarded to you.

The Ballparks Bulletin, a RAY MEDEIROS newsletter, is a delightful look at stadiums of the past. It is published 6 times a year and sells for \$8.50. Contact RAY at P.O. Box 10, Wauna, WA 98395.

The **Chicago Baseball Report**, by JOHN DEWAN, MARK PODRAZIK and DON ZMINDA, enters its second season. The Report features CUBS or SOX stats on Lefty/Righty, Clutch, On Base and Slugging Pct., Baserunning, Fielding and monthly commentary. SABR members receive \$2 off the subscription rate of \$19.95. Write to **Chicago Baseball Report**, POB 46074, Chicago, IL 60646.

SABR Bulletins from 1983, 1984, and 1985 are available for \$2.00 per year. Single issues are free while the supply lasts — send a SASE to the office.

Attention SABR authors! Augur's Corner Book Store, 73 Main Street, Cooperstown, NY, 13326 seeks self published baseball books to sell during the season. Contact Richard Carr at 607/547-2422. Books only. Standard dealer discounts will apply. SABR's resale discounts are 20% for 1-10 copies, 40% for 11-99, and 50% for 100 copies or more.

SPRING TRAINING

To get their players in proper condition for the beginning of the season, club owners began sending their teams south. After a winter of loafing and, in some cases, dissipation, players might report overweight, "looking like aldermen." So as one reporter said ironically the owners laid out money to get players in shape to earn their salaries.

Sports writers still tell us every spring that the Chicago White Sox of the 1880's were the first team to go south for training. Research into the old records shows that this is only partly true. The White Sox were first, it was the 1870 club which did the pioneering, along with Cincinnati. Both clubs made spring trips to New Orleans that year. It may not come under the heading of spring training technically, but even the year before that Boss Tweed sent his New York Mutuals on a southern safari as far as New Orleans.

Judged by today's standards, early training programs were simple indeed. Camps had no fancy facilities, scientific equipment, whirlpool baths, vibrators, or left-handed pitching machines. But in the not-so-good old days their program was considered very modern, because before spring trips pre-season conditioning was done in local gyms, rented halls, sheds, rinks, or any other shelter available. When it was announced that the hard-bitten members of the Buffalo team had actually joined the Y.M.C.A. in 1878, amazed fans were immediately assured that they were doing it because it was the only way to get the use of the gym.

Following the example of the White Sox, Reds, and Mutuals, some clubs began going south in the 1870's. New Orleans was a favorite training base in those days, but it was not the only one. Some of the teams did not get very far south. Cleveland tried Washington in 1883. Louisville, Pittsburgh, and Detroit worked out in Savannah in 1886. Another choice for a camp site was Charleston, South Carolina, where the Phillies based that same year. Next spring they received an attractive offer from a Florida town, but Harry Wright decided the distance was too great and settled for Savannah instead. Florida was invaded in 1888 by the Washington Club, which numbered in its ranks a young man named Connie Mack. That year Wright retreated somewhat and settled for Cape May, a fashionable resort on the Jersey coast. His men rose at 6:00 a.m., doused each other with bucketsful of briny surf, and hiked over the clammy beach for an hour before breakfast, which Harry said "they made look pretty sick." The rest of the day was taken up with long work-outs with dumbbells and Indian clubs and with more hiking. After supper the boys sat around "swapping lies" until 10:30 bedtime.

The general custom for clubs who made the trip south was to have only a short stay in camp and set out on long exhibition tours through southern towns until the opening of the season. Minor league clubs welcomed practice games with big leaguers because they were so profitable. One year the Southern League even revamped its schedule, postponing its own season until May 1 to make room for major league visitors. The Detroiters played in a great number of "whistle stops" in 1887. After breaking camp at Macon, Georgia, they covered over 4000 miles over a two-month period, journeying all over the South and as far north as St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dr. Harold Seymour, **Baseball: The Early Years**

CAPPY GAGNON, SABR President, has found what may be the best amateur team since the 1868 Red Stockings. The 1971 Compton Connie Mack World Series champs featured a lineup of future Major Leaguers.

1B-Eddie Murray; 2B-Ricky Peters; SS-Rick Burleson; 3B-Chet Lemon; OF-Gary Ward, Ken Landreaux and Dick Davis; C-Odell Jones; P-Larry Demery and Darrell Jackson.

JOHN RICHMOND HUSMAN, great-grandson of John Lee Richmond, suggests that Jim McCormick may be the first manager to try the left-right percentages. According to the **Worcester Daily Spy**, June 12, 1880 was the day of the experiment. Boxscores tell us that on that date, John Lee Richmond pitched the first perfect game in National League history. In the fifth inning, Alonzo Knight, rightfielder for Worcester, threw out a runner at first base for what may be the only outfield assist in a perfect game.



Bill Veeck watching the Sox in the sun.

Spring Training Winners

AL	NL	AL	NL
1947 Cle 19-12	Bos 14-7	1963 LA 18-10	Hou 16-11
1948 Cle 18-9	Bos 13-5	1964 Min 16-10	Mil 19-6
1949		1965 Chi 17-13	Cin 20-10
1950 Det 15-8	Chi 16-8	1966 Chi 21-7	StL 18-9
1951 Chi 18-6	Chi 12-7	1967 Chi 16-10	SF 17-9
1952 StL 13-9	Chi 17-7	1968 Was 17-8	Cin 16-9
1953 Was 17-11	Bkn 17-13	1969 Bal 19-5	SF 19-7
1954 Bos 18-12	Bkn 23-11	1970 NY 18-9	LA 17-9
1955 Was 15-8	Pit 19-11	1971 Chi 18-10	Pit 18-8
1956 Cle 20-16	StL 21-11	1972 Det 16-9	NY 15-9
1957 Cle 19-14	Pit 20-10	Min 16-9	
1958 Bos 16-6	SF 21-11	1973 Cle 17-9	Cin 17-9
1959 Bal 12-8	Pit 15-12	1974 Box 18-8	LA 17-7
1960 Chi 16-13	StL 18-8	1975 Bal 18-9	LA 19-8
1961 Was 15-10	Pit 18-11		Mon 19-8
1962 NY 17-10	StL 18-8		

FUTURE HALL OF FAMERS

Must a batter hit for a .300 average to gain admission to Baseball's Valhalla? This is a list of composite Hall of Famers' averages by position.

POS	AVG	AB	H	# HOF
1B	.31513	110,869	34,939	15
2B	.32194	64,403	20,734	8
SS	.28912	115,772	33,473	15
3B	.29353	51,840	15,217	7
LF	.32220	119,462	38,491	15
CF	.32082	109,235	35,045	14
RF	.31487	162,035	51,021	20
C	.29110	50,823	14,795	9

These figures do not include the 1986 Hall of Fame electees, Willie McCovey, Bobby Doerr, and Ernie Lombardi. The 1985 **Baseball Hall of Fame Yearbook** was used as a source for these compilations.

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RESERVATION NEAR 400

A record number of Convention goers is assured. SABRites in Chicago have the opportunity to meet and visit with former players Johnny Klippstein, Nelson Potter, Marv Rotblatt, and Ted (Double Duty) Radcliffe. Bob Davids has prepared a Trivia Contest that makes the most trivial appear important. The Saturday Banquet is ably chaired by Richard Topp.

Confirmation of reservations and the Convention packet will be sent on June 15. Any Convention goer who has not received the packet should call MARGE DANIELS, 312/266-7239. Marge must also be notified by July 1 for a refund.

Like the ball passed from Tinker to Evers to Chance and back to Steinfeldt, SABR offices also pass from one member to another during the National Convention. Only attendees are eligible to vote (see proposed amendments, page 3). This year's election lineup includes:

JOSEPH MCGILLEN, 59, joined SABR in 1981 and resides in Philadelphia. He recently served two terms as SABR Treasurer. JOE is a retired investigative supervisor for the Philadelphia Medical Examiner's Office and currently scouts the Philadelphia area for the Major League Scouting Bureau.

GENE SUNNEN, 39, joined SABR in 1981 and lives in San Francisco. GENE co-chaired the 1985 Oakland Convention Organizing Committee. He is a Microcomputer Systems Manager. He gained national media attention through his SABR promotion at the Oakland Coliseum.

TAL SMITH, 52, joined SABR in 1982 and resides in Houston. TAL served one term as SABR vice-president and is seeking re-election. He has worked in the front offices of the New York Yankees and the Ashville Tourists. TAL was General Manager of the Houston Astros and is currently a baseball consultant for Tal Smith Enterprises. His company represents the owners at baseball's Arbitration Meetings.

JACK KAVANAGH, 66, joined SABR in 1973 and lives in North Kingtown, RI. He served on the 1984 Providence Convention Organizing Committee and has written for the **Baseball Research Journal**. He is a member of the Bibliography Committee. A retired Director of a non-profit health agency, Jack currently works as a free lance writer.

SABR CANDIDATES

President	Vice-President	Secretary
JOSEPH MCGILLEN	TAL SMITH	LUKE SALISBURY
GENE SUNNEN	JACK KAVANAGH	unopposed
Treasurer	Board Member	
CAPPY GAGNON	MARGE DANIELS	
unopposed	JAY DEMAREST	
	LEN LEVIN	

ANNUAL CONVENTION STATS

Year	Site	Attendance
1972	Washington	23
1973	Chicago	26
1974	Philadelphia	40
1975	Boston	64
1976	Chicago	45
1977	Columbus, OH	74
1978	Paramus, NJ	81
1979	St. Louis	115
1980	Los Angeles	85
1981	Toronto	127
1982	Towson (Baltimore)	227
1983	Milwaukee	262
1984	Providence	350
1985	Oakland	300

LUKE SALISBURY, 39, joined SABR in 1979 and lives in Chelsea, MA. He currently serves as SABR Secretary and is running, unopposed, for re-election. LUKE is an English Instructor at Bunker Hill Community College.

CAPPY GAGNON, 42, joined SABR in 1977 and resides in Hollywood. He served one term as SABR Vice-President, two terms as SABR President and has represented the Society at Baseball's winter meetings. He is running, unopposed, for SABR Treasurer. CAPPY, who works as Director of Special Programs for the LA Sheriff's Department, has been a regular contributor to the **Baseball Research Journal** since 1979.

MARGE DANIELS, 38, joined SABR in 1981 and lives in Chicago. She is co-chairman of the 1986 Chicago Convention Organizing Committee and is currently inputting data into the SABR computer. She has attended 5 National Conventions and gone to Spring Training 9 consecutive years. MARGE is a former Registered Nurse and is involved with volunteer projects.

JAY DEMAREST, 31, joined SABR in 1982 and lives in Olney, MD. He is the chairman of the 1987 Washington Convention Organizing Committee. He is a member of the Bibliography Committee and has worked on "Project Scoresheet" since 1984. JAY coordinated Take Me Out to the Ball Game Groups (underprivileged children) for the Baltimore Orioles. He is a CPA and Manager for AT&T Communications.

LEN LEVIN, 55, joined SABR in 1977 and resides in Providence. He worked on the 1984 Providence Convention Organizing Committee and has chaired Rhode Island's regional meeting. A former news and sports reporter, Len is now the News Editor for the Providence **Journal**.

COMMITTEE REPORT

BALLPARKS

The Grove Street Oval in E. Orange, NJ will be renamed the Grove Street Oval-MONTE IRVIN Field on June 6. FRANCIS HELMINSKI is working on a project to erect a historical marker on the site of Recreation Park in Detroit.

In addition to celebrating ballparks, the purpose of publishing **Green Cathedrals** was to bring little known and long hidden ballpark facts 'out of the woodwork.' Comments, additions and corrections are requested. Send them to BOB BLUTHARDT, 244 N. Oxford Dr., San Angelo, TX 76901 or to PHIL LOWRY, 10650 Porto Ct., San Diego, CA 92124. All comments received prior to July 1 will be investigated and included in a list of verified additions and corrections to be distributed at the Chicago Convention.

BIBLIOGRAPHY

Current Baseball Publications, January-March 1986, 6 pages, listing about 90 titles is available for a 39¢ SASE of appropriate size. Write to FRANK PHELPS, 253 Bernard Dr., King of Prussia, PA 19406. JOE LAWLER, 4 South Rd., Kingston, RI 02881 seeks information about privately published books, new periodicals, journals, newsletters (1st issue to appear during 1986), and anyone with knowledge of foreign baseball publications (Latin America, Canada, Europe), for the committee's 2nd quarter list. A **SABR Research Guide** series will start immediately. More info can be found on page 7.

BIOGRAPHICAL RESEARCH

John Francis Daley celebrated his 99th birthday on May 25. He is now the fourth longest-lived ball player ever.

Oldest Living				Longest-Lived				
Player	Debut	Birth	Age*	Player	Debut	Birth	Death	Age
John Daley	1912	5-25-87	99	Ralph Miller	1898	3-15-1873	5-8-1973	100.1
Joseph Burns	1910	3-26-89	97.2	William Hoy	1888	5-23-1862	12-15-1961	99.5
Paul Otis	1912	12-24-89	96.5	John Hollison	1892	5-3-1970	8-19-1969	99.2
William Knopf	1913	11-3-90	95.6	John Daley	1912	5-25-1887	—	99
Joel Sherman	1915	11-4-90	95.6	Geo. Winkelman	1883	6-14-1861	5-19-1960	98.9

Changes for the TOPP 20: information has been received on William Krause and Otto Peters. Two new names to research are Robert Lee Stafford (1890) and Dwight Lewis Wertz (1914). Send information to RICHARD TOPP.

COMPUTER

GARY SKOOG has arranged a SABR account with PLINK. PLINK President MERRILL MILLMAN has arranged a waiver of the signup fee, and two free hours of connect time for any SABR member wishing to explore telecommunications in the SABR section of PLINK. This is a system like THE SOURCE and Compuserve. Costs are \$4.25/hour (evenings, all modem speeds) with access through Telenet and Tymnet, available as a local call almost anywhere. Anyone with a personal computer, modem and communications software may participate. One may call 1-800-524-0100, ask for Jim Hill and mention SABR for sign up; or, write to Jim at American People Link 3215 N. Frontage Rd./Suite 1505, Arlington Hts., IL 60004. Any questions should be referred to GARY SKOOG, 104 Michigan Ave./Suite 717, Chicago, IL 60603, 312-726-1541.

MARKETING

Plans for a Marketing Committee were approved at the April SABR Board meeting. The Committee's objective is to tap the marketing/advertising expertise of SABR members. Anyone interested in this new Committee should contact Paul Adomites.

MINOR LEAGUES

The Committee, with successful projects such as **Minor League Stars I and II** in print looks to the future with research in the areas of: cities and teams, the farm system, minor league managers, club officials, league officials, individual team and league histories, pictorial data, and Minor League Stars III. Those interested in becoming involved in these projects should contact JOHN PARDON, PO Box 728, Crugers, NY 10521.

NEGRO LEAGUES

The 1930 statistics have been completed and figures for 1929 are in the final stages. Additional help is sought for the years: 1920, 1922-25 and 1927-28. Committee members plan to gather oral histories this year at the Hall of Fame inductions in Cooperstown. LARRY HOGAN and PHIL LOWRY were helpful in securing a plaque that renamed the Grove Street Oval to GSO-MONTE IRVIN Field.

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

Members are asked to check their mailing labels for accuracy. The directory will be printed from the SABR computer records.

To further disperse the publication cost, the directory is accepting paid advertising. In addition to the page rates stated in the February Bulletin, business and personal cards will be reprinted at \$25 per card.

There will be free listings of names and addresses of members who are in baseball-related occupations or hobbies. These may include newsletters, fan clubs, book

dealers, card dealers, book publishers, and book authors. Write to the SABR office for additional information.

HALL OF FAME FILM RENTAL LIBRARY

The HoF has taken over management of Major League Baseball's Film Rental Library. The collection consists of World Series, 1969-1985, All-Star Games, 1970-1984, plus Instructional, Feature and Comedy films. Contact TOM HEITZ, National Baseball Library, Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum, PO Box 590-F, Cooperstown, NY 13326, 607/547-9988 for additional information.

PROPOSED CHANGES and AMENDMENTS in the SABR CONSTITUTION and BY-LAWS

OBJECTIVE:

Revision of SABR election procedures to assure expansion of the electorate to as large a percentage of the membership as is possible. These amendments, as a package, will restrict the nominees to those accepted by the Nominating Committee, so that all SABR members may be enabled to vote for nominees, either by mail or by personal attendance at the annual meeting.

In order to achieve an orderly transition, it will be advisable to amend the various sections of the Constitution and By-Laws simultaneously. The amendments (underlined) are listed below:

CONSTITUTION

Article V — Officers and Committees

- B. Election of officers shall be by a **plurality of the votes counted** at the annual meeting. They shall take office at the conclusion of the annual meeting.
- D. In addition to the aforementioned officers, 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 **by a plurality of the votes counted** at the annual meeting.

Article VII — Meetings

- C. (DELETE THIS PARAGRAPH IN ITS ENTIRETY)

Article VIII — Amendments

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

BY-LAWS

Article 2 — Amendments

- A. The by-laws shall be amended by the affirmative vote of two-third of **the votes counted** at the annual meeting.
(Article 4 — Committees — Change this article number to Article 6. It is already in error in that there is also an Article 4 — Quorums.)

Add the following new article:

Article 5 — Elections

- A. The nominating committee shall issue a call for nominations at the annual meeting and in issues of the SABR Bulletin.
- B. The nominating committee shall publish candidate information in the Pre-Convention issue of the SABR Bulletin.
- C. An appropriate absentee ballot shall be included with the Pre-Convention issue of the SABR Bulletin. This ballot shall include an address to which SABR members may mail their vote.
- D. The Chairman of the Nominating Committee, or his delegate, shall serve as the Marshall of the election, including collecting absentee ballots, managing the voting process at the annual meeting, and counting of the ballots.
- E. The ballot shall include any amendment to be considered for inclusion in the Constitution and/or By-Laws.

Article 3 — Officers and Functions

- A. President
 - 6. Shall be elected **in odd-numbered years for a term of two years, but may not stand for re-election.**
- B. Vice President
 - 3. Shall be elected **in odd-numbered years for a term of two years, but may not stand for re-election.**
- C. Secretary
 - 2. Shall be elected **in even-numbered years for a term of two years, but may not stand for re-election.**
- D. Treasurer
 - 3. Shall be elected **in even-numbered years for a term of two years, but may not stand for re-election.**

Add to Article 3 — Officers and Functions — the following paragraph H:

“H. Eligibility for Election

- 1. Paid employees of SABR, and major vendors of service to SABR, shall be ineligible to serve as an officer or director of SABR at any time within one year of completion of their term of employment, or contract.”

Article 4 — Committees

A. Nominating Committee

- 3. Members of this committee shall themselves be **ineligible** for nomination to any office in the Society.
- 4. **No** nominations for office may be made from the floor at the annual meeting.

REGIONAL REPORT

49 people gathered in Reading, PA on April 26 to hear former players, ROY HUGHES, GENE BENSON, SY MORTON, LARRY KIMBROUGH, Whitey Kurowski and Reading Manager George Culver talk about baseball. Presentations were given by GEORGE KOCHANOWICZ: The Phillies' Failure to Keep Their Top Farm Prospects; JACK KAVANAGH: The Man Who Wouldn't Slide — 'Hi' Ladd; JOHN HOLWAY: An Impromptu Interview with GENE BENSON; JOE LAWLER: Jake Daubert and Buck Freeman; DAVID VOIGT: They Shaped the Game — slide show; ED DOYLE: The Shibe Family (They all died on weekends); JOE MCGILLEN: Recalling Billy the Kid — Kid Gleason; CLEM COMLY: More Fielding Statistics — the National League 1984; Jack 'Ozzie' Smiles: An Update of Ogden Nash's Poem, "The ABC's of Baseball Immortals"; and KIT CRISSEY: Viktor Starfin. A slide show of Japanese Greats of the Past was given by JOHN HOLWAY.

The Halsey Hall Chapter of SABR met at the Normanday Inn, Minneapolis, on May 10th. 33 attendees listened to presentations by STEVE NADEL: 200 game winners; STEW THORNLEY: Last Days of Nicolette Park; ANDY LURTH: No Hitters in current ML Stadiums; ALLAN HOLST: Discussion of the Game on the Field and the Game in the Front Office; GARY CLENDENNEN: Ted, Willie and the Millers, a Tale of Two Youngsters; TERRY BOHN: Tables and Interpretations of Killebrew's HRs; JOHN DIMEGLIO: Slides of Ball Parks. Wayne Terwilliger, new 1B coach for the Twins, was the special guest. Hrbek hit a 477' home run to cap an excellent meeting as the Twins routed the Tigers 12-2.

On May 31 Ernie Harwell, honored broadcaster for the Detroit Tigers, was the featured speaker at a meeting of NorthWest SABR attended by 30 members and guests. Presentations included Dave Alden: An Analysis of Alternative Championship Formats for a 16-team League; and John Collet: Last Winter's Baseball Peace Mission to Nicaragua. Marc Jones's trivia quiz on baseball futility concluded the meeting.

UPCOMING REGIONALS

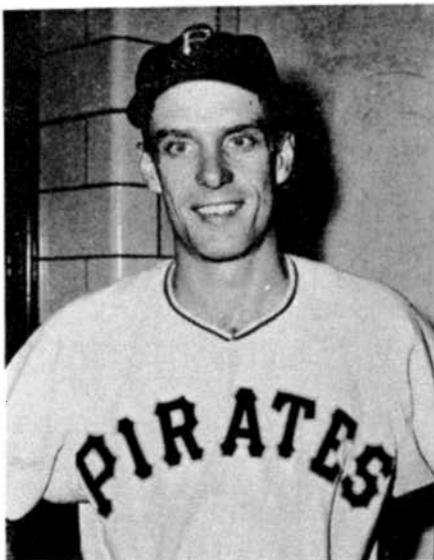
June 28 — St. Louis. Members and guests will be treated to a triple header: SABR meeting, hot buffet dinner and the St. Louis Cardinals. The meeting starts at 1 p.m. at the National Bowling Hall of Fame, across the street from Busch Stadium. Scheduled guests include Joe Schultz and Kip Ingle. Cash Bar at 4:45 and Hot Dinner at 5:15. The Cardinals-Phillies contest begins at 7:05. Total price for the day is \$20 per person. There is a limit of 55 tickets and reservations, so make plans quickly. Contact ERV FISCHER, 1921 Riverwood Trails Drive, Florissant, MO 63031, 314/831-4843.

August 3 — Cooperstown. The Annual Induction Regional will be held at Tillapaugh's Funeral Home at 7:30 on Sunday — a day that will see the entry of Willie McCovey, Bobby Doerr and Ernie Lombardi into the Baseball Hall of Fame. Those planning to attend or desiring to make a presentation should contact LLOYD JOHNSON at the SABR office. Refreshments will be served. Admission is free through the generosity of member and sports stamp collector GEORGE TILLAPPAUGH.

August 24 — San Francisco. The Northern California Regional will be held at Candlestick Park, Stadium Club at 11:00 a.m., to be followed by a Sunday afternoon game between the Giants and Mets. Speakers include Charlie Silvera of the NY Yankees. There is a contest underway to concoct the best nickname for the designated hitter position. For information about either contact BARRY MEDNICK at 415/857-4852.

August 9 — Spokane. NWSABR will participate in the celebration of a century of Spokane baseball. Events include a tour of the baseball exhibit at the Cheney Cowles Museum, SABR meeting and ballpark catering at Indians Stadium plus an oldtimers game that evening. Interested SABR members should contact either JIM PRICE, W 434 17th Avenue, Spokane, Wash. 99203, 509/624-1957, or JIM O'DONNELL, 5026 8th Avenue NE, Seattle, Wash. 98105, 206/632-2255.

August 17 — Tacoma. An informal gathering of NWSABR members will take place at Cheney Stadium in conjunction with an afternoon game between Albuquerque and Tacoma. Additional information will be available in early August from BART WRIGHT, 31335 12th Place, South, Federal Way, Washington 98003, 206/941-8780 or from JIM O'DONNELL.



All photos appear courtesy of the National Baseball Hall of Fame. This depression era Cardinal is unidentified. Which school boy wonder is pictured here?

In the early '50s, the Pirates featured teams staffed with unproven youngsters who tried mightily to support their Hall of Fame teammate RALPH KINER. Is this player part of Branch Rickey's 1952 youth movement?



NAMES IN THE NEWS

BILL DEANE, TOM HEITZ, LLOYD JOHNSON and BERNIE WARD participated in an exhibition of 19th century town ball using the Massachusetts rules. The score was 31-10. The time was 1:15. The game lasted 10 innings. All of these stats are comparable to 19th Century play. BRENDA WARD acted as tally keeper . . . Phi Alpha Theta (History frat) hosted a lecture on "Methods and Styles of Baseball Historical Research" at Northeastern Illinois University. Those making presentations included: RICH LINDBERG — White Sox; ARTHUR AHRENS — Cubs; and RICHARD TOPP — Death . . . BILL DEANE, recently hired as Senior Research Associate at the Hall of Fame, wrote an article in **Street and Smith's Baseball Yearbook**. This is the third consecutive year that **S and S** has featured one of BILL's pieces . . . JACK KAVANAGH has an article appearing in **Lefthander Magazine** about Terry Forster entitled, 'Oh, What a relief it is' . . . BOB MUHLBACH, ADIE SUEHSDORF, ROBERT VOKURKA, JOHN ZENKO and PAUL WINSTON have recently made monetary contributions to SABR. DAVID VOIGT donated a tape of his 1955 interview with Clark Griffith. SABR is a not-for-profit organization that is registered with the IRS. Any donations to SABR are tax deductible . . . JOE LAWLER's literary output, now and near future, includes articles in **Phillies Report, Yankees Magazine, Pennsylvania Magazine, Dodger Blue, Redbird Review, The Sox Fan News** and **Cubs Vine Line** . . . RICH COBERLY's **No-Hit Hall of Fame** has gained him the attention of the national media with appearances on the Joe Franklin Show, WCBS Sports Final, Mutual Radio, CBS Radio, NPR, Copely Radio, AP Radio and NBC Radio as well as guest spots on Sportstalk shows in Montreal, New York, Tulsa, Buffalo, Chicago and South Bend . . . LARRY KEEFE has a month long baseball memorabilia display at the West Orange Public Library in New Jersey . . . Of Pete Rose's first 4192 hits, 29 came off pitchers who later became dentists—so writes GEORGE WILL in Newsweek. His article highlights AL KERMISCH and SABR. Another of WILL's columns featured the 'ping' of spring and was entitled 'Real Bats Made of Wood' . . . KEN TINGLEY has a feature story on SABR in **Yankees Magazine** . . . The Los Angeles Times reported on JOHN HERBOLD's Cal State Golden Eagles and the rebuilding job that he has done with that collegiate squad . . . **The Overlay**, published by the Gambler's Book Club in Las Vegas, listed SABR as an information source. Free copies of the special baseball issue of **The Overlay** can be yours by calling 800-634-6243 . . . DENNIS TELGEMEIER has an excellent article on Lefty Grove in the **Oakland Athletics' Magazine**. DENNIS researched and wrote 50 thirty-second radio spots on 'Great Moments in All-Star Game History' that are being used by Oakland during the game broadcasts to publicize next year's All-Star Game. . . L. ROBERT DAVIDS, SABR founder, reports on the Centennial Celebrity for 1985. 'It was a slim year, but the results of the multi-year survey indicated that Art Fletcher, player, manager, and long-time coach, led with 1341 points. He was followed by Big Ed Konetchy, 1178 points, Slim Saltee, 905 points, and Buck Herzog, 899. Ring Lardner was down the list with 10 points. No question about the 1986 choice—Ty Cobb, born Dec. 18, 1886. Frank (Home Run) Baker and Larry Doyle also have their centennial this year.' . . . FRANK KUENSTLER is collecting baseball print bloopers for a book entitled **The Limericks of Baseball**. One choice morsel from the **New York Times**; "On rare occasions the homey touch fell flat. Once, for example, as he passed a baseball diamond where small boys were playing, Nelson Rockefeller commented on how much he enjoyed the game in his youth. Near him was a boy in shinguards and a chest protector, carrying a big, round glove. 'And what position do you play, son?' asked the Governor, putting his hand on the boy's head."

Baseball's Hall of Fame

The Negro Leagues showcase has been expanded to contain 10 uniforms, 3 gloves, 5 caps, 2 warmup jackets, 7 pennants, Newark Eagles banner, 2 trophies, 2 autographed balls, 38 photos and memorabilia from the 1945 Cleveland Buckeyes and the Estrellas Importadas, as well as a photo portrait of Effa Manley.

The newest exhibit is "the IBM Sports Gallery — Hall of Famers." The touch-screen, audio-visual, computerized technology shows viewers the high leg kick of Marichal, the power swing of Mantle and the awesome dominance of Koufax in actual game performances. The exhibit is located in the Cooperstown Room and is well worth a trip.

The Hall reports monthly attendance records for January, March and May already this year. In 1939, 25,332 fans made the pilgrimage to Cooperstown. 1949 saw the attendance figures almost double in one year — 57,324 to 93,721. In 1973 a record 260,763 spectators thronged to the Museum. Over 6 million visitors have passed through the turnstiles since the Hall of Fame opened in 1939.

DAVID VINCENT presents his Father/Son team:

George Sisler	1B	Bench
Hal Lanier	2B	Gus Bell, Dale Berra,
Buddy Bell	3B	Ray & Bob Boone, Terry
Maury Wills	SS	Francona, Mike & Jim
Tito Francona	OF	Hegan, Mike & Tom Tresh,
Dixie Walker Jr.	OF	Ozzie Virgil Jr., Cal
Marty Keough	OF	Ripkin Jr., Dick Sisler,
Terry Kennedy	C	Harry Walker and Bump
Dizzy Trout	P	Wills.
		Bullpen
Yogi Berra	MGR	Jim & Jim Bagby, Joe &
Cal Ripken Sr.	COA	Joe Coleman, Matt Keough,
Ozzie Virgil Sr.	COA	Max Lanier, Dave Sisler,
Bob Kennedy	GM	Steve Trout and Dixie Walker
		Broadcasters
		Harry & Skip Caray

RESEARCH EXCHANGE

When Will White set the all time single season record for complete games (75) and innings pitched (680) the pitching distance was 45 feet, the box was 6 feet by 4 feet, the batter could request a high strike or a low strike and the pitching rule read 'the arm must be nearly perpendicular and must pass below the hip'. To acquire a year by year historical pitching analysis (one page), write W. LLOYD JOHNSON, Box 1010, Cooperstown, NY 13326 . . . VERN LUSE has one-page histories of the North Texas (Class D, 1905) and Cotton States (Class D, 1905) Leagues. Learn about the Paris Parasites and the Meridian White Ribbons by sending SASE to the SABR office . . . Last year Ricky Henderson averaged more than one run per game. It was the first time that had happened since 1939 when Jimmie Foxx accomplished the feat. In the 19th Century, three players averaged more than one run per game over an entire CAREER (Hamilton, Gore, Stovey). EUGENE MURDOCK offers a 7-page compilation of Pre-1900 Batting Stars for \$1. Write to the SABR office . . . Taking a vacation and wondering what Minor League team is playing in the area? Write to the Office for 1986 Minor League schedules, specify league, team or area . . . JAMES A. VLASICH, 369 S. 200 West, Cedar City, UT 84720 is researching the origin of the Baseball Hall of Fame. Anyone with information on this subject will receive credit in his forth coming book . . .

STANLEY KATZ, 7 Rumford Way, Princeton Junction, NJ 08550, is a statistician who has recently joined SABR and wants to share some of his research. When the batter takes a pitch, says STANLEY, the batter shows he has a remarkably good eye, since only 28% of pitches taken are called strikes. On the other hand, when a batter has two strikes against him, then takes a pitch, his ability to protect the plate does not seem to improve — almost 29% of all strikeouts end with a called third strike . . . The Ansonia Hotel, New York, is credited (discredited) as the spot where the plot to throw the 1919 Series was hatched . . . Could Bob O'Reagon, now scout for the Twins, be the first umpire to wear glasses? . . . Longest games (by innings) are well documented for the following categories: 33-minor leagues, 28-Japan, 26-major leagues, 24-high schools, 22-colleges, 20-junior colleges. Is anyone aware of longest games by innings records for other categories: American Legion, Cuba, Korea, Dominican, Mexico, etc.? Contact PHIL LOWRY, 10650 Porto Court, San Diego, CA 92124 . . . ROD OLDFIELD reports that Ricky Henderson stole 95 bases at Modesto in 1977, not 1979 as **Minor League Stars, Vol. II**, page 35 states . . . In 1868 Francis C. Sebring patented the first known table baseball game. His 'Apparatus For Playing Parlour Base-Ball' became popular among fashionable New Yorkers, according to Frank Leslie's **Illustrated Newspaper**. JACK KAVANAGH has written a 5-page article on 'Antique Table Baseball Games' for **Antiques & Collecting**. Anyone interested in a copy of the article, send a SASE to the SABR office . . . BILL BERGER, 6800 SW 115th St., Miami, FL 33156 is looking for information, reference sources, newspaper clippings or leads on major league all-star tours of Japan prior to WW II, particularly the 1934 Tour . . . A 2-page 1985 Highlights summary, April 9-October 6, is available for a SASE to the SABR office . . . DON BELL, Box 806, Sutton, QUE JOE 2KO, CANADA is trying to locate Robert 'Whitey' Reis who witnessed Glen Gorbous' longest baseball throw ever, 445' 10", in 1967 at Omaha, NE when they were teammates in the American Association . . . KATHLEEN MOLONEY and HUGH HOWARD are writing a book about the Official Baseball Rules — their evolution and history, their complications and contradictions. They are looking for oddities, stories, trends and observations that reveal unusual or interesting aspects of the rules. Any recollections or references will be appreciated and acknowledged. Write HUGH at PO Box 118, Red Rock, E. Chatham, NY 12060 . . .



Do these two Pittsburgh Pirates look familiar? SABR is batting .600 in photo identifications from the recent Bulletins.

BOOK SHELF

Read about the ballplayer, who was traded for a turkey, Virgil (Fire) Trucks! best game ever and more adventures of the Alabama-Florida League in **The Last Rebel Yell** by KEN BROOKS. The 145-page, illustrated book is available from Seneca Park Publishing, PO Box 315, Lynn Haven, FL 32444, at the special member price of \$6.95 (regular \$7.95) plus \$1 p/h.

Play Ball Son by David W. Shury, Q.C. — The history of the Saskatchewan Baseball Association. Paperback, 282 pages, 300 illustrations. Regularly \$15.95 — \$10.00 postpaid for SABR members. Saskatchewan Baseball Hall of Fame, Box 524, North Battleford, SASK S9A 2Y1, CANADA.

George Ferrell, older brother of Rick and Wes, was a star of the Piedmont League. See Yogi, Whitey, Moose, Scooter, and the Duke in their minor league setting. **The History of the Piedmont League** (1920-1955) by David F. Chrisman can be yours for \$10.95 from Chrisman, 717 Milford Mill Road, Pikesville, MD 21208.

Joe DiMaggio's first number as a Yankee was —9—. **Yankees By The Number** lists the names and numbers of every Yankee in history. Author GEORGE WOLF, PO Box 5054, New York, NY 10185 offers his book at member price \$6.00 (regularly \$7.95) plus \$1 p/h.

Now Half Price: **Baseball's Home Run Hitters** (Leisure Press, 1984, \$9.95). Send \$5 for an autographed copy to the author, DON NELSON 5422 Chatsworth Ct., Fairfax, VA 22032.

Boston Red Sox fans can watch the 1954 Sox in action on a new 22-minute VHS color videotape of the '54 Sox highlight film, "Baseball in Boston". Regular price is \$39.95 + 2.50 shipping. SABR member price is \$35.00 postpaid. To order, write: DOAK EWING, 904-C Clubhouse Circle West, Decatur, GA 30032.

The Baseball Matrix sells for \$9.95 and is available to members for \$8, ppd. **The Matrix** includes a computer study of the effects of ballparks on 1985 team offensive and defensive performance, analysis of ML pitchers broken down by starting and relieving, thirds of the season, and "Quality Starts." It is 75 pages, spiral bound, and is available from BILL CARR, 20 Northwest Pass, Ballston Lake, NY 12019.

Hardball Ain't All Bucolic, a poetry chapbook, by PAUL WEINMAN may be purchased for \$2 ppd. To order this 15 page collection write to PAUL at 79 Cottage Ave., Albany, NY 12203.

Indians, A Century of Baseball in Spokane, is due off the press late this summer. A summary of Spokane's 68 professional seasons, the book will be priced at \$12.95. SABR members may order copies now at \$10.95 plus \$1.50 p/h. WA residents add 85¢ for sales tax. **Indians** is the work of JIM PRICE, former Spokane Indians publicist and play-by-play broadcaster. For copies, write to Eastern Washington State Historical Society, W 2316 First Ave., Spokane, WA 99204.

Bone up for the Convention trivia contest with EDDIE GOLD's **1986 Baseball Quiz Book**. SABR member price is \$4 ppd. Send check to Laura DeLise, Bonus Books, 180 E. Illinois St., Chicago, IL 60611.

In the preface of his new book, **Joe DiMaggio, a Bio-bibliography**, JACK MOORE writes that he "tried to account for the rare, almost unique stature DiMaggio has achieved in becoming a symbolic hero in American life." This scholarly, 252-page hard cover book can be purchased for \$26.25 ppd. (regularly \$35) from ORDER DEPT., Greenwood Press, 88 Post Road West, Box 5007, Westport, CT 06881. Be sure to mention SABR.

SABR has a special offer for JACK LANG's **The New York Mets, 25 Years of Baseball Magic**. The 256-page hard cover edition (170 photos) retails for \$24.50. SABR can sell it for \$15 ppd. Send checks to the SABR office and relive the Mets Magic of '62, '69 and '73.

Announcing the new **SABR Research Guide** series! Participants are needed to suggest ideas, write text, compile data, act as research consultants, and to edit text. The objective of the series is to provide SABR members with useful reference tools. A collection of the guides will ultimately be published, assuming that their quality and quantity permits.

A guide could be from 2 to 60 pages long, and should cover a single subject. Prospective ideas for guides include index-type works covering the following: the more than 900 portrait biographies in the **Sporting Life**, 1883-1917; **A Dictionary of American Biography**; the multi-biography book series, **Baseball Stars of 1953-19**—; and certain feature series in the **Sportings News**.

Each guide will be announced in the Bulletin, will bear the Committee's label, will list the authors' names, and will be available for a SASE. The first guide, by JOE LAWLER, describes **Current Biography**, a standard library reference book that contains biographical information on prominent people. JOE's guide, in 6 pages, covers from 1941 to the present, and indexes the names of baseball figures included in **Current Biography**. To get a copy, send a 39¢ SASE to FRANK PHELPS, 253 Bernard Dr., King of Prussia, PA 19406.

HALL OF FLAME

One of the many Chicago landmarks to go up in smoke during the Great Fire of 1871 was the ball field of the NA White Stockings. An earlier great fire raged — in Rome — while Nero supposedly fiddled. A theatrical performance of “Nero” was played at the St. George Cricket Grounds on Staten Island — home of the 1887 AA Metropolitans and the spring home site of the 1889 NL Giants. In remembrance of great fires, Nero and Mrs. O’Leary’s cow, SABR presents the Baseball Hall of Flame.

Date	Location	Park	Occupant	Notes-Causes
1871	Chicago	Union BB Grounds	NA White Stockings	Caused by a cow
1874	Chicago	23 St. Grounds	NA White Stockings	7-15, during play
1889	New York	Polo Grounds	AA Mets	Spring 1889
1889	Brooklyn	Washington Park	AA Dodgers	5-23
1890	Cleveland	National League	NL Spiders	6-? Lightning
1892	Rochester	Culver Field		
1892	Cleveland	League Park	NY Spiders	5-29 Lightning
1892	Louisville	Eclipse Park	NL Colonels	9-27, Rebuilt 9-28
1894	Boston	South End Grounds	NL Beaneaters	5-15 Arson
1894	Chicago	West Side Park	NY Colts	8-5, Cigar Stub
1894	Philadelphia	Phil. BB Grounds	NL Phillies	8-8, Plumber’s Stove
1894	Baltimore	Union Park	NL Orioles	
1898	St. Louis	Sportsman Park	NL Browns	4-16, Lighted Cigar
1899	Louisville	Eclipse Park	NL Colonels	8-12
1900	Cincinnati	League Park	NL Reds	5-28
1901	St. Louis	Robison Field	NL Cardinals	5-4, Lighted Cigarette
1901	Cincinnati	League Park	NL Reds	Fall 1901
1902	Kansas City	Exposition Park	AA Blues	5-?
1911	Washington	Am. League Park	AL Senators	3-17, Plumber’s blowtorch
1911	New York	Polo Grounds	NL Giants	4-14/15
1911	Cincinnati	Palace of Fans	NL Reds	Fall 1911
1923	Atlanta	Ponce de Leon Park	SA Crackers	9-9
1924	Newark	Harrison Field	IL Bears	8-23
1924	Dallas	Dallas BB Park	TL Steers	
1926	Newark	Wiedenmayer Park	IL Bears	
1932	Seattle	Dugdale Park	PCL Indians	7-4, Fireworks
1934	Boston	Fenway Park	AL Red Sox	1-6-34
1940	Dallas	Rebel Field	TL Rebels	9-10
1940	Chicago	Schorling’s Park	NAL Am. Giants	12-25
1941	Richmond	Tate Field		5-25
1944	Baltimore	Terrapin Park	IL Orioles	7-3 + 4, Fireworks
1948	Sacramento	Edmunds Field	PCL Solons	
1949	Ft. Worth	LeGrave Field	TL Cats	5-17-49
1953	Knoxville, TN	Smithson Stadium	Tri-State Smokies	
1960	Memphis	Russwood Field	SA Chicks	4-17
1969	Syracuse	MacArthur Stadium	IL Chiefs	5-5
1970-71	Pittsburgh	Forbes Field	abandoned	12-24-70, 7-17-71
1971	Philadelphia	Shibe Park	abandoned	8-20
1974	Chicago	Comiskey	AL White Sox	6-4, Pop corn popper
1985	Charlotte, NC	Crockett Park	SL O’s	3-85
1986	Chandler, AR	Compadre Stadium	AL Brewers	Springtraining, gas explosion

23rd Street Grounds 1874

The Chicago ball field was struck by fire for the second time in four years. A game with Philadelphia was apparently played as the White Stockings recorded a 10-3 victory. No box score exists. The **Clipper** remains mum on the game but tells of Baltimore, a previous opponent, leaving Chicago just before the fire was reported. It was further asserted that this was the third fire the Baltimore nine left behind them in the last two years.

WEST SIDE PARK 1894

A cigar stub carelessly tossed into rubbish ignited the blaze that consumed the side stands. About 1600 fans were imperiled as they rushed to the top of the stands to get a better view of the flames. The spectators soon realized they were hemmed between the fire and the high barbed wire fences that kept people from encroaching on the diamond. Jimmy Ryan and Walt Wilnot came to the rescue. Using baseball bats, they hacked through the fence to make a passage onto the field. Flames completely engulfed the stands as the last man jostled through the opening. After fencing off the burned portion, the grounds were used the next day.

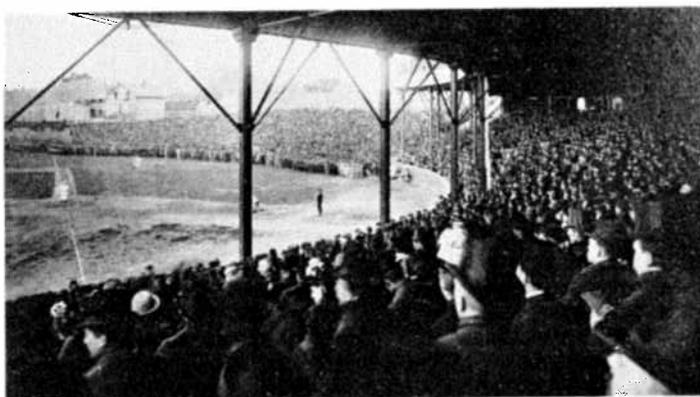
SPORTSMAN PARK 1898

An angry flame was spotted beneath the grandstand during the 2nd inning. A man yelled, “Fire” and panic from the 400 women seated in the main stand ensued. Without hesitation the men caught the women up in their arms hurled them over the railing into the field. Most of them were caught, writes the **Sporting Life**. A lit cigar tossed by a careless fan into a mass of tarpaulins that were lying beneath the grandstand was the suspected cause of the blaze. The fire destroyed owner Chris Von der Ahe’s apartment, saloon and memorabilia of the Browns’ championship years. No one was fatally injured.

ROBISON FIELD 1901

A lighted cigarette thrown into a pile of rubbish sparked the second fire in four years for the NL St. Louis team. It occurred in the bottom of the tenth inning after Bobby Wallace had reached first on a base hit. All spectators left the grounds without injury, though several acts of heroism were necessary. As he is crippled John T. Brush of the Cincinnati club narrowly escaped injury. The Lindell Avenue street car line plugged through a sea of flame as it carried fans away from the burning structure. Umpire Dwyer lost a suit of clothing and a roll of money in the flames.

CAUTION: This issue of the **SABR Bulletin** is made of inflammable materials.



View of the right field side stand from the Grand Pavilion of South End Grounds in Boston.

SOUTH END 1894

At South End Grounds, John McGraw kicked Tommy Tucker in the face as he slid back into third. Tucker came up hissing. Blood streamed from Tucker’s face as he appealed to the umpire, but to no avail. Flames were noticed in the right field bleachers. Impatient fans bade the game go on as smoke victims made for the 50¢ seats in back of first base. Then spectators and players together watched with awe as the flames crept along the wood until the magnificent grandstand was engulfed. In one hour the most beautiful park in the National League was destroyed.

The Bulletin

NEWSLETTER OF THE SOCIETY FOR AMERICAN BASEBALL RESEARCH

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SABR founders at the Chicago Convention: (L to R) Bob Davids Award Winner JOE SIMENIC, TOM HUFFORD, CLIFF KACHLINE, DAN GINSBERG, BILL GUSTAFSON and BOB DAVIDS. Not pictured, but present at the Convention: BOB MCCONNELL and JOHN PARDON.

SABR of the PAST

Fifteen years ago, after the Baseball Hall of Fame Inductions of Dave Bancroft, Jake Beckley, Chick Hafey, Harry Hooper, Joe Kelley, Rube Marquard, Satchel Paige and George Weiss, sixteen excited baseball statisticians made their way to the second floor of the National Baseball Library. From this modest beginning the Society for American Baseball Research grew into the organization that it is today. Reprinted below is the first letter sent by BOB DAVIDS to prospective members of the new society.

4424 Chesapeake Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. (20016)

March 19, 1971

Robert McConnell:

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

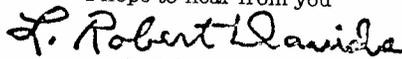
There may be many more than 25 to 30 baseball statisticians around the country. We don't really know, but I thought some effort should be made to organize this "motley crew" into a more formal group. For that reason we plan to hold an organization meeting at Cooperstown, New York on August 10-11, 1971.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

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

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

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

I hope to hear from you


L. Robert Davids

REGISTER OF SABR MEMBERS

1. L. Robert Davids, Washington, DC	8-10-71
2. Robert McConnell, Wilmington, DE	8-10-71
3. Cliff Kachline, Cooperstown, NY	8-10-71
4. John F. Pardon, Asheville, NC	8-10-71
5. William Gustafson, San Jose, CA	8-10-71
6. Thomas Hufford, Pulaski, VA	8-10-71
7. Paul C. Frisz, Terre Haute, IN	8-10-71
8. Joseph Simenic, Euclid, OH	8-10-71
9. Raymond Nemece, Downers Grove, IL	8-10-71
10. Raymond Gonzalez, Woodside, NY	8-10-71
11. Keith Sutton, Honesdale, PA	8-10-71
12. William Haber, Staten Island, NY	8-10-71
13. Thomas Shea, Hingham, MA	8-10-71
14. Dan Dischley, Lake Ronkonkoma, NY	8-10-71
15. Dan Ginsburg, Pittsburgh, PA	8-10-71
16. Pat McDonough, Union City, NJ	8-10-71
17. Warren Mouch, Columbus, OH	8-19-71
18. John Tattersall, Havertown, PA	8-26-71
19. William Plott, Montgomery, AL	8-26-71
20. James Rowe, Berwyn, IL	8-26-71
21. Merl Kleinknecht, Gallon, OH	8-27-71
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23. Clarence Biasco, Van Nuys, CA	8-29-71
24. Alex J. Haas, Berkeley, CA	8-30-71
25. Larry Bortstein, Bronx, NY	8-31-71
26. Arthur O. Schott, New Orleans, LA	8-31-71
27. Pete Palmer, Lexington, MA	9-1-71
28. Marshall Smelser, Notre Dame, IN	9-1-71
29. Arthur H. Ahrens, Chicago, IL	9-2-71
30. James G. Kelly, Ann Arbor, MI	9-2-71
31. Howard Lavelle, Oceanside, NY	9-2-71
32. Robert T. Allen, Westbury, NY	9-3-71
33. Willie George, Oak Hill, WV	9-3-71
34. William Weiss, San Mateo, CA	9-3-71
35. William Loughman, Elmhurst, IL	9-4-71
36. Kenneth Holt, Bloomington, IL	9-6-71
37. Alvin Peterjohn, Columbus, OH	9-6-71
38. Eugene Murdock, Williamstown, WV	9-10-71
39. Arthur J. Craig, Belmont, MA	9-13-71
40. George Hilton, Los Angeles, CA	9-15-71
41. Hal Middlesworth, Detroit, MI	9-15-71
42. Carl N. Kline, Aiea, HI	9-17-71
43. Harold Esch, Orlando, FL	9-20-71
44. Jerry Jackson, Lockport, IL	9-20-71
45. Milford Chipp, San Diego, CA	9-21-71
46. Charles DuVall, South Bend, IN	9-23-71
47. Thomas Zocco, Wethersfield, CT	9-24-71
48. Eric Simonsen, Newton, MA	9-26-71
49. Ralph Winnie, Seattle, WA	9-27-71
50. Stan Grosshandler, Hales Crs, WI	9-28-71

COMMITTEE REPORTS

BIOGRAPHICAL

Chairman RICHARD TOPP, PO Box 48471, Niles, IL 60648, 312/774-6023, records new information received in a monthly newsletter.

PUBLICATIONS

Two items of the 1986 publication package should be delivered by now — **Baseball in the Nineteenth Century** by JACK SELZER and **The National Pastime: Dead Ball Era Pictorial**. Only those members who had paid their 1986 dues by July 1st survived the TNP mailing list cut. Recently renewed members will receive their TNPs soon. **SABR Review of Books** is scheduled to go out this month. The Selzer book represents our first attempt to publish single subject studies that are longer than articles but shorter than books. In order to continue this series the editors need manuscripts. Send items to the Publications Director, JOHN THORN, 18 Virginia Ave., Saugerties, NY 12477, 914/246-9241.

MINOR LEAGUES

If you need assistance, want to assist with research or share information, contact Chairman JOHN PARDON, Box 728, Crugers, NY 10621.

Current membership includes:

- RICHARD BOZZONE: Has access to Connecticut newspapers and is willing to assist in research.
 - ART CANTU: Has year by year alphabetical listing of minor league players, 1902 through 1984. Will accept inquiries.
 - MICHAEL CARLSON: Working on a history of the Northwestern League — 1902-1917. Would like assistance.
 - ED CONNOLLY: Working on Arizona-Mexico League. Willing to share data and assist in research.
 - ROBERT HOIE: Minor league players' records. Would like contacts from various parts of the country.
 - RALPH HORTON: Available to assist in research.
 - DAVID KEMP: Compiling histories of Northern League, Western Association of '30s and '40s, Tri-State League and South Dakota League. Could use assistance.
 - ROBERT KOEHLER: Compiling an American Association player roster. Could use assistance.
 - VERN LUSE: Working on pre-1900 minor league averages. Would like contacts from various parts of the country.
 - JAMES MAYWAR: Has compiled data on the Michigan-Ontario League and is available to assist on research.
 - JAMES WOODS: Would like data on North, VA Braves of the Mountain State League.
- Contact these researchers through JOHN PARDON, if their addresses are unknown.

NEGRO LEAGUES

While at East Orange for the renaming of the Grove Street Oval to Monte Irvin Field, LARRY HOGAN, Monte Irvin and JIM RILEY got together and discussed ideas for future efforts designed to get fair consideration for admission of living and deceased veterans of Negro League baseball to the Hall of Fame. What came about was a proposal, in its very earliest stages, to hold a conference at Notre Dame University early in 1987 to focus attention on the history of Negro League baseball in America. Through the efforts of BOB DAVIDS it has been determined that Smokey Joe Williams was born in 1886 rather than 1876. JERRY MALLOY reports that the Ashland material in Cooperstown is being organized and he was able to photocopy much of it. JOHN HOLWAY interviewed 90 year old Lloyd Thompson who played on the original 1910 Hilldales. JOHN hopes to publish articles on the 1st World Series no-hitter in 1926 and another in the 1927 World Series.



BILL KINSELLA asks for identification of his postcard photo. JOE L. BROWN identified the Pirate on page 6 at the right of the June **Bulletin** as Don Beitter. EDWARD BROOKS wrote that the 'depression era Cardinal' on page 4 is Leroy Parmalee. The Pirate third baseman is unverified as Lemuel Floyd 'Pep' Young.

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The Committee has received many inquiries about **The Sports Periodical Index** from National Information Services, Ann Arbor, MI. It can be found at the National Baseball Library, Cooperstown, NY. It contains the 1985 cumulative yearbook.

Debut	Player	Information
1915	Dalrymple, Michael	name is: William Dunn Dalrymple B: Feb 7, 1891 Baltimore, Maryland D: Jul 14, 1967 San Diego, California name is: Edward Isadore Feinberg D: Apr 27, 1986 Bryan, Texas
1938	Feinberg, Edward	real name: Martin Gregory Karowsky D: Sep 10, 1980 Oklahoma City, Okla. D: May 4, 1986 Eugene, Oregon name is: James I. Mathison B: Nov 1878 Baltimore, Maryland D: Jul 4, 1911 Baltimore, Maryland nickname: "Jimmy"
1927	Karow, Martin Gregory	D: Jun 5, 1986 West Roxbury, Mass. name is: Jeremiah Francis Murphy B: 1871 Pawtucket, Rhode Island D: Jun 1, 1914 Baker, Oregon nickname: "Jerry"
1922	Ketchum, Augustus Franklin	name is: Ivan Augustus Murrell y Peters B: Aug 4, 1879 Ireland B: Jan 23, 1957 Veracruz, Mexico
1936	Luby, Hugh Max	DELETE PLAYER game of Sep 19, 1890 should be credited to John Irwin. D: Jun 5, 1986 Abilene, Texas
1902	Mathison, I.I.	
1934	Mulligan, Joseph Ignatius	
1903	Murphy, John J.	
1963	Murrell, Ivan Augustus	
1908	O'Connor, Patrick Francis	
1983	Pulido, Alfonso y Manzo	
1890	Smith, E.J.	
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The Winners of the Trivia Contest. JEFF NEUMAN, BILL CARLE, ED GOLDSTEIN and JAMIE SELKO celebrate and show the secret of their success.

Record Attendance at SABR National Convention

SABR XVI exceeded our expectations as 479 members, guests and press ate, drank and talked baseball. The dormitory/cafeteria setting was conducive to conversation and camaraderie. When the talking ceased this is what had occurred. GENE SUNNEN was elected President, JOE SIMENIC received the Bob Davids Award, Marv Rotblatt's fame grew, last year's trivia champions defended their title, and the Cubs won at Wrigley.

The record attendance included 3 members of SABR International. KAZUO SAYAMA represented Japan. JAMIE SELKO traveled from Berlin, West Germany, and the exuberant HERB JOHNSON arrived from the American community in Paris, France. 319 members and 160 guests and press accounted for the total.

In close elections, GENE SUNNEN defeated JOE MCGILLEN 79-70, TAL SMITH retained the Vice-Presidency 87-62 over JACK KAVANAGH, CAPPY GAGNON captured the Treasury 112-34 versus write-in candidate BILL CARLE. LUKE SALISBURY was elected to his second term as Secretary, and MARGE DANIELS took the open Board position 35-30 in a run-off victory over write-in candidate PHIL LOWRY.

SABR constitutional amendments were split and separate votes were taken for each provision. Two provisions passed: 1) that the terms of office for President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer shall last two years; 2) that paid employees, paid retainers, and major vendors are ineligible for elected office until one year after completion of their jobs or fulfillment of their contracts with SABR. Two provisions failed: 1) that officers be elected by mail vote from the entire SABR membership; and 2) that nominations from the floor will not be accepted at the elections. The mail vote provision was hotly contested and suffered defeat because it failed to secure the necessary $\frac{2}{3}$ vote: 84 pro and 63 con. The approved amendments go into effect at the 1987 Convention in Washington. Questions about the amendments to the Constitution should be directed to CAPPY GAGNON or VERN LUSE.

Chico Carrasquel, John Klippstein, Rich Nye, Ted "Double Duty" Radcliffe, Marv Rotblatt and Nelson Potter told anecdotes that spanned six decades and two continents. Ex-players in the audience were GENE BENSON, ROY HUGHES, Lester Lockett and SY MORTON.

Bill Gleason, longtime Chicago sports writers, explained to a packed house at the Awards Banquet what it means to really suffer — being a baseball fan in Chicago. Humor punctuated his poignant examples. JOE SIMENIC received the prestigious Bob Davids Award. JOE, a founder and past Vice-President, was chosen for his untiring efforts on behalf of the Biographical Research Committee. The SABR Salute recognizes baseball research efforts of senior members including work that they may have done prior to the founding of the Society in 1971. Announced Salute honorees (to be featured in the upcoming Membership Directory) were JIM BREADY, RALPH LINWEBER, JOE OVERFIELD, ARTHUR SCHOTT and NORMAL "TWEED" WEBB.

Defending trivia champs BILL CARLE, ED GOLDSTEIN and JAMIE SELKO added JEFF NEUMAN to their team as they held off all challengers to win the contest for the 2nd year in a row. One of the questions that separated the winners from the pack: What minor league outfielder made an unassisted triple play? Walter Carlisle with Vernon in the Pacific Coast League.

SABR commends BOB McCONNELL and JOE MCGILLEN for their service on the Board. BOB, SABR's first secretary, spent 11 years with the Board of Directors. He is known as the keeper of the Tattersall HR Log, and is considered an expert in Home Run records. JOE, a bird dog for the Major League Scouting Bureau, administered the Treasury for two terms. He researched on Chuck Klein's Assist record, prepared detailed long range budgets and completed a year by year analysis of SABR non renewal rates.

New SABR President GENE SUNNEN is anxious to solicit the views and comments of the membership. Express your SABR ideology and make proposals for SABR of the future. Write to Gene at 853 Ashbury, San Francisco, CA 94147.

SABR wishes to thank the Convention Organizing Committee for the time and effort expended to make SABR XVI a grand happening. Jon Daniels, Marge Daniels, Barbara Topp and Richard Topp spent herculean amounts of energy trying to please both SABR members and Loyola University officials. SABR owes the 1986 Convention to their efforts.

OBITUARY

Alex Haas, one of SABR's last surviving members of the 19th century (born Dec. 20, 1899), died in Berkeley, CA, May 6. He had been ailing for several months. He did make a brief appearance at the National Convention in Oakland last year. Alex, the 24th member to join the Society on August 30, 1971, quietly and meticulously went about correcting and supplementing records of the 1900-25 period. As one example of his many research contributions, he compiled hit-by-pitch records for batters from 1909 to 1920 when that information was not officially recorded. A former employee of the Southern Pacific Railroad, he used his railroad pass to travel to various research centers such as Cooperstown, Washington, DC, and the league offices. For his outstanding research, he received the SABR Salute in 1980. Alex is survived by his wife, Hettie Mae Haas (a Methodist minister), whom he met when both were students at Baker University in Kansas in the 1920s.

William C. Stryker, 59, died at his home in Belle Mead, NJ, June 24 after a lingering illness. He was director of athletic relations at Princeton University, from which he graduated in 1960. He had served as sports information director from 1968 to 1975. Bill joined SABR in June 1976 and participated in the work of the Collegiate Baseball Committee. He helped clear up the coaching records of Bill Clarke and Jack Coombs at Princeton. Clarke was head coach 1897-1901; 1909-27; and 1936-44. Coombs was pitching coach under Clarke 1925-27. His other research interests included baseball milestones, park effects on records, and batting by pitchers.

Milton Richman, a member since 1983, died recently at age 64. He played minor league ball with Williamston, NC and spent 42 years working for UPI. He was one of several SABR members on the Veterans Committee of the Baseball Hall of Fame.

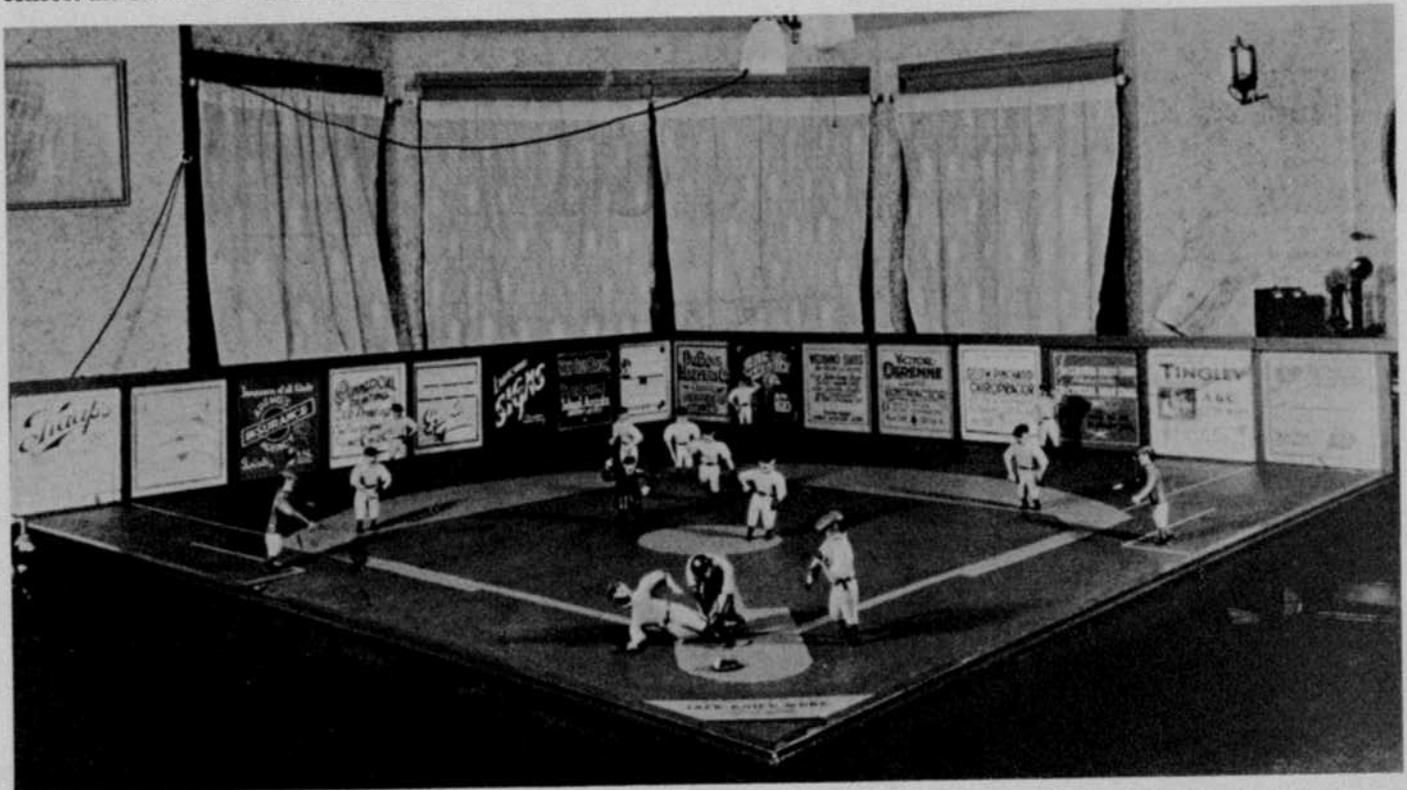
REGIONAL REPORT

The BOB BROEG St. Louis Chapter of SABR held their 3rd Annual Summer regional at the National Bowling Hall of Fame on June 28. 35 members and guests enjoyed a sit down dinner and listened to presentations by BOB BROEG: 60 Year Evaluation of Cardinal Managers — Hornsby to Herzog; KIP INGLE of the Cardinals Public Relations Dept.: Public Relations of a Major League Baseball Club; BOB TIEMAN: Corrections to Green Cathedrals; FRANK KANE: Prejudice of the Hall of Fame's Veterans Committee in Omission of American Association Players; FRED HAGER: Last Browns Outfielder to Hit .300; and LLOYD JOHNSON: Early Baseball — slide show. Erwin Fischer was designated to be first President of the St. Louis Chapter. The Chapter is co-sponsoring with Webster Groves Historical Society a display of Baseball History at the Historic Hawken House, 1150 S. Rock Hill Road, Webster Groves, Missouri.

Pacific Coast League fans and players met at the Tustin Public Library. While not a SABR regional, this gathering was promoted and staged by SABR members. Fifty-three guests and 12 players attended. The entire pitching rotation from the 1968 Sacramento Solons (Osenbaugh, Stanka, Watkins and Bowman) was present. Research topics included BOB HOIE: 1956 Los Angeles Angels; Umpire Cece Carlucci: The 20 second pause in 1950 and the 1963 riot between the Angels and the Stars; and JERRY MEZEROW: 1957 Hollywood Stars, what they are doing today.

August 17 — Tacoma. An informal gathering of NWSABR members will take place at Cheney Stadium in conjunction with an afternoon game between Albuquerque and Tacoma. Additional information will be available in early August from BART WRIGHT, 31336 12th Place, South, Federal Way, Washington 98003, 206/941-8780 or from JIM O'DONNELL, 5026 8th Avenue NE, Seattle, Wash. 98105, 206/632-2255.

August 24 — San Francisco. The Northern California Regional will be held at Candlestick Park, Stadium Club at 11:00 a.m., to be followed by a Sunday afternoon game between the Giants and Mets. Speakers include Charlie Silvera of the NY Yankees. There is a contest underway to concoct the best nickname for the designated hitter position. For information about either contact BARRY MEDNICK at 415/857-4852.



JACK KAVANAGH's article on "Antique Baseball Games" is one of the most popular Research Exchange items.

RESEARCH EXCHANGE

The Research Exchange is one of the earliest regular features of the SABR Bulletin. It is a place where a member can offer his or her compiled data to others. SABR cannot assume the postage but will help with photocopy costs. 1-, 2- or 3-page items can be offered through the office for a Self Addressed Stamped Envelope (SASE). While members may use other methods or charge fees to disseminate their research, it should be remembered that the purpose of the Research Exchange is to make information available to SABR members.

JERRY KAHN has a two-page list of pitchers who have had seasonal ERAs over 100.00. These include infinite ERAs. Send SASE to the SABR office . . . BILL GUILFOILE has written a short history of community involvement in the development of Doubleday Field. For a copy of this BBHoF Press Release, write to the SABR office. . . Anyone desiring a Media Guide from John Carroll University Baseball send 39¢ to KEN KRISOLOVIC, John Carroll Univ., Sports Information Dept., Cleveland, OH 44118 . . . JIM SMITH, 88 Pennypacker Dr., Willingboro, NJ 08046, has nearly completed his research on 19th Century Triple Plays. He needs the Inning and Batter for the following — Buffalo at Worcester, 9-15-81, not from **The Spy**; Washington at Detroit, 9-7-86, not from **News** or **Free Press**; Boston at St. Louis, 5025-98, not **Globe** or **Post** nor any St. Louis papers . . . TOM KAYSER sent the office an article from the Prince William Pirates 1986 game program describing the night veteran outfielder Don Carter played all 9 positions. Before taking the field, Carter also led the crowd in singing the Star Spangled Banner. For a copy of the article, send a SASE to the office. . . **Sports Heritage**, a new magazine, is looking for baseball writing. Contributors will be paid. Those interested may contact Tracy Cartmell at 717/234-5091 ext 235 . . . RICH MARAZZI is doing research on the history of the foul pole and the netting that is attached to it. Anyone with help for RICH can contact him at 105 Pulaski Highway, Ansonia, CT 06401, 203/735-1741 . . . **Project Scoresheet** seeks additional scorekeepers in Major League cities. If interested, write to JOHN DEWAN, PO Box 46074, Chicago, IL 60646 . . . For a book, Supporting Players, GEORGE ROBINSON, 282 Cabrini Blvd., New York, NY 10040, 212/795-6715, and Margo Fox seek information on ballpark organists, PA announcers, batboys, ballgirls, clubhouse men, scoreboard operators, trainers, and team physicians . . . EDDIE FRIERSON has been working with the Mathewson family for an in-depth biography on the Big 6. He is searching for little known facts on folklore about Matty. EDDIE may be contacted after September 1st at 1401 Ocean Front, Santa Monica, CA 90401, 213/394-8696 . . . The State Bar of Michigan placed a Legal Milestone Marker at the Grand Rapids Art Museum. The Marker commemorates Baseball's Reserve Clause. It was in Grand Rapids, as well as other places, that the courts ruled in favor of the Reserve Clause in the Bill Killifer case. A Press Release that outlines the famous dispute is available for a SASE at the Office . . .

BOTH HANDS

If Texas Ranger reliever Greg Harris pitches ambidextrously in a game this season, he will become the 4th Big Leaguer and 6th professional to do so. According to AL KERMISCH, the first pitcher to try it was Louisville's Tony "The Apollo of the Box" Mullane, in the 4th inning of an 1882 American Association game versus Baltimore. Mullane "changed his delivery from right to left, and puzzled the batters considerably. This was a novelty in pitching and excited much interest." The next both-hander was sorehanded Larry Corcoran, pressed into emergency duty one afternoon in 1884 after his manager had given Chicago's only healthy starter the day off. Anson permitted Goldsmith to go to Canada and persisted in playing Corcoran when the man was suffering excruciating pain. Larry used his right and left hands alternately and he was soon relieved by a third baseman, a shortstop, and a second baseman. In 1888 Louisville's Elton "Icebox" Chamberlain, leading Kansas City 18-6, went lefty in the eighth and ninth to give the KC boys a sporting chance. In this century two players are reported to have used both hands in the minors. Paul Richards did it in 1928 with Muskogee. They brought him in from the infield and he changed back and forth against several batters. Campy Campaneris did it too, early in his career in the Florida State League in 1962. (Adapted from "Jockbeat" by Charlie Rubin.)

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

During August the SABR Office will be busy inputting and checking membership data for the Directory. If you are called concerning a particular item, please respond. Deadline for ad copy is Sept. 15.

Advertising will be accepted at the following rates:

full page	\$250.00	2' x 2' box	\$50.00
half page	\$150.00	classified	15¢ per word, minimum of \$2
third page	\$100.00	business card	\$25.00

Also, there is a free listing of those who are engaged in baseball related occupations. This is a single line entry of name and address under newsletters, fan clubs, book dealers, card dealers, book publishers and book authors. The listing is for the benefit of the membership and will not include advertising.

WILLIAMS-KINER HOMER DUEL ATTRACTED 26,113

A pre-game homer-hitting duel between Ted Williams and Ralph Kiner helped lure a crowd of 26,113 for a Monday night exhibition game between the Red Sox and Pirates at Pittsburgh, June 26, 1950. In the distance-hitting demonstration, Kiner and Wally Westlake teamed for Pittsburgh against Williams and Walt Dropo for Boston, with Paul Schreiber pitching to the Red Sox pair and George (Three-Star) Hennessey to the Buc duo. Each hitter was given 12 swings. Dropo poled five homers, two of which landed in the left field bullpen enclosure, and Westlake followed with three, one into the enclosure. Williams then socked four over the right field fence, only to have Kiner better him with six homers, four of which cleared the Kiner and Westlake enclosure. Each contestant was given two additional tries, and Dropo made good on both and Williams missed twice. Ted, however, came through with a homer in the fourth inning of the game, which followed. Vern Stephens also poled one with a mate aboard in the ninth to give the Red Sox a 3 to 2 lead, but Pete Castiglione duplicated off Charley Schanz in the bottom half of the frame for a 4 to 3 Pittsburgh victory.

The Retroactive Rookie of the Year survey has been completed and the results will be carried in the 1986 Research Journal. The SABR survey ballots are now available for the Retroactive Cy Young Awards (some were distributed to Chicago convention attendees). The first phase covers the period 1900-19 NL and 1901-20 AL. Guidelines are on the ballot. If you are interested in doing a serious study on the top pitchers in each league for those years, request a ballot from Bob Davids, 4424 Chesapeake St. NW, Washington, DC 20016; phone 202/362-6889.

NAMES IN THE NEWS

Rev. TOM BLOMQUIST will give the Invocation at the Hall of Fame Annual Inductions. His baseball interest goes back to 1920 when he was a batboy at Ebbets Field . . . On the strength of the **Sports Illustrated** April 28 article about last year's SABR Convention in Oakland, LEFTY BLASCO has made TV appearances and been the feature of news articles in the LA area . . . TOM KNIGHT was a busy Brooklyn Baseball Historian on the weekend of June 6-8. He was master of ceremonies for two dinners and for the Inductions at the Brooklyn BB Hall of Fame, as well as giving interviews to the NY press and radio. RON GABRIEL addressed the audience which included MARTY ADLER, president of the Brooklyn BB HoF . . . PHILIP BESS made the Chicago Sun-Times backpage with his concept for Bill Veeck Park, a 44,000 seat stadium with foul lines of 294' and 308'. Left is 406', right is 334', center is 414' while the power alleys are 421' and 370' . . . Cooperstown Mayor HAROLD HOLLIS unveiled a plaque at Doubleday Field on July 6th that honored the five men whose joint efforts led to the development of Doubleday Field. Those honored were Dr. Ernest Pitcher, Dr. Harry Cruttenden, George Carley, Monroe Augur and Loren Gross . . . EDDIE FRIERSON has taken time off from his Christy Mathewson research to act in the Red Sox comedy hit, **Bullpen**. If in Boston, don't miss this Hasty Pudding Theatre performance. George Brett's critique of the show: "The only play I ever stayed awake through." . . . BRUCE NASH and ALLAN ZULLO of the Baseball Hall of Shame are seeking more shame. Their two previous Shameful endeavors have been so successful that NASH, ZULLO and BERNIE WARD are currently researching and writing a 3rd volume. SABR members are invited to submit nominations of Shameful moments in baseball history. If used, the member will be credited. Send nominations to Baseball Hall of Shame, PO Box 6218, West Palm, FL 33406 . . . GEORGE WILEY is teaching a new history of course, Baseball — The Early Years, during the spring semester at Indiana Univ. of Pennsylvania . . . Father GERRY BEIRNE and St. Rita's Church in Warwick, Rhode Island, will sponsor their annual trivia contest for charity on Sat. Sept. 6th. Test your baseball knowledge and compete for the \$100 1st Prize. Only member teams may contend. Call LEN LEVIN at 401/351-3278 for further details . . . LAWRENCE WENTZ, president of the Dick Littlefield Club, 801 Public Ledger Bldg., Philadelphia, PA 19106, announces that Roger Maris and Gil Hodges are the club's 'Great Ballplayers' pick for 1986. Great Ballplayers are outstanding stars of the past who are not members of the Baseball Hall of Fame. Previous choices have been Red Schoendienst, Richie Ashburn, Enos Slaughter, Jim Bunning and Nellie Fox . . .

FIRST GAME AT NIGHT (non-professional)

- September 2, 1880 at Hull, MA
Jordan Marsh & Co. 16
R.H. White & Co. 16
(2 department stores)
- June 2, 1883 at Fort Wayne, IN
Quincy, IN 19
Fort Wayne, IN 11
(picked nine)

FIRST GAME AT NIGHT (professional)

- June 24, 1927 at Lynn, MA
Originally an exhibition game. Some sources indicate it went into records as official game.
Lynn 7
Salem 2
(Class B, New England League)
- April 28, 1930 at Independence, KS
(Not much publicity over the game, so never laid their claim to first night game until 19 years later.)
Muskogee 13
Independence 3
(Class C, Western Assoc.)
- May 2, 1930 at Des Moines, IA
Des Moines vs. Wichita
(Class A, Western League)

1925

BABE RUTH TAKEN OUT FOR A PINCH HITTER

NEW YORK, Aug 9 (A. P.)—The Chicago White Sox turned back the Yankees today, 4 to 3, in 12 innings. Thurston's single after Kamm and Crouse had binged, giving the visitors their margin of victory. It was the fourth straight defeat for the Hugmen.

Earl Sheely's homer in the eighth put Chicago ahead, but Meusel's 2d circuit drive of the season tied the count, 3-all, in the ninth. Gehrig hit a home run in the second inning.

Babe Ruth was replaced in the eighth inning by Bob Veach, who was used as pinch hitter for the home run king. Ruth had not been feeling well, and was willing to retire. The score:

CHICAGO										NEW YORK									
ab	bh	po	a	e		ab	bh	po	a	e		ab	bh	po	a	e			
Mostf.	5	1	1	0	0	Combs.	4	2	4	0	0	John's	2	5	1	5	4	0	
Davis	5	1	6	3	0	Ruth	1	2	0	0	0	Sheely	1	1	4	3	0	0	
Collins	2	4	0	3	0	Veach	1	1	2	0	0	Falk	1	1	0	0	0	0	
Sheely	1	5	1	1	3	Meusel	1	5	1	3	0	Hooper	1	5	1	0	0	0	
Falk	1	5	0	1	0	Gehrig	1	5	3	16	0	Kamm	3	4	1	5	1	1	
Hooper	1	5	1	0	0	Dugan	3	0	1	5	1	Crouse	5	1	1	2	0	0	
Kamm	3	4	1	1	2	†Pipp	1	0	0	0	0	Harris	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Crouse	5	1	1	0	0	Schang	5	0	3	2	0	Schalk	0	0	2	0	0	0	
†Harris	0	0	0	0	0	Wannl'r	4	0	2	3	0	Thurston	4	2	2	6	0	0	
†Schalk	0	0	2	0	0	†Paschal	1	0	0	0	0	Totals	42	8	36	21	0	0	
†Thurston	4	2	2	6	0	†Shocker	4	1	0	4	0	Totals	42	10	36	18	1	1	

*Ran for Crouse in 12th. †Batted for Dugan in 12th. ‡Batted for Wanninger in 12th.
Innings . . . 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12
Chicago . . . 0 0 1 0 0 0 1 1 0 0 0 1-4
New York . . . 1 1 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0-3
Runs made, by Mostf., Sheely, Kamm, Crouse, Combs, Meusel, Gehrig. Two-base hits, Davis, Hooper. Three-base hit, Thurston. Home runs, Gehrig, Sheely, Meusel. Sacrifices, Dugan, Davis. Double plays, Wanninger and E. Johnson; Thurston, Davis and Sheely; Schang and Wanninger. Left on bases, New York 5, Chicago 7. Base on balls, by Shocker 4, by Thurston. Struck out, by Shocker 2, by Thurston. Time, 2h 25m. Umpires, Ormsby, Nallia and Moriarty.

HIGHEST PERCENT OF VOTES IN FIRST HALL OF FAME ELECTION

Player	Year	Total Votes	Votes Recd.	%
Ty Cobb	1936	226	222	98.23
Hank Aaron	1982	415	406	97.83
Babe Ruth	1936	226	215	95.13
Honus Wagner	1936	226	215	95.13
Wille Mays	1979	432	409	94.68
Bob Feller	1962	160	150	93.75
Ted Williams	1966	302	282	93.38
Stan Musial	1969	340	317	93.24
Brooks Robinson	1983	374	344	91.98
Christy Mathewson	1936	226	205	90.71
Frank Robinson	1982	415	370	89.16
Al Kaline	1980	385	340	88.31
Mickey Mantle	1974	365	322	88.22
Sandy Koufax	1972	396	344	86.87
Bob Gibson	1981	401	337	84.04
Ernie Banks	1977	383	321	83.81
Walter Johnson	1936	226	189	83.63
Warren Spahn	1973	380	316	83.16
Willie McCovey	1986	425	346	81.41
Lou Brock	1985	395	315	79.75
Jackie Robinson	1962	160	124	77.50

Compiled by Bill Deane

HALL OF FAME LIBRARY ADMINISTRATORS FILM RENTAL SERVICE

The Major League Film Rental Library, heretofore managed by the Commissioner's Office, has been transferred to the Baseball Hall of Fame Library and is now being administered from the Cooperstown location.

Over 40 different films on a variety of subjects are available for a nominal fee. The list includes All-Star Games since 1970, instructional films on batting, pitching, catching and base stealing; feature films, such as "Roberto Clemente, A Touch of Royalty" and "Fifty Years of Baseball Memories"; comedy films and World Series Highlights (since 1969). All are approximately 30 minutes in length.

Rental fees are charged according to the following schedule: Educational, religious and military groups — \$20.00 per showing; fraternal, civic and service clubs — \$35.00 and commercial or corporate use — \$100.00.

Also available for purchase are videotape versions of most of the above.

For further information, write Film Rental Library, Baseball Hall of Fame, P.O. Box 590-F, Cooperstown, N.Y. 13326 or call 607/547-9988.

BOOKSHELF

JOE VELLANO and JACK TRACZ coordinated the 2nd Annual Albany Oldtimers Day held July 12. RICHARD PUFF edited the game program which includes contributions by JOHN PARDON. This souvenir publication features a history of the Albany Senators and is available for \$2 by writing to the SABR office.

The Complete Picture Collection of TOPPS Baseball Cards is still available for \$59.75. There are about 10 copies at JOHN THORN's home, 18 Virginia Ave., Saugerties, NY 12477. Write and send money today. SABR has sold almost 400 of these books.

Baseball: Our Way tries to be a little different. It features opinions, systems, statistics, history, fiction, poetry and trivia. To contribute or subscribe, contact DALE JELLINGS, 3211 Milwaukee St. #1, Madison, WI 53714. \$9 will get 10 issues.

Two of Pete Rose's three batting titles were won on the last day of the season (1968 & 1969). Bob Watson scored Major League Baseball's 1,000,000th run off John Montefusco. JOHN GRABOWSKI's **Baseball Trivia Newsletter** supplies these interesting items. Subscription rates are \$24 per year (12 issues). Write BTN, 217 Crystal Ave., Staten Island, NY 10302.

Baseball Quarterly Reviews by HERMAN KRABBENHOFT provides in-depth reviews on any baseball related topic. The first issue lists the Top Ten Lifetime HR Hitters, year by year from 1876 to 1900. In 1888 Brothers as the career leader followed by Pfeffer, Williamson, Anson, Connor, Kelly, Denny, Wood, Hines and Richardson. Subscription price is \$15 per year, single issue \$5, 20% off to SABR members. Write to HERMAN at 1117 Brookshire Dr., Evansville, IN 47715.

Diamond Gals - The Story of the All American Girls Professional Baseball League tells the history of a league and an era that is almost unknown. Send \$2 for your copy to SHARON ROEPKE, A.A.G.B.L. Cards, 18971 Church St., Marcellus, MI 49067.

BILL BORST presents an Historical Calendar. Celebrate the 29-4 'Boston Massacre', Bobo Holloman's debut and Eddie Gadel day. Send \$7.95 (Plus \$1.25 for postage) to BROWNS CALENDAR, PO Box 16271, St. Louis, MO 63105.

Rare Sportsfilms is offering two All-Star films on one videotape (regularly \$39.95 + \$2.50 postage — SABR member price \$35). **The All-Star Game — From Ruth to Mays** covers the first 24 years of All-Star Game highlights. Included is the **1956 All-Star Game** at Griffith Stadium. To order write: DOAK EWING, 904-C Clubhouse Circle West, Decatur, GA 30032.

PETE WEBER, the Voice of the Buffalo Bisons, has developed a sportscasters scorebook. It is formatted to allow for immediate box score for those who want a quickly available record of previous games. Certain portions of that "running boxscore" may be filled out as the game is in progress. There is ample room for notes, and each book contains space for 75 games. The price is \$18 per book plus \$1.44 tax for New York state orders. Write PETE at 30 Linwood Ave. #11C, Williamsville, NY 14221.

SABR will sell the **TOPPS Baseball Card 1986 Update**. Details will appear in the October **Bulletin**. It makes a fine companion volume to the **Complete Picture Collection of TOPPS Baseball Cards**.

This Date in Baseball History and **Great Hitting Pitchers** are completely sold out and will not be reprinted until updates are made. Some single back issues of the **SABR Bulletins** are available for a 39¢ SASE. It is still possible to build your own library of SABR publications. An order form is listed below.

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Baseball Research Journals —

___ 1975 (112 pages) — \$3.00	___ 1978 (116 pages) — \$4.00	___ 1981 (188 pages) — \$5.00	___ 1984 (88 pages*) — \$6.00
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___ Green Cathedrals (160 pages; published 1985) — \$7.00

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___ The National Pastime pictorial on 19th-century baseball (88 pages; published 1984) — \$7.00

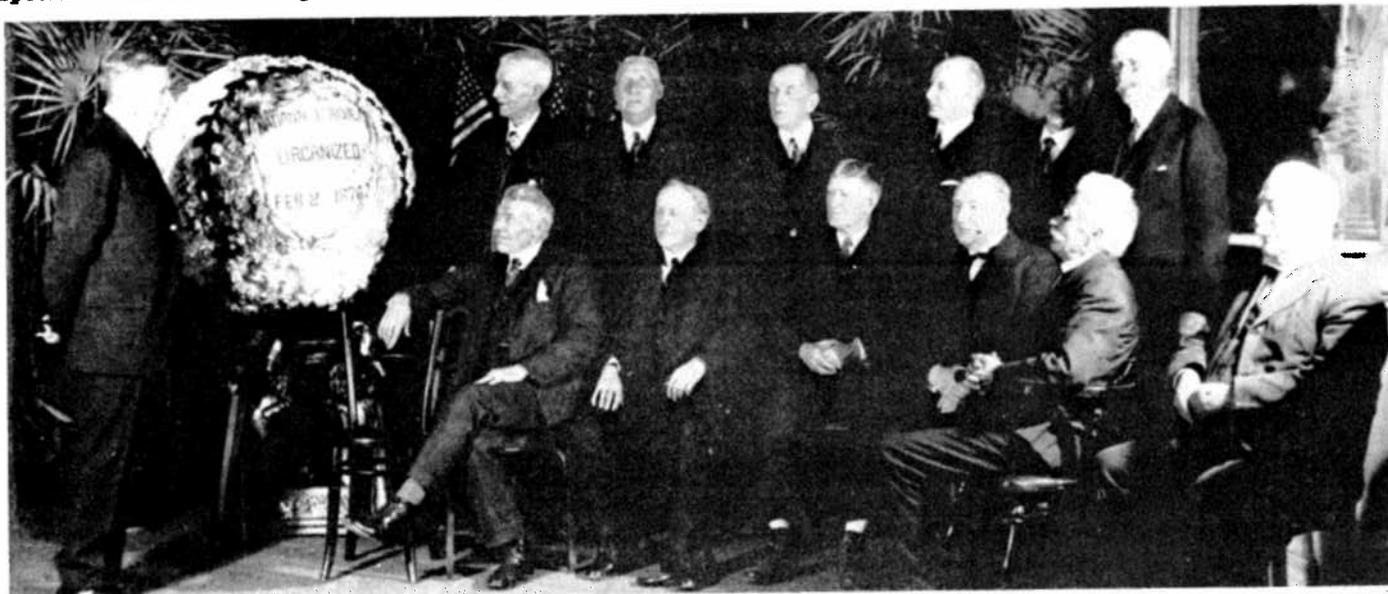
___ Fifth (1985) issue of The National Pastime (88 pages) — \$6.00

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

NOTE: Please add \$1.00 for postage/handling when ordering one book, \$2.00 for postage/handling when ordering two to four books, and \$3.00 if order is for five or more books. (For those residing outside the U.S., please include additional 50¢ in each category.) Makes checks payable to SABR and send orders to: SABR, P.O. Box 1010, Cooperstown, NY 13326.

BASEBALL'S ANNIVERSARIES

Pictured below are the 50th Anniversary of the Founding of the National League, the 1939 Minor League Day baseball game at Doubleday Field in Cooperstown and the 75th birthday of the NL at Toots Shor's in New York. These times were special occasions when Organized Baseball gathered to honor itself.



Oldtimers present at the National League's 50th Anniversary, held at the Grand Central Hotel in New York, 2-2-1926. The League was organized in the same hotel 2-2-1876. Standing: (L to R) John A. Heydler, Sam Crane, George Washington Bradley, Tom Forster, John Manning and Alonzo Knight. Seated: John Montgomery Ward, Charles F. Stambaugh, Tom York, Tom Bond, Tom Rourke, James K. Mutrie and Denny Clare.



Top hatted Mike Kelly portrays Abner Doubleday as Judge Landis overlooks the celebration of Baseball's Centennial in 1939.



At Toots Shor Restaurant on 2-2-1951 during the 75th Anniversary of the National League. Left to right, first row: Fred Clarke, Arlie Latham, Cy Young, George Sisler, Charlie Nichols, Ty Cobb, and Charley Gehringer. Second row: Jimmy Fox, Mel Ott, Mickey Cochrane, Ed Walsh, Toots Shor, Rogers Hornsby, Pie Traynor and Tris Speaker.

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Outgoing SABR President CAPPY GAGNON sits with incoming President GENE SUNNEN at the Convention Banquet.

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SABR OF TODAY

The Board of Directors consists of four Officers and four Directors. They review projects and make policy decisions that are carried out by the Executive Director and the Publications Director. Examples of items discussed at the recent Board meeting are the 1987 Budget, member health insurance, publicity projects, '88 convention site approval to Minneapolis, SABR advertising, committee chairmen reimbursements and more. Quarterly financial reports, Board meeting minutes and annual budget projects are available to any member for 39¢ postage.

The Executive Director represents the membership in the Board meetings. Many letters that are sent to SABR headquarters are distributed to the Officers and Directors. He also coordinates activities of the Committees, Regionals, press, researchers and is responsible for the Society's bank accounts. Common membership services are telephone answering from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., problem solving and information referral.

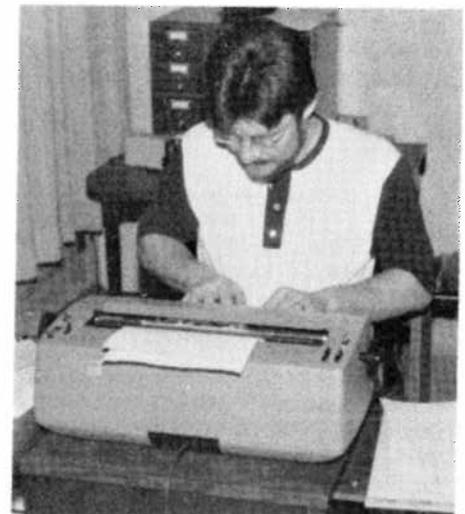
The Publications Director chooses editors, helps in article selection, provides assistance in layout and design, pursues funding projects and maintains the photo archive for the Society. A glance at the 1986 and 1987 Budgets reveals that each member receives approximately \$19.04 of publications (\$37 retail) and \$10.56 of services for his \$20 fee. SABR has been able to procure 1/3 of its annual budget from sources other than dues.

SABR's Second Fifty Members

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Executive Director LLOYD JOHNSON prepares the SABR Bulletin.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

BALLPARKS

The committee is organizing for the 1986-87 season. SABR members who wish info or an outline of upcoming events should write the chairman, BOB BLUTHARDT, 244 N. Oxford Dr., San Angelo, TX 76901. Copies of the 1985-86 annual report can be had by sending a SASE to BOB. The committee solicits corrections/additions to the 1985 **Green Cathedrals** by PHIL LOWRY. JOHN LOBINGIER, RALPH EVANS and DICK JOHNSON are actively pursuing the erection of plaques for Huntington Avenue Grounds and Braves Field in Boston.

BIBLIOGRAPHY

CBP-Current Baseball Publications for the 2nd & 3rd Quarter, 1986, are available from committee chairman FRANK PHELPS, 253 Bernard Dr., King of Prussia, PA 19406. SABR Research Guide #2 — **Professional Baseball In Who's Who In American Sports** (1928) is available. This index has detailed biographical information on over 180 baseball figures. Please send SASE and \$1 to FRANK.

BIOGRAPHICAL RESEARCH

The BR committee has erased the Macmillan Encyclopedia listing for Albert Olsen. In nationwide research it was determined that Al, a pitcher in Oakland, did not pinchhit in Boston on May 16, 1943. This lack of a major league appearance is confirmed by a letter from Al himself. Several SABR members on both coasts coordinated their research to clear up one more baseball mystery.

MICROFILM

Results from the Chicago Convention Book Auction put \$3,124 into the coffers. Expenses were \$138. STEVEN RIESS's Ph.D. dissertation, **Professional Baseball and American Culture: Myths and Realities, 1892-1923** has become part of the Lending Library collection. To use the Library write to TOM HEITZ, National Baseball Library, Baseball Hall of Fame, Box 590, Cooperstown, NY 13326.

MINOR LEAGUE

This month's list of researchers and helpers are:
RICHARD BIUNNO, 5 Potter Pl., Milltown, NJ 08850. Seeks publications on the North Atlantic League.
ALBERT FLANNERY, 25 Buckthorn Terr., Winthrop, MA 02152. Will assist in research and has access to Boston area newspapers.
BLAKE GUMPRECHT, 1910 First Ave. So., Minneapolis, MN 55403. Interested in geographic history of minor leagues and is available to assist.
ROBERT MORELLI, 11 Krakow St., Derby, CT 06418. Will assist in research and has access to Connecticut newspapers.

CHANGES WITHIN SABR

W. LLOYD JOHNSON, Executive Director, will be moving November 1 to Kansas City, MO to join his wife who has been working there since mid August. His address is 712 W. 48th #203, Kansas City, MO 64112. The new administrative office P.O. Box number will be announced in the December **Bulletin** and on the 1987 Renewal notices. Box 1010 in Cooperstown, NY will still be the mailing address of the SABR Microfilm Lending Library. The current office telephone will have a recording during November that states the new SABR number. Publications that are now stored in Maryland and Washington DC will be consolidated in KC. Other changes: the **Bulletin** will change months to a January, March, July, September and November schedule because the new setup will give more flexibility for baseball news; the Renewal Notices will be mailed directly to members and consist of a two part, tear away bill. Gift membership coupons will be continued next year. They were very successful.

JOHN THORN and MARK RUCKER, on the way to the SABR Convention, sat next to Jack Chesbro's niece on the airplane. From her JOHN and MARK learned that the old spitballer's name is pronounced Cheese-bro. An original spelling might have been Cheesborough.

JOHN SARGENT, 82 Winfield Lane, New Canaan, CT 06840. Will assist in research and has access to Connecticut and New York newspapers.

ARNIE SEROTSKY, 86 Orchard Creek Lane, Rochester, NY 14612. Willing to assist.

SHARON TRIGILIO, 54627 Starlite Dr., Utica, MI 48087. Has time to research in the State of Michigan.

Anyone desiring to research should contact JOHN PARDON, Box 728, Crugers, NY 10521.

NEGRO LEAGUES

The SABR Board of Directors approved of a NL proposal to seek grant funding to finish the Negro Leagues statistics and box score project. 1921, 1929 and 1930 have been completed. BILL PLOTT recently finished the 1927 Birmingham Barons box scores. Anyone interested in the committee or its research should contact DICK CLARK, 1080 Hull, Ypsilanti, MI 48198, 313-487-5273. Sub-committees are NL Ballparks, NL and the Hall of Fame, Statistics and Taped Interviews.

ORAL HISTORY

Through JOE VELLANO and the Albany Old Timer's Day group the committee procured the names and addresses of 75 former major and minor league players who would accept interviews. Volunteers are needed to join the committee and to interview. Contact LLOYD JOHNSON, Box 1010, Cooperstown, NY 13326.

PUBLICATIONS

The **SABR Review of Books** has been held up at the print shop. It is expected any day now. The **Membership Directory** and **Baseball Research Journal** are slated for November. **BRJ** is now at the printer. **The National Pastime** (reg.) will be late December, probably early January. Send articles to JOHN THORN, 18 Virginia Ave., Saugerties, NY 12477 for publication in next year's periodicals.



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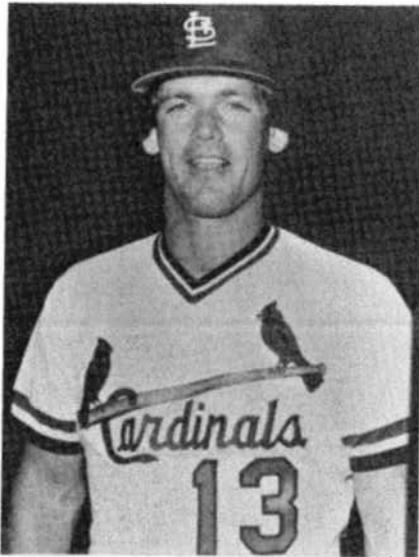
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SUPERSTITION



Only the brave wear #13, but the Atlanta Braves do not. By executive decree in 1978 the number 13 was banned throughout their entire major and minor league system.

The classic Yankee superstition belongs to veteran pitcher Mel Stottlemyre. "I will never step on a foul line," Mel said and then proceeded to explain. "We were playing the Twins a few years ago and I was headed for the bullpen to warm up before the start of the game. I avoided the foul line and Jim Hegan (Yankee coach) said I shouldn't be superstitious and that I should step on the line. I did. "The first batter I faced was Ted Uhlander and he hit a line drive off my left shin. It went for a hit. Carew, Oliva and Kilbrewh followed with extra base hits. The fifth man hit a single and scored and I was charged with five runs. I haven't stepped on a foul line since."

GOOD LUCK CHARMS

Charms	Player	Year
Old time tri-color caps	Chi. White Sox	1880
Wear hat backwards	O.P. Caylor	1887
Yellow dog mascot	Cin. Reds	1887
Spit on horse shoe	Arlie Latham	1887
Close eyes on hit ball	C. Von der Ahe	1890's
Chew on toothpick	Ralph Johnson	1890's
Handful of grass	Curt Welch	1890's
Pebbles in pocket	Jack Glasscock	1890's
Cap	Honus Wagner	1908
Hunchback Charles Faust	NY Giants	1912-13
Wooden horseshoe w/4 leaf clover	Babe Ruth	1920's
Jade monkeys & Totems	Babe Ruth	1920's
Eddie Bennett, batboy	Babe Ruth	1920's
Eddie Bennett, batboy	Herb Pennock	1920's
Gum on button of cap	Waite Hoyt	1928
Home team on 3B side	Dan Howley, Mgr.	1930
Pebbles in pocket	Hughie Critz	1930
Glove face down on field	Goody Rosen	1938
Pennies and rabbits feet	Johnny Hudson	1938
Rub batboys head	Dolf Camilli	1938
Religious medals	Hassett, Cuyler	1938
Green frog appearance	Durocher, Lavagetto	
Double whammy	Lake Charles Team	1939
Stick of gum in back pocket for each win	Harrison Weaver	1942
Pennies worn in athletic supporter for ea. win	Ron Bryant	1960's
	Jim Ohms	1960
Stuffed bear in uniform	Ron Bryant	1960
Same seat in dug out	Stan Bahnsen	1960
Colored infield practice ball	Det. Tigers	1968
Mighty Joe Young stuffed ape	Bernie Carbo	1970
Two dimes in back pocket	Vida Blue	1970
Chief Noc-A-Homa	Atl. Braves	1970
Socks	Jim Palmer	1970
2 rubdowns on start day	Jim Hunter	1970
Kukalimoku-war god statue	Milt Wilcox	1975
Hat turned inside out	Chat. Lookouts	1976
Black rabbit	Gaylord Perry	1976
Red rabbit's foot	Frank Tanana	1976
Religious medals	Ginny Ozark	1977
Toupee	Norm Sherry	1977
Same hat since '74	Vida Blue	1978
Old army shirt	Peter Vuckovich	1978
College long Johns	Rick Cerone	1979
Batting helmet	Willie Horton	1979
Rubber tree plant	Joe Bodolai	1979
Sock with hole	Keith Hernandez	1980
Same Sox since '77	Gorman Thomas	1982
Cap	Mike Caldwell	1982
Two \$1 in back pocket	Al Holland	1984
#7 & #17	Wade Boggs	1984
Red sweatshirt from '77	Bake McBride	1984
Hat turned inside out	Texas Rangers	1986

JINXES AND HOODOOS

Superstition	Name	Year
Changing socks	Everyone	Always
Spilt coffee		1880's
Dropped silverware		1880's
Ducks or geese flying		1880's
White horse followed by ringing bell		1880's
Dog on diamond		1880's
Entire team on bench		1880's
Fridays	Terry Larkin	1880's
Davy Force	All Teams	1880's
#6 on scoreboard	Cin. Reds	1887
Cross-eyed negro	Charles Comiskey	1890
Negro carry in basket	Arlie Latham	1890
Brass band	Abner Powell	1890
Funeral procession		1890's
Cross-eyed people		1890's
Join group around injury	3rd basemen	1900's
Shaving cut		1900's
Catcher puts mask upside down		1900's
Socks inside out		1900's
Pick up wrong bat		1900's
Wife in stands	Phil Douglas	1917
Tossing ball to pitcher	Joe Dugan	1920's
Neckties	Bucky Harris	1920's
Touching 3B	Lefty O'Doul	1929
Sign autographs when starting	Van Lingle Mungo	1930's
Someone touching his glove	Van Lingle Mungo	1938
Goat curse	Chi. Cubs	1945-present
Wife in stands	John Hiller	1968
Scoreboard watching	Bobby Murcer	1972
Walk in front of player	Grant Jackson	1970's
Touching 2B on way to OF	Lou Brock	1970's
Someone touching own bat	Ted Simmons	1970's
Chewing gum in OF	Mickey Stanley	1970's
Walk in front of Ump & catcher	Bud Harrelson	1970's
Step in line	Mel Stottlemyre	1970's
Cutting hair	Al Hrabosky	1977
Interviews when winning	Jim Clancy	1979
His own bat	Willie Stargell	1980
Removal of Noc-A-Homa	Atl. Braves	1982
Changing socks	Duane Walker	1984

HEX BREAKERS

Superstitions	Name	Year
Touch cross-eyed person	C. Von der Ahe	1887
Spit through crossed fingers		1890's
Rub head of black mascot	Cin. Reds	1890's
Bring person to park who has never seen defeat	Cin. Reds	1890's
Enter box from rear	George McGinnis	1890's
Bat lefthanded after letter from home	Player in East. Lg.	1907
Get up from right side of bed	Ernie Koy	1938
Chews tobacco	Heinie Manush	1938
Burning incense	Reggie Smith	1970's
Rubs bat w/magic oil	Rico Carty	1970's
Voodoo enchantress	Cin. Reds	1982
Shaved catcher's moustache	George Stallings	

OBITUARY

Anthony Cusher, 73, died in Reeder, ND, on May 6. The native Pennsylvanian spent one year at Ohio State before embarking on a long career in the Army. His baseball interests included the Temple Cup Series of the 1890s and other season-ending series. He joined SABR Dec. 1, 1978. Tony acknowledged an even greater interest in football. He was a charter member of the Professional Football Researchers Association, a SABR spinoff organization, and was a founder of the College Football Researchers Association.

Tom Gorman, former National League umpire who joined SABR in 1984, died of a heart attack at his home in Closter, N.J., on August 11, at the age of 67. Before becoming an umpire, he pitched for five seasons (1937-41) in the New York Giants' organization. A southpaw, he appeared in four games with the Giants in 1939. Following a stint in the Army during World War II, Gorman turned to umpiring and called 'em in the National League from 1952 through 1976, working in five World Series and three All-Star Games. He had served as one of the league's umpire supervisors the past ten years.

REGIONAL REPORT

Every effort is made to publicize Regionals well in advance of the meeting. Many members like to plan vacations around SABR assemblies. Please send Regional information to the office as soon as possible.

Among the 80+ attendees at the Annual Cooperstown Induction Regional were former players GENE BENSON, LARRY KIMBROUGH and SY MORTON. In the informal setting of GEORGE TILLAPPAUGH's parlour, presentations were made by JOE LAWLER: All American Girls Professional Baseball League; ANDREW MILNER: Pitcher Similarity Scores; JOHN HOLWAY: Negro League Greats Who Are NOT in the Hall of Fame; Don Howard: Rare Baseball Card Sets, but not Topps or Bowman; and LLOYD JOHNSTON: 19th Century Base Ball slide show.

In a regional organizing effort 14 enthusiastic fans attended a sit down dinner at the Horse Inn in Lancaster, PA. A plug was made by his grandnephew to put Jimmy Sheekard, who played on 5 pennants winners, into the Hall of Fame. LLOYD JOHNSON gave a slide presentation on "The Development of Professional Baseball". Frenchy Bauman, Reading Phillies stadium announcer woke the audience with a not so easy trivia test. The meeting adjourned to the apartment of PHIL ZANGARI and TED KNORR who entertained with baseball videotapes and a computer simulation game. The 1970 Orioles defeated both the 1960 Pirates and 1931 Athletics in single contests.

UPCOMING REGIONALS

SABR's oldest regional, Baltimore-Washington, will be held October 11 at Memorial Stadium. For information, contact BOB DAVIDS at 202-363-6889. To whom or what is Baltimore's Stadium a Memorial?

San Diego area members may gather at PHIL LOWRY's home, 10650 Porto Court, SD, CA 92124 on October 11 for the Playoff Game, presentations and dinner. Call PHIL at 619-279-0719.

The Milwaukee Regional, to be held in early November, is in the planning stages. Give TOM a call at 414-466-5384.

The St. Louis Bob Broeg Chapter presents its annual Hot Stove League meeting on January 18 at the Henry VIII Inn on North Lindbergh in Bridgeton, MO 63044. Contact ERV FISCHER, 314-831-4843, or DAN KRUECKEBERG, 314-968-8074, for additional information.

The Southern New England Regional will be held November 8 at St. Rita's Church in Warwick, RI. Those who desire to give a presentation should contact LEN LEVIN at 401-361-3278, Daytime or 401-277-7386, Evenings. St. Rita's is Father GERRY BEIRNE's Parish.

The LA Regional is in the planning stages. CAPPY GAGNON will be notifying area members by mail.

TOUR TO NICARAGUA

JAY FELDMAN has organized his 2nd Baseball for Peace journey to Nicaragua. The ten day, Nov. 14-24, tourney is hosted by UNAG—an organization that represents the interests of private agricultural producers and sponsors over 700 baseball teams throughout the country. The cost of the trip is between \$1,100-\$1,200. This includes airfare, accomodations and meals.

Space is very limited; the remaining 15-20 reservations will be filled on a first-come/first served basis. A deposit of \$150 is required to reserve a space—this is non-refundable unless the tour is cancelled. Contact JAY at Box 379, Winters, CA 95694, 916-795-2770 or 916-795-4818.



LLOYD JOHNSON, RICH TOPP, Nathan Holts, BARB TOPP, SY MORTON, MARGE DANIELS and JON DANIELS on the dais at the SABR Convention.



SABR Director JOHN PARDON and LLOYD JOHNSON during Induction Weekend in Cooperstown, NY.

RESEARCH EXCHANGE

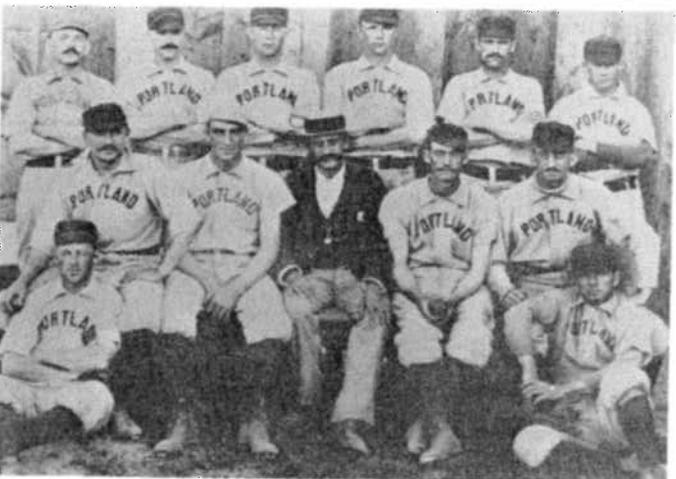
HELP Reggie Jackson's Home Run Log was asked for and mailed to a SABR member in California. The master copy was sent by mistake. Please return it to the National Baseball Library, P.O. Box 590, Cooperstown, NY 13326.

HELP HELP JOE VELLANO borrowed and lost a copy of DICK BEVERAGE's **Los Angeles Angels** from former PCL pitcher Dutch Gehrman. The volume is completely sold out. If a copy could be sold to JOE, he would be grateful and relieved. Call JOE at 518-785-5537 ... John Hopkins, President of the Carolina League, would like SABR's aid in compiling C.L. post-season statistics and records. The League has been in existence since 1946. If you live in the C.L. area or have access to microfilmed newspapers and want to participate, please contact JOHN PARDON, Box 728, Crugers, NY 10521, 914-737-1265. JOHN MONTAGUE of HOWE NEWS BUREAU will tabulate the raw data ... "Hey, listen to this. It says here that Kaiser Wilhelm sent a message to the German Ambassador in Washington, asking him to raise a force of volunteers. He says he wants either 30,000 Germans or six Irishmen, he doesn't care which." Shultz stared at McIntyre incredulously. Get a one page summary of the professional baseball world on Babe Ruth's debut—summer 1914—by sending SASE to SABR ... **The 1985 Year End Report on the SABR DH Survey**, compiled by JOHN L. SULLIVAN, is available. Send SASE to SABR ... In JIM WEIGAND's list of **No Stolen Base Attempts—150 Games or More** it is interesting to note that the 1950s has one representative while the 60s, 70s and 80s have many. For a 3 page list of **No Stolen Base Attempts** and **No Innings Pitched** send SASE to SABR, Box 1010, Cooperstown, NY 13326 ... **Dump the DH**, a fact sheet, is available for postage or SASE ... BOB MORELLI is compiling a leaflet on the life and career of Joe Pepitone. Any anecdotes would be appreciated and acknowledged. Write to BOB at 11 Krakow St., Derby, CT 06418 ... BOB POTTS, G-M of the Clifton Phillies and President of the Metropolitan Baseball League, offers season and playoff stats for the 1986 Champion Phillies. Send SASE to SABR ... For a reprint of a DENIS TELGEMEIER article in the **Oakland Athletics Magazine** about the awesomeness of Lefty Grove send \$1 to SABR ... JIM MURPHY, 605 Armistice Blvd., Pawtucket, RI 02861, is working on a biography of Napoleon Lajoie and would like to hear from members who have pictures or Lajoie related data ... JOHN J. COLLET would like to hear from anyone who was a fan of the Cardinals or Browns. He is researching the mental outlook of the St. Louis baseball fans before the two clubs won pennants, 1926-Cards & 1944-Brownies. Contact JOHN at 103 E. Lynn #203, Seattle, WA 98102, 206-324-3147 ... RICHARD GROSSINGER of North Atlantic Books, 2320 Blake St., Berkeley, CA 94704 seeks non-fiction, experimental essays and unconventional poems to be published in his third baseball anthology. Please enclose self-addressed stamped envelope if the item is to be returned ... EDUARDO BLANCO has 3 pages of statistics on the All-Time Best Yankees. Send SASE to SABR ... For a complete list of the presentations that were given at the Chicago National Convention send SASE to SABR ... For a list of corrections in RICH COBERLY's **No-Hit Hall of Fame** send SASE to the SABR office ... Kelly's Killers always left 'em laughing. The year was 1891 and Cincinnati had King Kelly. For BOB HUNTER's 1 page article about the Cincinnati American Association club send a SASE to SABR ... Relive the stretch drive of the 1951 Giants. BILL DEANE has prepared a day-by-day analysis of the last month of the NL 1951 season. Please send SASE to SABR to obtain the study ...

In Japanese, a "kyuyo" literally means to "rest and recuperate," but sometimes a manager of a floundering team is given a "kyuyo" to be saved the embarrassment of being fired. When a "kyuyo" works, it turns out to be a leave of absence during which the acting or interim manager is able to turn the team around, perhaps using the dismissal of his predecessor as a tool for firing up the club. Once the team is firmly back on the winning track, the sidelined manager returns to the helm. A "kyuyo" may last from a few days to a few seasons and sometimes the "resting" manager never returns to the dugout.



JOSEPH SIMENIC, winner of the Bob Davids Award relaxes at the Convention Banquet.



This team photo comes from the Oregon Historical Society and is unidentified save Portland. One player resembles Larry Lajoie.

Ott Never Hit Run in Shibe Park

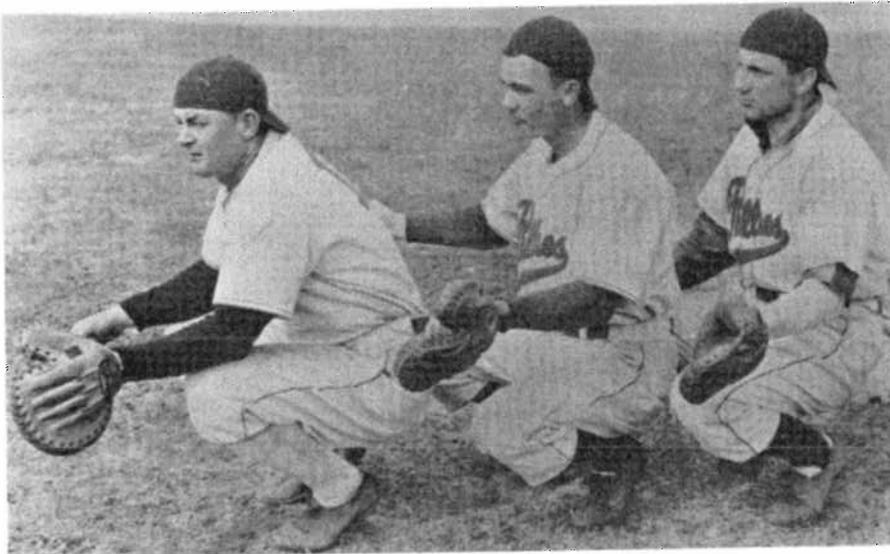
Mel Ott's complete lifetime home run record by parks

Year.	Total	N.Y.	Away	Bos.	Brk.	Chi.	Cin.	Phila.	Pitts.	St. L.
1926.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1927.....	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1928.....	18	9	9	0	1	2	0	4	0	2
1929.....	42	20	22	5	3	2	0	5	3	4
1930.....	25	21	4	0	0	2	0	1	0	1
1931.....	29	20	9	0	1	1	0	4	0	3
1932.....	38	24	14	1	0	3	0	6	1	3
1933.....	23	13	10	0	1	2	0	4	0	3
1934.....	36	17	18	4	0	4	0	8	0	2
1935.....	31	19	12	0	5	2	1	2	2	0
1936.....	33	18	15	1	2	3	1	3	3	2
1937.....	31	15	16	0	0	6	2	2	4	3
1938.....	36	20	16	1	3	4	3	*1	3	1
1939.....	27	16	12	0	3	2	1	0	3	3
1940.....	19	12	7	0	0	3	1	0	1	2
1941.....	27	19	8	0	2	1	4	0	1	0
1942.....	30	23	7	2	3	0	0	0	2	0
1943.....	18	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1944.....	26	21	5	2	0	2	0	0	0	1
1945.....	21	18	3	1	1	0	0	0	0	1
1946.....	1									
Totals.....	610	324	187	17	26	38	13	+40	23	31

*Hit at Baker Bowl. †All Philadelphia homers hit in Baker Bowl, none in Shibe Park.

NAMES IN THE NEWS

ELLERY CLARK on July 3 had a mathematical article in the Quincy (MA) Patriot Ledger, that indicated the percentages were in favor of Boston to win the AL East and predicted 94 wins. On August 5 he threw out the first ball at Fenway in their contest versus the White Sox. The next day, CLARK's 77th B-day, he was on Ken Coleman's pre-game Dugout show. Boston dominated the battle of Socks 9-0 on that day ... JOE OVERFIELD, member of the Buffalo Baseball Hall of Fame Committee, was present as 7 new members, Deacon White, George Stallings, Del Bissonette, Ollie Tucker, Frank Carswell, Jimmy Collins and Bob Stedler, were inducted into the Buffalo's Baseball Hall of Fame ... CECIL JOHNSON, 997 Colonial Ct., Holland, MI 49423 builds baseball furniture as a hobby. Write to him for a catalog that shows a barstool with Louisville Sluggers as legs ... PAUL DICKSON has contracted to produce a dictionary of baseball slang, etymology, nicknames and cultural history of baseball word's usage. DICKSON is eager to add to his three years of research and seeks information from other SABR members. All contributions will be credited. He can be reached at Box 80, Garrett Park, MD 20896 ... The Commissioner's Office announces the establishment of the Baseball Alumni Team (BAT) as a charitable foundation who in conjunction with the Equitable Life Assurance Society will provide assistance to needy, retired Major League players. JOE GARAGIOLA is one of the vice presidents ... Winners of the Annual Father Gerry Beirne Baseball Charity Trivia contest were JIM MASSEY, DICK THOMPSON and MATT McCORMICK. Father BEIRNE gave the invocation at the Chicago SABR Convention ... PHIL LOWRY is in charge of organizing The Ballpark Run for next year's convention in Washington. Anyone who would want to research, plan or run, please contact PHIL at 10650 Porto Court, San Diego, CA 92124, 619-279-0719. Potential ballparks along a possible route include 12 in Baltimore and 10 in Washington ... In the September issue of **Preservation News** BOB BUTHARDT and the Ballparks Committee are quoted at length ... BOB DAVIDS has been busy. In conjunction with GEORGE TILLAPAUGH he is seeking proof that Bud Fowler is buried in Potter's Field in Frankfort, NY. Frank Grant is also on his list. If any member would like to help BOB lobby the US Postal Service for a 1987 Walter Johnson centennial stamp, please write him at 4424 Chesapeake St. NW, Washington DC 20016. Do it soon ...



Manager Ace Wilson, Earl Grace and William Atwood formed the Phillie catching staff in 1936-37.

KC Monarchs Had Movable Lights in 1930

The KC Monarchs played a night game at Enid, OK on the same night that Independence, KS played its game in 1930. Since the Monarchs were a pro team and, although they were playing a college, Phillips Univ., they should be given equal credit for the first night game. The Independence pitcher who lost was Cy Blanton. The park was the place where Mickey Mantle hit his first professional homer. Wilkinson of the Monarchs took his lights to St. Louis where Sam Breadon ordered some for his Houston team, to Detroit and to Pittsburgh's Forbes Field where his catcher split a finger trying to see the ball, thus giving rookie Josh Gibson his first chance to play.

Source — JOHN HOLWAY

BASEBALL HEROES CRUISE

Nostalgic baseball fans will have an opportunity to travel and chat with Bobby Thomsco, Bob Feller, Darrell Evans, ERNIE HARWELL and others to be announced. Coordinator of the cruise is DAN SCHLOSSBERG-noted baseball author. He will emcee news conferences and all baseball events aboard ship. Dates of the cruise are Jan. 11-18, 1987. The 1400 passenger ship, Song of America-flagship of the Royal Caribbean Cruise Lines fleet, sails from Miami and makes stops in San Juan, St. Thomas and Labadee. Fares for the Baseball Heroes Voyage including round trip air transportation from major gateways in North America, begin at \$1245 per person, based on double occupancy. Special children rates are available. For bookings or information contact DAN at 1605 John St., Ft. Lee, NJ 07024, 201-927-9211.

JOE NAIMAN presents his Election Day team:

mgr - Joe McCarthy	(President, 1849-50)
c - Zack Taylor	(National Security Advisor, 1981)
1b - Richard Allen	**
2b - Frank White	(Republican nominee, Chicago Mayor, 1979)
3b - Wallace Johnson	(Congressman (R-IL), 1970-84)
ss - Tom Corcoran	(Senator (D-OH))
of - John Glenn	(Speaker, U.S. House of Representatives)
of - Tip O'Neil	***
of - Al Smith	(President, 1961-63)
ph - John Kennedy	(Reagan economic advisor)
dh - Walter Williams	(founder, John Birch Society)
p - Bob Welch	(LSD advocate)
p - Tim Leary	(Sen. President 1868, missed Presidency
p - Ben Wade	when Johnson impeachment failed by 1 vote)
	(see Al Smith - of)
p - Al Smith	(Congressman (R-IL), 1960-80; ran for
pr - John Anderson	President 1980)
Gen. Mgr - Bob Kennedy	****

*Wisconsin Republican Joe McCarthy was first elected to the U.S. Senate in 1946, the year manager Joe McCarthy resigned from the Yankees
 **Republican Frank White was elected Governor of Arkansas in 1980, the year second baseman Frank White's Royals won the pennant
 ***Although former New York Governor and Democratic Presidential nominee (1928) Al Smith opposed prohibition, he did not favor spilling beer on outfielders
 ****Bob Kennedy took over as manager of the Cubs while Bobby Kennedy was the United States Attorney General. Bobby Kennedy was later elected to the U.S. Senate and was assassinated during the 1968 Democratic primary.

This photo has been incorrectly marked for the past 30 years. DANIEL KLEMENS points out that John M. Ward had been dead one year when this photo was taken. A man in the center looks like Cy Young. The top row has one more person than the identifications. Can we have some help on this vintage photo?



Oldtimers present at the National League's 50th Anniversary, held at the Grand Central Hotel in New York, 2-2-1926. The League was organized in the same hotel 2-2-1876. Standing: (L to R) John A. Heydler, Sam Crane, George Washington Bradley, Tom Forster, John Manning and Alonso Knight. Seated: John Montgomery Ward, Charles F. Stambaugh, Tom York, Tom Bond, Tom Rourke, James K. Mutrie and Denny Clare.

BOOKSHELF

SABR cannot be liable for book offers that are featured in this section, but it has done and will do anything possible to protect the membership.

BOB EMIG can offer his newsletter, **Mike Shannon on Baseball** to members for \$13 (reg. \$15). Mike was the first to predict (next to the pre-season Chicago press corps) that Jim Frey would be gone from Wrigley. Write Mike Shannon, P.O. Box 721, Collinsville, IL 62234 and identify yourself as a SABR member.

Baseball's Milestone Season by MORRIS ECKHOUSE is a day-by-day summary of the 1985 season. It is a valuable source for injuries and signings as well as every day play. Cost is \$12.95—\$9.95 to SABRites plus \$1.00 shipping. Write to M & M Publications, 1452 Poplar St./Suite 16, Pittsburgh, PA 15206.

EDWARD KRINSKY, Hall of Fame games, inc., 36-31 33rd St., Long Island City, NY 11106, offers Irvings Rudd's delightful **Ebbets Field: A Memoir** for \$2. Who could forget Pee Wee Reese Night or Music Depreciation Night at baseball's most beloved ball park?

Free update with copy of **Baseball's Home Run Hitters** (book with Willie McCovey on the cover). Now half-price, \$5, from the author: DON NELSON, 5422 Chatsworth Ct., Fairfax, VA 22032.

So You Think You Are A Diehard Tiger Fan by JOE FALLS is available from Contemporary Books, Inc., 180 N. Michigan Ave., Chicago, IL 60601. The price is \$8.95.

Babe Ruth hit 8 HRs off Tiger pitching in 1927. Roger Maris hit 8 HRs off Tiger pitching in 1961. The last Tiger to lead the league in RBIs was Ray Boone in 1955. **Tiger Facts** by FRED T. SMITH capsules 85 seasons of Tiger history. SABR member price is \$7.95 (reg. \$9.95) from FRED at Box 120, Lathrup Village, MI 48076.

For a historical perspective of the Cincinnati Reds subscribe to the **Riverfront Review**. Editor-publisher, BILL HUGO proffers 16 issues for \$22.50 or a trial subscription of 3 issues for \$5. Write Bill at P.O. Box 36414, Cincinnati, OH 45236.

The Complete Index to Sports Illustrated is finished and in the marketplace. Instead of guessing when a feature article was written, know for sure with the **Index**. Lexis Press offers the 1000 page volume that covers **SI** from 1954 to 1984 for a hardcover price of \$39.50 and softcover price of \$31.50. Please add \$3.50 for p/h. Orders and questions should be addressed to RHETT STUART, Lexis Press, 713 W. Ellsworth, Ann Arbor, MI 48106, 313-995-9093.

MICHAEL GERSHMAN has produced an outstanding **Baseball Card Engagement Book** for 1987. It features 53 cards of rare vintage as well as a baseball fact for each day. Send \$6.95 (reg. \$7.95) to Mail Order Dept. BCE, Specials Dept., Houghton Mifflin Company, 2 Parks St., Boston, MA 02108.

TOPPS UPDATE SPECIAL

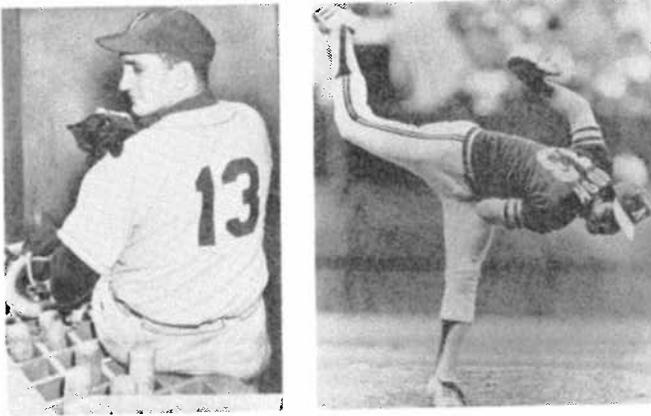
SABR's \$20 membership fee pays for 2/3 of each member's publications and services. The Society is dependent on revenue producing projects to balance the budget. Last year, in such a project, SABR sold 400 **TOPPS Baseball Card Books**. This year, the **TOPPS Baseball Card Update 1986** is being offered by SABR for \$14.50 ppd. The 120 page full color volume features full size reproduction of 1985 Traded Players series, 1986 TOPPS series and the 1951 TOPPS Current All Stars. The latter is the rarest of all

legitimate, nationally issued post war baseball card sets (TOPPS' claim). Add a handsome hard cover volume to your book or card collection and help the Society.

JOHN DUXBURY of **The Sporting News** is doing a column on freelance and self-published books. His column review of **Green Cathedrals** resulted in many letters to SABR. If members have books that they wish to be considered for review, please mail a copy to JOHN at 400 Mansion House #2302, St. Louis, MO 63102.

SUPERSTITION

RITUAL



Ralph Branca never shed the stigma that Bobby Thomson's home run attached to him. Blue Moon Odom believed in countering superstition with aggressive action.

Superstition and ritual behavior have been a part of baseball since its infancy. In the 19th Century there were jinxes, hoodoos and Jonahs. Players tried to find a reason for playing poorly.

By the early 20th Century baseball men found the answer—pure, blind luck. John McGraw, Connie Mack, Ty Cobb and Babe Ruth all had good luck charms who were living people. It is very Medieval to believe that hunchbacks, dwarves, midgets and Black persons carry good fortune.

The hard times of the Depression fostered an individualist outlook on performance. Bobby pins, rabbit's feet and pieces of paper were hoped to relate to basehits, home runs and pitching victories. The players strived to look out for themselves.

The World War II and subsequent emphasis on team play focused energy on pennant races instead of individual performance. The uncertainties of Free Agency and the times led 1970s players and teams to witchcraft in an attempt to harbor supernatural power. Reggie Jackson's 3 HRs while on a triple biorhythmic low against the demon Dodgers refuted the theory that a game's outcome could be predetermined by outside forces.

In the 1980s professional players believe strongly in themselves and in their own abilities to change a game's outcome. The modern ball player looks for a good accountant rather than bobby pins, barrels or hunchbacks.

HOW SUPERSTITIOUS IS THAT?

Mike Cuellar is one of the most superstitious players of all time. On pitching days in 1972 his ritual was approximately:

Sits on lucky end of the training bench, wears gold medallions. Only Jim Frey may warm him up and only Elrod Hendricks may simulate the batter. He avoids the top dugout step and does not step on the foul line. He will not warm up with the substitute catcher—only his game catcher may catch in between inning tosses. If on base when the inning ends, Mike goes to the dugout to retrieve his glove—nobody may touch it during the game. He will not catch the ball at the beginning of an inning but must pick it up from the ground. Once Alex Johnson, who made the final out of an inning, picked up the ball and waited for Cuellar. Mike came out to warm up but refused to take the ball from Alex who in turn refused to flip it to the ground. Mike pulled away and acted as though he were interested in something else. Johnson followed him with the ball trying to force it upon him. Cuellar simply would not take the ball and warm up.

BAD LUCK BOBBY SALAS DAY 1975

Bobby Salas had lost all 11 decisions as a professional pitcher with Lewiston and Modesto. Modesto GM Dan Kiser thought the young right hander deserved an even break. The 2nd game of the April 27 double-header against Sali was designated 'Bad Luck Bobby Salas Day'. Anyone who brought a black cat, rabbit's foot and wearing a #13 shirt was admitted free of charge.

Superstition	Name	Year
Spit on coin at opening toss	Arthur Irwin	1880's
Taps home 7 times	Red Mack	1890's
Delays game to select bat	Jack Munyan	1890's
Delays game to select bat	Tommy McCarthy	1890's
Chews 5¢ of gum	Jim O'Neil	1890's
Fresh chew for every at bat		1900's
Starting catcher for warmups	Waite Hoyt	1920's
Draws spike mark at 3B	Joe Dugan	1920's
Draws cross at home	Gabby Street	1920's
Does not step on infield dirt when coming from outfield	Chuck Klein	1929
Twirls bat after swing and miss	Lefty O'Doul	1929
Touches 2B & 3B on way to dugout	Harry Heilmann	1929
Touches 3B leaving field	Joe Medwick	1930's
Pitching Coach slaps ball in mitt one time for each victory	Alvin Crowder	1930's
Drove in circuitous route home during streak	Phil Wrigley	1930's
Places glove with middle finger pointing to umpire	Burleigh Grimes	1930's
No shaving on starts	Burleigh Grimes	1930's
Draws triangle near home	George Watkins	1930's
Steps over foul lines	Max Butcher	1937
Receives ball from same infielder when pitching	Tot Pressnell	1938
Wears trousers w/pleat	Kiki Cuyler	1938
Same Breakfast, same bat, same seat	Doif Camilli	1938
Draws cross at home	Jim Piersall	1960's
Throw 1st warmup against screen	Ryne Duren	1960
On field during National Anthem	C. Fisk	1970's
No step on dirt when crossing infield	Jim Andrews	1970's
Nip of Irish Whiskey	Tug McGraw	1970's
Tosses new ball up three times	Ken Kravec	1970's
Steps on 3B on way to OF	Joe Rudi	1970's
Eats breakfast w/P. Pascarelli	Steve Stone	1970's
Same actions during no-hitter	Dennis Eckersley	1970's
Notches innings on chalk base line	Bert Blyleven	1971
Spits in lucky spot	Sparky Anderson	1974
Sits in the same seat	Sparky Anderson	1974
Same # of practice swings	Steve Garvey	1974
Same undershirt, same clothes	Mike Griffin	1977
Changes hat every day during streak	Ginny Ozark	1977
Slaps thigh w/glove	Tug McGraw	1978
Uses Ed Ott's bat	Bill Robinson	1980
3 swings w/right hand, 3 swings w/left, 3 swings behind back	Ed Ott	1980
Crosses himself three times	Bill Robinson	1980
Touches anyone who touches him	Kevin Rhomborg	1980's
Same undershirt	Sparky Anderson	1980's
Shaves bat handles	Steve Nicosia	1980's
Wore insulated warmup jacket during streak	Tony LaRussa	1982
Draw line parallel to home	Ron Kittle	1984
Walks behind Ump, taps home 3 times	Bill Madlock	1984
Prays before game	Dave Parker	1984
Warmup with same player	Babe Ruth	Career
Touch 2B on way to OF	Mickey Mantle	Career
Steps on foul lines	Blue Moon Odom	Career
Cross himself before game & 9th inning	Luis Tiant	Career
Touch 3B on way to SS	Luis Aparicio	Career
Obliterates backline in batter's box	Manny Sanguillen	Career
Crosses himself	Davy Concepcion	Career

Players Know To Have Worn #13

Neil Allen	Ruppert Jones
Steve Barber	Blue Moon Odom
Ralph Branca	Mike Pagliarulo
Roger Craig	Lance Parrish
Davy Concepcion	Eddie Pellagrini
Ozzie Guillen	Dick Woodson

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SABR OF THE FUTURE

Books, files, records, and the computer made the westward trek with Executive Director W. LLOYD JOHNSON to Kansas City, Missouri, where his wife, BRENDA WARD, is employed as a reference librarian. All arrived safely.

From a centrally located office, the Executive Director plans to expand SABR activities in the sports-minded Midwest. Regional meetings and baseball exhibits are in the works. Increased cooperation with the Press, and coordination with Historical Societies are part of SABR's future plans.

The Kansas City office will be known as the Administrative Office, while the Cooperstown post office box will remain in use as the address for research inquiries. Questions about baseball statistics, player files, day-by-days, records, or the Microfilm Lending Library should be mailed to P.O. Box 1010, Cooperstown, NY 13326. Information about SABR business, committees, regional meetings, membership, or interviews can be obtained at the Kansas City address. Publication questions should be directed to JOHN THORN, 18 Virginia Avenue, Saugerties, NY 12477 (914/246-1102). If in doubt, contact LLOYD at P.O. Box 10033, Kansas City, MO 64111 (816/561-1320).

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The Kansas City Royals franchise is a dream come true for expansion era owners.

Can you name the two pairs of brothers who played for the 1955 Kansas City Athletics?

(Answer on Page 8)



REGIONAL REPORTS

75 members attended a regional meeting at Memorial Stadium in Baltimore on October 11. Broadcaster PHIL WOOD moderated a panel that consisted of Negro League pitcher Leon Day, Orioles Coach Jimmy Williams, and former relief pitcher Dick Hall. Research presentations included the following: MARK GALLAGHER: Mickey Mantle and the Long Ball; TIM MULIGAN: Orioles Pitching/Defense Analysis; VINCE PATERNO: Chicago Baseball Broadcasting in 1930; LARRY AMMAN: Ty Cobb as a Manager; and, JOHN HOLWAY/BOB DAVIDS: The First World Series No-hitter (1926 Negro League). JAY DEMAREST spoke of plans for the 1987 SABR convention in Washington, and JOHN PARDON outlined Minor League Committee activities.

Former Milwaukee Mayor Frank Zeidler, present when the Braves won in 1957, was the featured speaker as 35 ball fans gathered to celebrate Milwaukee Baseball history. Emcee BOB KOEHLER spoke on the 1936 Milwaukee Brewers, Little World Series champs. Other presentations were made by TOM JOZWIK: the 1958 World Series; DEL VOGT: his own baseball poetry; and BURR OXLEY: statistical analysis of outstanding Braves and Brewers seasons. CARY KENDALL, NORMAN BLANKSTEIN and WILL MOSER won the team trivia contest.

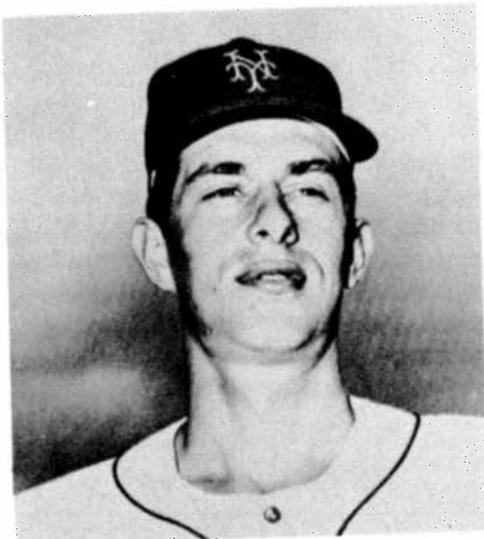
On November 18th, 65 people attended the Southern New England regional meeting at St. Rita's Church in Warwick, RI. Guest speakers included Chet Nichols and Elbie Fletcher.

San Diego area members established the San Diego Padres Chapter of SABR on October 11, electing JOE NAIMAN secretary, MARK REYNOLDS vice-president, and PHIL LOWRY president. It was decided to hold chapter regional meetings quarterly. Presentations were given by JAY WALKER: Talent Points; RICHARD SCHULMAN: Pre-season Predictions; GREG FUNK: Scoring Systems; TOM EDWARDS: Memorabilia; BRUCE EDWARDS: .700 Pitchers; JOE NAIMAN: .700 Teams; and, PHIL LOWRY: Chicago National Convention.

UPCOMING REGIONALS

January 18, 1987 — St. Louis. The Annual St. Louis Hot Stove Regional will take place Sunday, January 18th at the Henry VIII Inn. For more information contact ANDY ROCHMAN, 8051 Crescent Dr., Clayton, MO 63105, 314/862-7611 (bus.), ERV FISCHER, 1921 Riverwood Trails Dr., Florissant, MO 63031, 314/831-4843, or DAN KRUECKEBERG, 310 Honeysuckle Lane, Webster Groves, MO 63119, 314/968-8074.

January 31, 1987 — Northern California. The Northern California Regional will be a banquet at the Oakland Hyatt Regency Hotel. Scheduled speakers are TOM DOLE, presenting his prototype ball park for the Commissioner's Office; PHIL LOWRY discussing Baseball parks of the past; and HANK GREENWALD who will receive a chapter award for his contributions to baseball announcing in the San Francisco area. Contact GENE SUNNEN, 853 Ashbury, San Francisco, CA 94117, 415/665-0752, or DICK LAWRENCE, 1020 Springfield Dr., Walnut Creek, CA 94598, 415/946-9871 for further details.



**To honor the heroes of
New York, we shall remember
the past. Who knows this
Metropolitan of earlier
years?**



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NAMES IN THE NEWS

Baseball Briefs, a six-page newsletter of statistical and historical points of interest regarding the 1986 season, is available free from BOB DAVIDS, 4424 Chesapeake St. NW, Washington, DC 20016. If you are interested in a copy, please send a SASE . . . PHILIP BESS has recently been featured in the September issue of *Planning Magazine* and the Nov.-Dec. *Inland Architect Magazine*. PHIL's stadium project received a boost of confidence with the grant recently approved . . . JOHN WINDHAUSEN is the editor of *Sports Encyclopedia North America* (SENA), a new publication by Academic International Press, PO Box 1111, Gulf Breeze, FL 32561. Several SABR members contributed to this sports reference volume . . . PETER BJARKMAN, West Lafayette, IN, teaches a course at Purdue University on Baseball in American Literature and American Culture. His 8-week class includes field trips to Wrigley Field and Bush Stadium in Indianapolis . . . *The Near West Gazette* in Chicago, reprinted DENNIS BINGHAM's convention booklet article on the 1906 World Series . . . SABR members with book nominations for *Spitball Magazine's* Casey award include JEFFREY NEUMAN: *A Baseball Winter*; *The Off-Season of the Summer Game*; BILL JAMES: *The Bill James Historical Baseball Abstract*; W.P. KINSELLA: *The Iowa Baseball Confederacy*; JACK B. MOORE: *Joe Dimaggio: A Bio-bibliography*. The 4th Annual Casey Awards Banquet will be held January 10th at 7:30 p.m. at the Carnegie Arts Center in Covington, KY. For more details and tickets, contact MIKE SHANNON at 513/541-4296.

OBITUARIES

HANK GREENBERG, whose Hall of Fame baseball career is well known, died of cancer in Beverly Hills, CA, September 4. A popular participant in the Los Angeles regional meetings, he joined SABR in 1983. He also took part in the Retroactive Rookie Survey in 1985. GREENBERG was 75.

Dr. Frank J. Sykes, 94, dentist, black rights activist, ball player, and SABR guest panelist, died November 10th in Baltimore. Dr. Sykes, whose testimony in the "Scottsboro Case" led the Supreme Court to abolish all-white juries, pitched in the Negro National League. His eleven-year career is highlighted by his 1922 performance. That year he completed 34 of 36 starts, won 30, lost 5, and hurled a nine inning perfect game. Dr. Sykes participated in the 1983 Washington Regional.

PLAYERS WHO OUTHOMERED THEIR STRIKEOUTS BY 10 OR MORE.

	Year	G	HR	SO	Margin
TOMMY HOLMES	1945	154	28	9	19
Lou Gehrig	1934	154	49	31	18
Joe DiMaggio	1941	139	30	13	17
Yogi Berra	1950	151	28	12	16
Ted Kluszewski	1954	149	49	35	14

HOLMES accomplished the feat 8 times in his career. Joe D. Had more HRs than SOs for the first 12 years of his career. He is the career leader.

Research by CAPPY GAGNON

MASSACHUSETTS PLACE NAMES

Father GERRY BIERNE's team of Red Sox players named after Massachusetts cities & towns.

Lou CLINTON	Bob MONTGOMERY
Billy GARDNER	Mike PAXTON
Gary HANCOCK	Alan RUSSELL
Fred HATFIELD	Jack RUSSELL
Sid HUDSON	Rip RUSSELL
Bill LEE	Tubby SPENCER
Fred LYNN	Bob WATSON
Chick MAYNARD	Ray WEBSTER

BUD FOWLER MEMORIAL

The Society is collecting funds to place a marker in Potter's Field of Oakview Cemetery, Frankfort, NY, at the burial site of Bud Fowler. Fowler, born John Jackson, is considered the first black professional baseball player, and has been the subject of intensive biographical research begun by the late Lee Allen, and continued by BOB DAVIDS, GEORGE TILL-APAUGH, and Oceania Chalk. Contributions for the grave marker are tax deductible, and may be sent to SABR, PO Box 10033, Kansas City, MO 64111.

PITTSBURGH PIRATE ANNIVERSARY

In homage to Louis Bierbauer, Pittsburgh will honor its 100th year in the National League and its 96th year as Pirates during 1987. To help celebrate their anniversary, the Bucs have asked SABR to contribute historical research for use during the upcoming season. PAUL ADOMITES, 649 Sherwood Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15204, is coordinating SABR's efforts in three tiers: decade histories, essays, and one-liners, to be called "Buc-Notes." Please contact PAUL before starting on a topic.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

BALL PARKS

The Committee has been awarded \$5,000 from the Graham Foundation for Advanced Studies in the Fine Arts, to be used on the Stadium Design Project headed by PHILIP BESS. If you plan to be at the 1987 Washington Convention, and can help with the Ball Parks Run, contact PHIL LOWRY, 10650 Porto Court, San Diego, CA 92124, 619/279-0719. JOHN LOBINGIER, DICK JOHNSON, and RALPH EVANS are working with Boston University to place a marker at the site of old Braves field and to stage a celebration of the 40th anniversary of the Boston NL pennant in 1948.

BIBLIOGRAPHY

Research Guide #2, "Professional Baseball Figures in *Who's Who in American Sports* (1928): An Index" is available for a 22¢ SASE. Research Guide #3, "*Baseball Register*: Index to special articles and former stars records," is available for a 39¢ SASE. Both Guides may be obtained from FRANK PHELPS, 253 Bernard, Dr., King of Prussia, PA 19406.

BIOGRAPHICAL RESEARCH

Committee members are reminded to contribute toward postage for RICH TOPP'S monthly report. Send RICH a buck today. Four a four-page listing of 1986 Rookies, their birth dates, and birth places, send a SASE to the SABR office, Kansas City.

MICROFILM

Belated thanks to those who made suggestions about microfilm to be purchased by SABR. *The Sporting News* (we already have it), *Baseball guides*, and *Baseball Magazine* were the most requested items, followed by *Baseball Digest*, *New York Clipper*, and *New York Mercury*. A new addition this month is Edward Nichols' 1939 Ph.D. dissertation, *An Historical Dictionary of Baseball Terminology*. This was the first recognition of baseball as an academic subject and is probably still the only baseball dissertation written for the Ph.D. from an English Department. Negotiations continue for acquiring *Baseball Magazine* and the *Spalding and Reach Guides*.

MINOR LEAGUES

The following individuals are seeking information: JIM HOLL, 509 Pershing SE, North Canton, OH 44720, wants info on all aspects of the Ohio State and Ohio-Indiana Leagues from 1944 through 1951. Aspects includes personnel, players, parks, and interviews. MICHAEL J. O'TOOLE, Box 6667, Richmond, VA 23230, is looking for career data on Augusta Rosa who played with Kingston, NY-North Atlantic League in 1947. JOHN SARGENT, 82 Winfield Lane, New Canaan, CT 06840, is seeking specific knowledge of minor league cities and leagues in Connecticut. Any researcher desiring to be listed here along with information needs, should contact JOHN PARDON, Box 728, Crugers, NY 10521.

NEGRO LEAGUES

The Negro Leagues Committee Newsletter, published every other month, is available to any member. It is quite informative, and varies from 3 to 6 pages in length. For more information about the newsletter, contact DICK CLARK, 1080 Hull, Ypsilanti, MI 48198, 313/487-5273.

PUBLICATIONS

The remaining three publications included in the 1986 membership fee (*Baseball Research Journal*, *The National Pastime*, and the *Membership Directory*) are at the printer in various stages of publication. *The Baseball Research Journal* is expected to be mailed in December. The other two titles will be delayed until January, 1987.

Attention New York!

The New York City regional committee is planning a meeting for February or March. There is a need to know how many persons would attend a regional in New York City. Please call ANN TOMCZYK at 718/383-1473 if you are interested in attending the New York meeting.

SABR BUSINESS

President GENE SUNNEN is soliciting ideas for worthwhile uses of funds (projects and awards) as well as new sources of income such as corporate sponsorships. Contact GENE at 853 Ashbury, San Francisco, CA 94117, 415/665-0752.

The 1987 Washington National Convention will be held June 27-June 29 with Friday the 26th set aside for registration. The National Oldtimers Game, held at RFK Stadium, will be played on Monday night and will be part of the Convention-goer's good time. Those who wish to assist in the plethora of activities necessary to produce a convention are encouraged to contact JAY DEMAREST at 301-231-6710 during working hours.

The *SABR Bulletin*, the lifeline of the membership, will be published 8 times in 1987. The regular bi-monthly issues, beginning in January, are to be augmented by a June Convention Issue and a Christmas Advertisers' Issue in October. Suggestions and comments concerning the *Bulletin* should be directed to its editor, LLOYD JOHNSON.

Members are encouraged to attend off-season baseball dinners or baseball gatherings and, if the opportunity arises, to sell publications and hand out membership applications. We should keep in mind that SABR is not a formal part of Organized Baseball but a peripheral and supportive organization. Members are asked not to call the Commissioner's Office and say that they represent SABR.

One of SABR's activities is the compilation of surveys and polls. The early *Baseball Research Journals* published many such studies. In order to accurately record SABR's position on issues and awards, members are asked to participate and be counted. Currently, The Retroactive Cy Young Award winners are being compiled by LYLE SPATZ. Ballots may be obtained by writing to BOB DAVIDS, 4424 Chesapeake St. NW, Washington, DC 20016. VINCE PATERNO, 957 Bristol Pike #G11, Andalusia, PA 19020, is updating a SABR poll of 'Outstanding Games.' The poll first appeared in the 1976 *Baseball Research Journal*. There is more information in the Research Exchange, page 6.

Renewal letters have been sent. Early response helps the Board of Directors to plan activities. All 1986 members must renew for the 1987 year regardless of the month that you joined or renewed. A membership is based on publications — 1986 members get 1986 publications and 1987 members will receive the 1987 publication package. Early response also allows the *Membership Directory* to be compiled at an earlier date.

BOB McCONNELL is relinquishing his role as Keeper of the SABR Switch Hitter Statistics. The research has been kept current by BOB's diligent and time consuming labor. Anyone who feels capable of continuing the collection of switch hitter stats and desires to contribute the necessary time, please contact BOB, 302/764-4806.

Send a Gift Membership to that favorite person in your life.

Dear _____

You are a most enthusiastic student of the National Pastime. Because of your devotion to the game I have purchased for you a GIFT MEMBERSHIP to the Society For American Baseball Research. Hopefully, 1987 will be the beginning of a long and fruitful relationship between you and SABR.

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RESEARCH EXCHANGE

VINCENT PATERNO would like to update the SABR poll of "Outstanding Games," last taken in 1976. Members should send a list of 10 games (ranked in order from 1 to 10) to him at 957 Bristol Pike #G11, Andalusia, PA 19020. Ten points will be awarded to each game ranked #1 most outstanding, nine to #2, and so on. PATERNO will announce the results at the National Convention in Washington ... The second phase of the Retroactive Cy Young Award selection, covering the years 1920-1940, will take place early in 1987. Ballots for the first phase, covering 1900-1919, are still available from BOB DAVIDS, 4424 Chesapeake St. NW, Washington, DC 20016 ... BOB IBACH, Chicago Cubs, Wrigley Field, 1060 W. Addison St., Chicago, IL 60613, is looking for free-lance writers and articles about the CUBS for inclusion in 1987 Media Guide and Game Program. Contact BOB for particulars ... Dr. JOEL HOLLENBERG has written a technical article, "Secrets of the Knuckleball" for *The Bent* which is an engineer society's magazine. For a copy of the article send a SASE to SABR ... LEO TRACHTENBERG seeks information, leads to letters, diaries, etc., on Miller Huggins for a biography. LEO's address is 98 Riverside Dr., New York, NY 10024 ... BOB McCONNELL offers his complete roster of switch hitters in the Major Leagues from 1876 through 1985 plus switch hitter batting stats. Write to BOB at 11 Ridgewood Circle, Wilmington, DE 19809 ... WAYNE SAWYER's 3 page sentimental journey to Baseball Heaven covering the new arrivals of 1984 and 1985 is available for a SASE to SABR ... *Diamond Report*, a tabloid style publication, seeks writers, columnists, and photographers to cover Baltimore, Texas, Chicago (AL), Cleveland, Pittsburgh, and Kansas City. Write to R.A. Nelson, *Diamond Report*, PO Box 569, Pottsville, PA 17901, 717/628-9062 ... National League hitters batted a resounding .229 when Doug Harvey called them from behind the plate. By comparison the same hitters swatted .263 when Ed Runge umpired the plate. RICHARD KITCHIN has compiled batter's averages and other stats under the call of each AL & NL umpire for 1986. For this interesting compilation of umpire stats, send a SASE to SABR ... A catalog of old, rare, and out of print baseball books is available for \$1 from BERNARD TITOWSKY, Austin Book Shop, Box 36, Kew Gardens, NY 11415. The catalog has been prepared by a professional antiquarian bookseller. Each book is described as to condition of the book as well as the dust jacket. First editions are indicated.

BRAVES PLAYED REDS, CARDS ON SAME DAY

The oddity of a major league team playing two different opponents on the same day occurred at Milwaukee, September 24, 1954. The Braves first completed a protested game against Cincinnati, winning 4 to 3, and then defeated the St. Louis Cardinals, 4 to 2, behind Warren Spahn in a regularly-scheduled game. The unusual program resulted from National League President Warren Giles' decision upholding a Cincinnati protest of the September 22 contest with Milwaukee. The game, which was the last scheduled meeting of the two clubs, ended with a disputed double play. The Reds were trailing, 3 to 1, with one out in the ninth inning and runners on first and third when Bob Borkowski missed a third strike. The ball, however, eluded Catcher Del Crandall, and Borkowski, although automatically out, ran to first base. On retrieving the ball, Crandall threw to Third Baseman Ed Mathews trying for Gus Bell, who was advancing from second. Bell beat the toss and then Mathews pegged to first base. Unfortunately, the ball hit Borkowski on the back and bounced into right field, enabling both Bell and Wally Post, who had been on first base, to cross the plate with the apparent tying runs. After a discussion of more than 15 minutes, the umpires ruled that Borkowski had made the second out when he fanned and that Bell was out because Borkowski had drawn Mathews' throw by his presence on the base-lines. Manager Birdie Tebbets of Cincinnati protested the penalty and was upheld by Giles. The league president ordered the game replayed from the point of dispute, with two out and Bell on third base and Post on second. In the replay, the Reds tied the score, but the Braves won out in their half of the inning.



The Kansas City Blues thrilled midwestern fans before the Athletics and Royals. Can you identify this Blues player? He may be named Taylor.

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BOOKSHELF

BOB IBACH, editor and founder of the Chicago Cubs' *Vineline*, offers a complimentary copy of the 1986 Cubs yearbook with every \$14 subscription. Contact Public Relations Dept., Wrigley Field, 1060 W. Addison St., Chicago, IL 60613.

Spitball, the Literary Baseball Magazine will send its latest issue, a special on Roger Maris & NY Baseball, to members for \$2. Write to Editor MIKE SHANNON, 6224 Collegevue Pl., Cincinnati, OH 45224.

"The dream of every player is his number on a Yankee Pinstripe Uniform — 12 retired numbers to date — *Yankees by the Number* is the only source that comprehensively cross-references the name and uniform numbers of every Yankee in history. Author GEORGE WOLF, PO Box 60, New York, NY 10185. Price is \$7.00 including postage and handling.

RON MAYER is offering his book, *The 1937 Newark Bears* at half-price, \$5.00. Send checks to RON at 40 Christine Dr., E. Hanover, NJ 07936.

RON SHANDLER has published *Baseball SuperSTATS*, a report of complete 1986 NEW statistics for all 26 teams. Over 20 rarely printed batting and pitching categories — including Runs Created, Total Average, Linear Weights and MORE. Send \$8.50 (reg. \$9.95) to RON at PO Box 3760, Manchester, NH 03105.

Learn about Edd Roush's lost Batting Title of 1918 (it was taken from him by a ruling on stats in a protested game). This article and more in Vol. 2 of JOSEPH WAYMAN's *Grandstand Baseball Annual*. Yours for only \$7.95 (\$9.95 regularly). Write to JOSEPH at PO Box 4203, Downey, CA 90241.

Baseball in Chicago, the SABR 1986 Convention Booklet, is available for \$5. The 58-page magazine-style, glossy publication is edited by EMIL ROTHE and features 21 articles as well as DENNIS BINGHAM's cartoon drawings. This publication is NOT part of the 1986 membership package. It must be purchased.

The *Topps Baseball Card Update 1986*, 120-page full color volume, is still available, and can be purchased by sending \$14.50 to SABR, PO Box 10033, KC, MO 64111. The hard cover book covers the 1985 Traded Players, 1986 TOPPS, and the 1951 TOPPS Current All Stars.



The Society is 8 for 10 in identification of Baseball Hall of Fame owned photographs. This service enables SABR to use the photos free of charge in the *Bulletins*.

BILL WEISS has identified the February *Bulletin* team with Indian head crests as a late season shot of the 1928 Rochester

(IL) team. They were sometimes known as the Tribe.

The rare photo above was possibly taken in the American League office of Will Harridge who stands at the left. Is that SABR Salute honoree ART SCHOTT standing sixth from the left?

WHEELING AND DEALING

Every winter the struggle continues as General Managers and Club owners knit their collective brows and search for the IMPACT PLAYER. Historians may note that the New York Yankees did not win the pennant after having acquired Ruth, the greatest player of all time. However, when the Yankees procured Schang, Hoyt, Bush, Jones, and Scott from Boston they captured the league championship. Wally Schang was traded three times to clubs who won pennants immediately upon his arrival: '18 Red Sox, '21 Yankees, and '30 Athletics. In analysis, teams go after the BLOCK BUSTER trade because history shows that deals made in December and January can and do win pennants.

These lists show players who were traded in December and January and who played in the World Series for their new teams in the first season following the trade.

PENNANT WINNERS

Date	Player	Team	
1-3-03	Brickyard Kennedy	Pit	N
12-30-05	Jimmy Sheekard	Chi	N
12- -06	Claude Rossman	Det	A
12-12-07	Ira Thomas	Det	A
1- -08	George Winter	Det	A
1- -09	George Moriarty	Det	A
1- -15	Milt Stock	Phi	N
12-11-17	Bill Killefer	Chi	N
12-26-17	Dode Paskert	Chi	N
1-4-18	Lefty Tyler	Chi	N
12-15-20	Harry Harper	NY	A
	Wally Schang		
	Waite Hoyt		
	Mike McNally		
12-20-21	Joe Bush	NY	A
	Sad Sam Jones		
	Everett Scott		
12-12-24	Stan Coveleski	Was	A
12-17-24	Dutch Reuther	Was	A
1- -31	John Heving	Phi	A
12- -31	Burleigh Grimes	Chi	N
12-15-32	Jack Russell	Was	A
12-14-32	Goose Goslin	Was	A
	Fred Schulte		
	Lefty Stewart		
12-14-32	Earl Whitehill	Was	A
1-7-23	Luke Sewell	Was	A
12-12-33	Mickey Cochrane	Det	A
12-20-33	Goose Goslin	Det	A
12-8-36	Lou Chiozza	NY	A
12-8-38	Frenchy Bordagaray	Cin	N
12-6-39	Dick Bartell	Det	A
1-30-40	Billy Sullivan	Det	A
12-4-40	Mickey Owen	Brk	N
12-9-40	Lew Riggs	Brk	N
1- -43	Frank Demaree	St. L	N
12-12-45	Jim Bagby	Bos	A
1-3-46	Rudy York	Bos	A
1-20-54	Mickey Grasso	Cle	A
12-9-55	Randy Jackson	Brk	N
12-5-57	Bob Rush	Mil	N
12-11-59	Roger Maris	NY	A
	Joe DeMaestri		
12-15-60	Joey Jay	Cin	N
12-15-60	Gene Freese	Cin	N
12-4-68	Mike Cuellar	Balt	A
1-20-69	Clay Dalrymple	Balt	A
12-16-70	Grant Jackson	Balt	A
12-6-71	Ted Uhlaender	Cin	N
12-11-75	Dock Ellis	NY	A
	Willie Randolph		
12-11-75	Ed Figueroa	NY	A
	Mickey Rivers		
12-20-76	Johnny Oates	LA	N
1-11-77	Mike Garman	LA	N
	Rick Monday		
12-6-79	Willie Aikens	KC	A
12-15-80	Dave Winfield	NY	A
12-9-82	Von Hayes	Phi	N
12-14-82	Al Holland	Phi	N
	Joe Morgan		
12-6-83	Champ Summers	SD	N
12-7-83	Carmelo Martinez	SD	N
	Craig Lefferts		
1-12-84	Goose Gossage	SD	N
12-12-84	Brian Harper	St. L	N
	John Tudor		

WORLD SERIES WINNERS

Date	Player	Team	
12-14-17	Joe Bush	Bos	A
	Pit		
	Amos Strunk		
	Wally Schang		
1-10-18	Stuffy McInnis	Bos	A
12-6-21	Heinie Groh	NY	N
1-3-23	Harvey Hendrick	NY	A
	George Pipgras		
1-30-23	Herb Pennock	NY	A
12-11-25	Vic Keen	St. L	N
1-13-27	John Grabowski	NY	A
1-5-29	Homer Summa	Phi	A
12-12-32	Kiddo Davis	NY	N
12-11-35	Monte Pearson	NY	A
1-17-36	Bump Hadley	NY	A
12-6-39	Jim Turner	Cin	N
12-11-41	Ken O'Dea	St. L	N
12-17-42	Roy Weatherly	NY	A
1-22-43	Nick Etten	NY	A
1-29-43	Bill Zuber	NY	A
11-12-44	Skeeter Webb	Det	A
12-20-46	Sherm Lollar	NY	A
12-4-58	Wally Moon	LA	N
12-23-58	Rip Repulski	LA	N
12-15-59	Hal Smith	Pit	N
12-4-64	Claude Osteen	LA	N
	John Kennedy		
12-9-65	Frank Robinson	Balt	A
12-8-66	Roger Maris	St. L	N
12-2-70	Bob Johnson	Pit	N
	Jackie Hernandez		
1-29-71	Nelson Briles	Pit	N
	Vic Davalillo		
1-20-77	Paul Blair	NY	A
12-5-78	Enrique Romo	Pit	N
1-18-79	Lee Lacy	Pit	N
12-10-81	Ozzie Smith	St. L	N*
12-8-83	Rusty Kuntz	Det	A
12-19-83	Darrell Evans	Det	A

*Trade began in December and ended February 19.

Before the Series MVP, there were World's Series Heroes at a Glance

- 1903 — Bill Dinneen, pitcher, Boston (American League).
- 1905 — Christy Mathewson, pitcher, New York (National League).
- 1906 — George Rohe, third baseman, Chicago (American League).
- 1907 — Harry Steinfieldt, third baseman, Chicago (National League).
- 1908 — Frank Chance, first baseman, Chicago (National League).
- 1909 — Babe Adams, pitcher, Pittsburgh (National League).
- 1910 — Jack Coombs, pitcher, Athletics (American League).
- 1911 — Frank Baker, third baseman, Athletics (American League).
- 1912 — Hugh Bedient, pitcher, Boston (American League).
- 1913 — Eddie Collins, second baseman, Athletics (American League).
- 1914 — Hank Gowdy, catcher, Boston (National League).
- 1915 — Duffy Lewis, outfielder, Boston (American League).
- 1916 — Harry Hooper, outfielder, Boston (American League).
- 1917 — Urban Faber, pitcher, Chicago (American League).
- 1918 — George Whiteman, outfielder, Boston (American League).
- 1919 — Dick Kerr, pitcher, Chicago (American League).
- 1920 — Stanley Coveleski, pitcher, Cleveland (American League).
- 1921 — Waite Hoyt, pitcher, New York (American League).
- 1922 — Heinie Groh, third baseman, New York (National League).
- 1923 — Herbert Fennock, pitcher, New York (American League).
- 1924 — Stanley Harris, second baseman, Washington (American League).
- 1925 — Max Carey, outfielder, Pittsburgh (National League).
- 1925 — Goslin, outfielder, Washington (American League).
- 1926 — Alexander, pitcher, St. Louis (National League).
- 1927 — Wilcoy Moore, pitcher, New York, (American League).
- 1928 — Babe Ruth, outfielder, New York (American League).
- 1929 — No single player outshone the field.

1930 Reach Guide

Cloyd Boyer, Cletus Boyer, Bobby Shantz, and Billy Shantz played for the 1955 Kansas City Athletics and appeared in the team picture.