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HISTORIC ALBANY IN 1989

Albany, New York was the original site of the dispute that led to the reserve clause in 1879. The city will be involved in baseball history once more as it hosts the 19th Annual SABR Convention in 1989. Over 700 members and guests are expected to crowd New York's capital city as the Convention Planning Committee headed by **Richard Puff** prepares for four days of eating, sleeping and talking baseball.

In addition to the Annual Business Meeting and Elections, special events planned are the Eastern League All Star game and luncheon, a trip to the Baseball Hall of Fame, Town Ball Exhibitions, Tour of the National Baseball Library and the SABR Banquet. Please return your Convention Registration Form as soon as possible.

Members who want to make research presentations should contact **David Walsh** at 518/370-2320. If you want to exhibit baseball wares, contact **Mark Rucker** at 518/587-0681. USAir and Piedmont Airlines are the official airlines of the Convention. Discounted fares are available. Check the Convention Bulletin for details.

Any questions or suggestions should be directed to **Richard Puff**, 518/445-3421, or **Lloyd Johnson**, 816/523-1961.

SABR COMPUTERIZED DATABASE PROJECT

The Board of Directors has approved a long term database project that is now in its conceptual stage. The Society, through the Computerization Committee, will enter data, copy it on floppy disks, and make it available to SABR members. A great deal of planning and expertise are needed to accomplish the goal of building a SABR database. Volunteers should contact **Gary Skoog**, 1527 Basswood Circle, Glenview, IL 60025, 312/729-6152, or **Tony Formo**, 16 Bonneyview Dr. #8, Toronto, ONT, Canada M8Y 3G6, 416/255-5911. All kinds of help are needed: researchers, programmers, and data entry volunteers.

Types of data to be made available are major and minor league biographical data, hard to find statistics (hit by pitch, caught stealing, inside the park home runs, triple plays), minor league statistics, National Association Box Scores and Day by Days, Negro League statistics, Latin Leagues statistics, and 19th Century Box Scores. The possibilities are exciting. The overall project is really a series of small projects. Please communicate your ideas to **Gary** or **Tony** and attend the Computerization Committee Meeting at the National Convention.

Woody Wilson, long time SABR member, has donated an unbound collection of *The Sporting News*, 1964-1980, to the Society for its library. SABR appreciates **Woody's** generosity.

Schedule of Events

Friday, June 23, 1989

8 a.m.-4 p.m.	Registration
9-10:30 a.m.	Committee Chairmen's Meeting
10:30 a.m.-noon	Committee Meetings
Noon-1 p.m.	Opening Session (First Ball Ceremonies)
1-6 p.m.	Exhibits
1-6 p.m.	Research Presentations
6-7:30 p.m.	Players Panel
8-9 p.m.	Trivia Preliminaries
9 p.m.-midnight	Social Event

Saturday, June 24, 1989

8 a.m.-noon	Registration
7-8 a.m.	Committee Meetings
8-9 a.m.	Committee Meetings
9 a.m.-noon	Annual Business Meeting/ Elections
10 a.m.-4 p.m.	Exhibits
Noon-2 p.m.	Baseball Lunch
Noon-1 p.m.	Committee Meetings
1-2 p.m.	Committee Meetings
2-4 p.m.	Research Presentations
4-6 p.m.	Trivia Semifinals
6:30-10 p.m.	Banquet
10:30-11:30 p.m.	Trivia Finals

Sunday, June 25, 1989

7:30-8:30 a.m.	Church Services
9 a.m.-9 p.m.	Trip to Cooperstown
2:30-4:30 p.m.	Town Ball Demonstration
6:30-7:30 p.m.	Seventh Inning Stretch Reception
5-8 p.m.	Tours of National Baseball Library

Monday, June 26, 1989

7-8:30 a.m.	Committee Meetings
8:30-9:30 a.m.	Committee Meetings
9:30-11:00 a.m.	Committee Meetings
11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	Committee Meetings
11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.	Eastern League All Star Luncheon
2-5:30 p.m.	Research Presentations
4-5:30 p.m.	Committee Meetings
5-6 p.m.	Committee Meetings
7:05 p.m.	Eastern League All-Star Game Heritage Park, Albany, N.Y.

REGIONAL MEETING

Cleveland . . . 66 members and guests attended the 4th Cleveland Regional on January 21 at Cleveland State University. Guests included Rich Rollins and Gene Woodling. Presentations were made by **Fred Schuld**: Garland Buckeye's Greatest Season; **William Ruiz**: Walkless Complete Games Since 1923; **Gary Speidel**: Ghost of the 1959 Indians; **John Husman**: Addie Joss Day 1911; **Peter Bjarkman**: Serious Adult Baseball Fiction Since 1973; **Jack Carlson**: Who Were the Molly McGuires?; and **Tom Blaha**: Cleveland Baseball Collectibles of the 1950s and 1960s. **Mike Sparrow** won his third baseball quiz in three attempts. The program was videotaped (VHS). Those interested in acquiring this tape should contact **Morris Eckhouse**, P.O. Box 210063, South Euclid, OH 44121.

Los Angeles . . . 70 members and guests met at the Amateur Athletic Foundation. Presentations were given by **Joe Naiman**: Eulogy for Vern Luse; **Helen Hanna Campbell**: Experiences in All American Girls' Professional Baseball League; **King Banaian**: Ticket Prices and their effect on Attendance; **Cappy Gagnon**: Notre Dame Footballers who played in the Majors; and **Allan Roth**: Platoon Batting. Guest Andy Carey spoke on the New York Yankees 1955 Trip to Japan and the 1956 World Series. Guest Don Newcombe spoke on Baseball's Alcohol and Drug Education Program and Don's 1955 Missing Home Runs. The Allan Roth Chapter elected the following officers: **Dick Beverage**, President; **Cappy Gagnon**, Vice-President; and **Ed Goldstein**, Secretary-Treasurer.

UPCOMING REGIONALS

Greensboro . . . A regional meeting will be held at 10:30 a.m. on March 4, in the Graham Building on the campus of the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. Details about the meeting may be obtained from **Francis Kinlaw**, 919/294-6926, or **Jim Skipper**, 919/334-5295.

Detroit . . . The Fred T. Smith Chapter will hold its regional meeting on Friday, March 31, at 12:30 p.m. The location will be Tiger Hall, 1401 Michigan Ave., across the street from Tiger Stadium. The \$12 cost includes lunch, a short meeting, and a guided tour of Tiger Stadium. Reservations are limited to 100 persons. Send check or money order, payable to **Chuck Hershberger**, to Chuck at P.O. Box 69025, Pleasant Ridge, MI 48069. For further information call **Chuck** at 313/543-9412.

Philadelphia . . . This year's meeting will be held Saturday, May 20, 1989, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., at the Philadelphia Airport Hilton Inn (used to be known as the Stadium Hilton). Details will be printed in a later *Bulletin*.

ANSON, A 19TH CENTURY CRAIG NETTLES

"Anson, of the Chicago club, is using a bat made of several separate pieces of ash, jointed and glewed (sic) together lengthwise, while in the center is inserted a rattan rod about one-inch square, and composed of twelve strips of rattan firmly glued together, running from end to end of the bats. The handle is wound with linen cord. He thinks the additional spring obtained would send the ball farther. This wrapping of the handle however, is technically a violation of the rule, which requires the bat to be made 'wholly of wood,' but it is a rule which nobody would object to changing if the wound handle proves to be an improvement."

— July 1884 Philadelphia newspaper
supplied by **John Thorn**

1988 PUBLICATIONS

SABR Review of Books, No. 3 mailed 5/88
Awards Book mailed 6/88
Membership Directory mailed 10/88
Baseball Research Journal mailed 12/88
19th C. Stars upcoming
The National Pastime upcoming

SABR publications and *Bulletins* are mailed Bulk Rate and are not forwarded. If you have missed any publications or *Bulletins*, contact the SABR office.

HALL OF FAME GAME

JULY 24

Red Sox vs. Reds

Highly sought after tickets will go on sale at 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, March 8. Price is \$6.00 for first or third base lines and \$5.00 for outfield seats. One-half of the available tickets will be sold at the door and the other half by mail order. To order, limit 4, send checks payable to Cooperstown Baseball Committee plus \$1 handling charge, to Cooperstown Baseball Committee, P.O. Box 590, Cooperstown, NY 13326. Only mail orders postmarked on or after March 8 will be considered.

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OBITUARY

George Case, the major league base stealing star of 1937-47, and a SABR member 1976-79, died of emphysema January 23 in his native Trenton, New Jersey. **George** was associated with the Philadelphia SABR contingent and also participated in the 1976 Washington Regional Meeting. He was 73.

E. Vernon Luse, aged 64, died January 22, 1989, in La Jolla, California. **Vern**, a two-season Minor League player before World War II, was active in baseball research. He gathered and recorded statistics for leagues that the Reach and Spalding Guides omitted. He was an expert on pre-1900 minor leagues.

He joined the Society in 1972 as the 91st SABR member and served as a board member and officer during the 1970s and 1980s. **Vern** received both the Bob Davids Award and the SABR Salute for his contributions to the baseball world and to SABR. He started regional meetings in Kansas City and always added his point of view to any baseball discussion.

Ed Hamman, aged 82, died January 9, 1989 in Gainesville, Florida. His legendary semi-pro and barnstorming career was the subject of a book and movie.

Having joined SABR in 1984, **Ed** spent three hours with a SABR group who made a special trip to his home in Inverness, Florida in March 1988. None who attended will ever forget his hospitality and congeniality. Tapes from the meeting are in the SABR Lending Library. **Ed's** oft-quoted philosophy of life is, "I'd rather make a million people laugh than make a million dollars."

NAMES IN THE NEWS

Marty Kuehnert has just authored *Nippon Yakyu Itto Ryodan* (Japanese Baseball under the Sword). He interviewed 170 foreign players who offered their insights into Japanese culture through baseball. It is the most current and most complete study of Nippon baseball. Sorry, the English translation has yet to be published . . . **Jack Kavanagh** and **Jim Tackach** are collaborating on *Great Athletics of the Twentieth Century*. Look for the oversized volume at your local store . . . **Jack Lang** has joined Sports Ticker as a Contributing Editor and Columnist . . . **Philip von Borries** has completed a book on the major league seasons of Louisville, expected to be published in late spring . . . **Phil Bess**, chairman of the SABR Ball Park Project, wrote about the economic and cultural impact of Wrigleyville, the environs of the former Weeghman Park in the Nov/Dec issue of *Inland Architect* . . . **Jules Tygiel** reports that the Daytona Beach City Commission has renamed City Island Ball Park (where Jackie Robinson played his first exhibition game) Jackie Robinson park . . . Through a concentrated lobbying effort by **Darlene Mehrer**, the Women in Baseball exhibit opened at the Baseball Hall of Fame . . . **Rich Tourangau** reports that the SABR Founding Date (8/12/71) is included in his 1989 Play Ball Calendar . . . **Mike Shatzkin** and **Jim Charlton** have released their latest Spring Training Guide . . . **Jack Lautier** wants members to know that his book, *Fenway Voices, From Smokey Joe to Rocket Roger* will be published in the spring by Quinlan Press . . . **Jerry Lansche's** latest volume on city and state series, *The Forgotten Championships*, is due out in March 1989 . . . The Baseball for Peace trip to Nicaragua has been rescheduled for April 1, 1989. Information can be obtained from **Jay Feldman** at 916/661-1659 . . . **Bill James** has opened an office and hired **Rob Neyer** as an assistant. **Bill's** new address is P.O. Box 327, Oskaloosa, KS 66066 . . . The Bill James Abstract will be published under the name, *The Baseball Abstract*. Look for information in the *Bulletin*.

BASEBALL RETURNS TO CANTON, OHIO

After an absence of 45 years, minor league ball returns to Canton, where Cy Young got his start in Organized Ball. A Double-A affiliate of the Indians in the Eastern League, the team is officially the Canton-Akron Indians. Their season begins in April, and home games are at the newly built Thurman Munson Memorial Stadium.

INJURED WWII VET RECEIVED LIFETIME PASS

Frank "Ike" Hiatt, a new SABR member, wrote that his minor league career (Eastern Shore League pitcher in 1941) was curtailed due to a war injury. Major League baseball gave him a lifetime pass to all Major League games.

COMMITTEES

The Board of Directors decided that informal groups should function as proto-committees before achieving budgeted committee status. Those who wish to form a study group for "Women in Baseball" should contact **Sharon Roepke**, P.O. Box 3675, Flint, MI 48502, 313/239-9608. Anyone wanting to study "Japanese Baseball" can contact **Stephen Thompson**, 1426 Whipporwill, Norman, OK 73071, 405/364-4218. **Curt Vincent**, The Village Green #9D, Budd Lake, NY 07828, 201/691-9132, would like to put together a group interested in "Little League Baseball."

BIBLIOGRAPHY

SABR Research Guide #9 by **Patricia Palmer** is available for a 25¢ self-addressed stamped envelope. *Current Baseball Publications*, Vol. 3, No. 2, covering the entire 1988 year contains 13 pages and requires a 45¢ self-addressed stamped envelope. Send both requests to **Frank Phelps**, 253 Bernard Dr., King of Prussia, PA 19406.

MINOR LEAGUES

Batting			Departmental Leaders 1988			Pitching			Departmental Leaders 1988		
BA	.448	Tim McWilliam	Arizona	Pct.	.933	David Walsh	Laredo-Mexican	Wins	21	Jesus Rios	Mexico City Tigers-Mexican
	.391	Robb Maurer	Butte-Pioneer	Loss	19	Jeff Shaw	Williamsport-Eastern	ERA	0.67	Dan Freed	Jamestown-NYP
	.374	Nick Castaneda	Yucatan-Mexican	G	70	Jeff Fassero	Arkansas-Texas	IP	234	Jesus Rios	Mexico City Tigers-Mexican
AB	578	Paul Faries	San Jose-California	Save	33	Pete Delkas	Kenosha-Midwest		33	Aquendo Vasquez	Baseball City-Florida
Runs	121	David Stockstill	Jalisco-Mexican	Hits	238	Ricardo Solis	Saltillo-Mexican	BB	142	Ray Young	Modesto-California
Hits	185	Marty Lanoux	Visalia-California	SO	263	Tom Gordon	Appleton-Midwest				Memphis-Southern
2B	50	Mark Leonard	San Jose-California				Omaha-AA				
3B	16	Ray Langford	Springfield-Midwest								
HR	36	Leo Hernandez	Union Laguna-Mexican								
RBI	124	Nelson Barrera	Mexico City Reds—Mexican								
SB	98	Ramon Sambo	Cedar Rapids-Midwest								
BB	156	Charles Montoyo	Stockton-California								
SO	152	George Canale	El Paso-Texas								

Pete Delkas had an 0.26 ERA as a reliever with Kenosha this season. In 1952 teammates Bill Harris (0.83, 294 IP) and Gil Torres (0.86, 273 IP) hurled Miami to a Florida International pennant by the healthy margin of one game over Miami Beach.

NEGRO LEAGUES

82-year-old former Negro League star Chet Brewer told assembled Little Leaguers in southern California:

"Drugs take you farther than you want to go,
keep you there longer than you want to stay,
and cost you more than you can ever pay."

STATISTICAL ANALYSIS

The committee is reforming under the chairmanship of **Don Coffin**, Indiana University, Business & Economics Department, 3400 Broadway, Gary, IN 46408, 219/980-6646. Anyone who is interested in statistical analysis and SABERmetrics should contact **Don** who plans to produce a regular newsletter.

UMPIRES/RULES

Mark Alvarez has found reference to a woman umpire named Doolittle at Elysian Fields in 1847. Volunteers are needed to check obituary references in Florida, Illinois, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. Those willing to help should contact **Larry Gerlach**, 950 N. Bonneville Dr., Salt Lake City, UT 84103, 801/531-9116.

BOARD REPORT

The Executive Board met January 13, 14 and 15 in Los Angeles. Among other matters, it took the following actions:

1. The Treasurer reported that the projected surplus for 1988, subject to accountant's review, is \$18,983.
2. Set a \$15 fee for the Research Exchange Standing Order List.
3. Reviewed the report of the Executive Director Restructuring Committee, discussed it and deferred action until the next meeting.
4. Discussed licensing for the use of the name "The National Pastime" by John Thorn and empowered the Publications Director to negotiate terms for such use.
5. Heard a report from Tom Heitz on the computerization of the Tattersall-McConnell Home Run Log.
6. Authorized payment of \$112 for shipment of Russell Euper's baseball materials to Kansas City.
7. Authorized expenditure of up to \$500 for microfilming of Howe player career stat cards.
8. Instructed the Publications Director to review the manuscript of the Wally Berger biography and advise the Board as to its suitability as a SABR Publication.
9. Directed Treasurer Skip McAfee to draft a statement of purpose for the proposed publications committee.

— **Len Levin**

Copies of minutes and reports are available for a 65¢ self-addressed stamped envelope from the SABR Office.

The next meeting of the Board of Directors will be March 31, April 1 & 2 in Alexandria, Virginia. Those interested in attending should contact **Lloyd Johnson** or **Skip McAfee**.

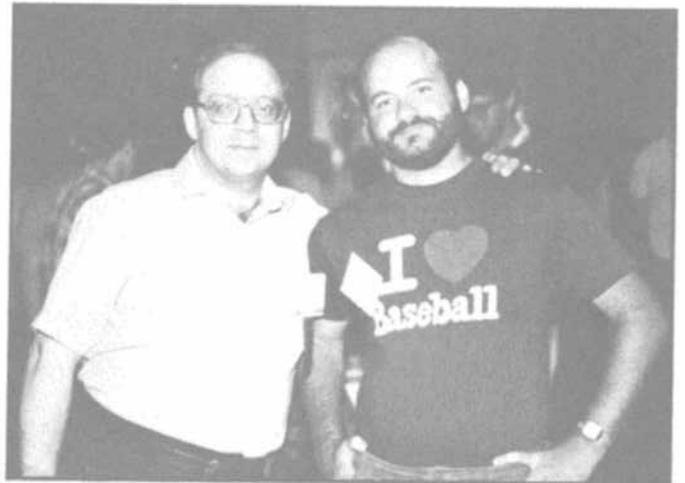
THE SABR HOME RUN ENCYCLOPEDIA

SABR will be publishing information from the Tattersall-McConnell Home Run Log in a special publication. Please write to **Paul Adomites** if you have done research on home runs that you would like included in the encyclopedia.

SABR MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

Harold Dellinger will again be the editor of the Membership Directory. The 1989 issue will feature yellow pages of advertising. Classified ads are due August 1. Display ads will be accepted until August 15. Contact the Office for details. The 1989 Membership Directory will be delivered to the membership during October.

Walt Wilson has updated his Club-vs.-Club, Won-Lost yearly records for all N.L., 1876-1988, and A.L. teams, 1901-1988. Each team is surveyed separately. SABR members may receive any ONE team's record free of charge, by writing to **Walt** at P.O. Box 30133, Chicago, IL 60630.



Former Biographical Research Committee Chairman **RICH TOPP**, left, and current Chairman, **BILL CARLE**, get together to talk baseball birth and death data at the 1986 National Convention held in Chicago, Illinois.

BRJ ERRATA

Thomas Jennings discovered a typographical error on page 47 of the 1988 *Journal*. It should read "OBA x Kicker = OA," not "OBA + Kicker = OA."

Many wrote that the Cardinals never batted in the bottom of any inning in Ebbets Field. See page 49.

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

At the Albany National Convention, SABR will elect a President, Vice-President, and one Director. Candidates should express interest by contacting **Barry Mednick**, 218 W. 40th Ave., San Mateo, CA 94403, 415/571-7328, who is chairman of the Nominating Committee.



RESEARCH EXCHANGE

Anyone who wants to automatically receive all of the Research Exchange items should write or call the SABR Office to set up a standing order. The fee for a standing order for one calendar year will be \$15.

Steve Nadel, 2137 Wallace #324, Bronx, NY 10462, offers his 100 Career Homers and Wins List (10 pages) for a self-addressed stamped manila envelope with 45¢ postage.

Art Schott, 459 Jewel St., New Orleans, LA 70124, offers "1954 Southern Association Home Run Frequency" for a self-addressed stamped envelope.

Tom Jennings, 2385 6th Ave. SW, Vero Beach, FL 32962, offers three ways to measure Rookie of the Year efficiency. Enclose one self-addressed stamped envelope for descriptions of all three methods.

Ron Gabriel, 5512 Cornish Rd., Chevy Chase, MD 20814, wants to send his Jackie Robinson Recognition Day, January 31, 1989, Proclamation and Resolution to interested members. Send a self-addressed stamped envelope to **Ron**.

Send one 25¢ Self-Addressed Stamped Envelope per item to SABR

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ATTENTION

The December *Bulletin* listed two Exchange items, "Murders of Major Leaguers" and "Accidental Deaths of Major Leaguers" that are properly the property of **Joel Zoss** who requested and paid for the research. These lists will appear in a 1989 Macmillan publication by **Zoss** and **John Bowman**. Please do not publish these lists before the book appears. Of course, the lists can be used for research.

RESEARCH WANTED

Rick Johnson, 7422 W. 10th Ave., Lakewood, CO 80215, requests information and little-known facts about Len Koenecke.

Ed Belding, 23 Constable Rd., Kendall Park, NY 08824, is looking for persons who remember a right-handed 6'7" pitcher named Edward Rich Spaulding, who toiled in the minors at Durham in 1941, Montreal in 1942-44, Mobile in 1945, Seattle in 1946, and with the Brooklyn Bushwicks. Spaulding is **Belding's** natural father.

Wayne McCombs, 5720 E. 29th, Tulsa, OK 74114, seeks photographs for a nearly completed book on Tulsa baseball history.

NEW 1880 NL RBI DATA

By Pete Palmer as provided by David Neft

Three NL teams in the *MacMillan Baseball Encyclopedia* do not have RBI listed for their players for the 1880 season — Cleveland, Troy and Worcester. The following RBI data completes that category for all 1880 players. We can now also identify the league leader in RBI for 1880 as Cap Anson of Chicago who adds another RBI crown to the four he already has listed as winning in 1881, 1886, 1888 and 1891.

Player	Team	RBI	Player	Team	RBI	Player	Team	RBI
C. Ahearn	Tro	0	F. Briody	Tro	0	D. Bushong	Wor	19
E. Caskin	Tro	28	J. Cassidy	Tro	29	E. Cogswell	Tro	13
R. Connor	Tro	47	F. Corey	Wor	6	G. Creamer	Wor	27
B. Dickerson	Tro	30	J. Dorgan	Wor	1	F. Dunlap	Cle	30
J. Evans	Tro	22	B. Ewing	Tro	5	B. Ferguson	Tro	22
G. Gardner	Cle	4	W. Geer	Wro	0	P. Gillespie	Tro	24
B. Gilligan	Cle	13	J. Glasscock	Cle	27	F. Haley	Tro	0
A. Hall	Cle	0	F. Hankinson	Cle	19	N. Hanlon	Cle	32
B. Harbridge	Tro	2	D. Higham	Tro	0	B. Holbert	Tro	8
P. Hotaling	Cle	41	S. Irwin	Wor	35	T. Keefe	Tro	3
D. Kennedy	Cle	18	L. Knight	Wor	21	T. Larkin	Tro	1
M. Lawlor	Tro	0	J. McCormick	Cle	26	M. McGearry	Cle	7
F. Mountain	Tro	0	T. Nichols	Wor	0	B. Phillips	Cle	36
L. Richmond	Wor	34	O. Shaffer	Cle	21	H. Stovey	Wor	28
J. Straub	Tro	3	C. Sullivan	Wor	0	B. Tobin	Tro	3
M. Welch	Tro	27	A. Whitney	Wor	36	G. Wood	Wor	28
D. Brouters	Tro	1						

BOOKSHELF

Where were you in '62? is the title of **Ed Oiseth's** book. For a copy, send \$8.00 to **Ed** 6459 Marin Ct., Magalia, CA 95954. Autographed for the asking.

Ron Shandler has published his 1988 edition of the *Baseball Forecaster Annual Review*. The book includes complete SABERmetric player summaries for all 26 teams (twenty categories). Special price for SABR members — \$17.95 (regularly \$19.95). Send a check or money order to Shandler Enterprises, P.O. Box 1001-L, Merrimack, NH 03054.

Fred Stein has a few of the remaining copies of his *Giants Diary — A Century of Giants Baseball in New York and San Francisco* for sale at the discounted price of \$11.50. Copies can be purchased from **Fred**, 7760 Shooting Star Drive, Springfield, VA 22152.

Champion Batsmen of the 20th Century, **John Thom's** book, has vintage photographs of the great and not-so-well-known hitters. SABR members will not be charged for postage and handling. Send \$5.95 to Bat & Ball Press, Box 83333, Los Angeles, CA 90083.

The 96 pages of *Class C Baseball — A Case Study of the Schenectady Blue Jays in the Canadian-American League 1946-1950*, includes photos. Send \$10 to **Frank Keetz**, 1426 Valencia Rd., Schenectady, NY 12309, for a copy.

Paul Weinman, 79 Cottage Ave., Albany, NY 12203, offers his latest poetry volume, *White Boy's Pitch*, for \$1.00.

Mark Van Overloop writes a statistical analysis newsletter, *On the Mark*, which offers in-depth coverage of the best offensively productive seasons and careers in baseball history. Send \$2.50 for a sample or \$27.50 for 12 issues to **Mark** at Box 133, Washingtonville, NY 10992.

John Grabowski, 218 Crystal Ave., Staten Island, NY 10302, is cleaning out his attic. His family makes the following book offer to SABR members: *Dodgers Trivia & Tigers Trivia*, \$7.50 each or both for \$14.00; *Baseball Trivia Newsletter 1984-1986*, \$12/year or all three years for \$30.

Alan Meckler, Dept. JW, 11 Ferry Lane West, Westport, CT 06880, who has a warehouse to clean out, makes the following books available: *Blackball Stars* by **John Holway**, \$19.00; *Diamond Greats* by **Rich Westcott**, \$19.00; *The Wit & Wisdom of Yogi Berra* by Phil Pepe, \$14.00; *Baseball History Annual, 1988*, by **Peter Levine**, \$19.00. All orders must be prepaid. Those with credit card orders should call 203/226-6967.

FIRST NIGHT GAME IN CINCINNATI BETWEEN ELKS

On June 18, 1909 at Redland Field, an exhibition game was arranged by Garry Herrmann, an active Elks member, and George Cahill, senior partner in a floodlight manufacturing firm. 5,000 fans and members of the Reds and Phillies attended. There was no difficulty spotting the ball in the infield. Only one fly was lost, resulting in a home run.

SABR SWITCH-HITTER REPORT

The 39-page annual review of switch hitting is available for \$2.00 from **David Vincent**, 3161 Harvard St., Woodbridge, VA 22192.

MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Here are some answers to frequently asked questions:

Membership cards have not been issued since 1985. There are no plans to revive the practice.

Renewals reached an all-time high last year with 5190. This year is starting on record pace, over \$115,000 has been collected in membership dues, 215 new members have already signed up.

Those nominating candidates for the SABR-Macmillan Award should hurry their applications to **Stephen Gietschier** at *The Sporting News*, P.O. Box 56, St. Louis, MO 63166.

THE BIOGRAPHICAL RESEARCH COMMITTEE

The Biographical Research Committee is the largest active committee in SABR, currently numbering 47 researchers. Its duties are to obtain complete, accurate biographical information for the 13,160 players and 95 non-playing managers since 1871. There are nine pieces of information stored about each player: full name, complete birth (date and place), complete death (date and place), bats, throws, height, weight, debut date, and complete Hall of Fame questionnaire.

We have just completed obtaining all of the debut dates. Of the other eight categories, we are missing 75 names, 872 births, 569 deaths, 1360 bats, 1075 throws, 1233 heights, 1313 weights and 3503 questionnaires, making us approximately 91.5% complete.

The most interesting part of our committee's work is tracking down a "missing" player who is one for whom we have no death date. One member of our committee, **Bill Haber**, is nationally known for his relentless pursuit of missing ball players. In recent months, he has tracked down Shorty Gallagher of the 1901 Indians, William Salisbury of the 1902 Phillies, and Thomas J. Donovan, also of the 1901 Indians.

Another of our members, former committee chairman **Richard Topp**, is working on correcting *The Baseball Encyclopedia*, the indispensable tome that used our committee's reports to keep itself current. **Rich** has often been found roaming various Chicago cemeteries, attempting to sweet talk the caretaker into opening a mausoleum just so he can glimpse the dates inscribed within. Small wonder he calls his wife Barbara "Igor."

To our committee, missing players resemble the FBI's Most Wanted List. Ever hear of Harry Decker, the inventor of the catcher's mitt? After baseball he was arrested several times for a variety of offenses ranging from larceny to seduction. In 1894 he married Annie Fradtz in Rockford, Illinois and honeymooned in Chicago. There he was arrested when he paid the hotel bill with a forged check. He eventually wound up in Joliet prison but dropped out of sight thereafter and has not been seen since.

How about Louis M. "Jud" Castro? He was rumored to be the nephew of Cipriano Castro, the president of Venezuela who died in exile. It is not known what happened to Louis.

Many of these players take years to track down. **Topp** has worked for five years in his quest to find Joe Quest. It took **Haber** 13 years to locate Bull Durham, who in later life appeared in silent movies under his real name, Louis Staub (no relation to Rusty). This research is often quite painstaking. It consists of long hours poring over a microfilm reader, poking down blind alleys which turn up nothing, letters returned with a note stating "no record was found," and quite a bit of out-of-pocket expenses for postage, death certificate searches, birth certificate searches, and telephone calls to long-lost relatives. But as any committee member can tell you, the exhilaration of finding a missing player makes the long struggle all worthwhile.

— **Bill Carle**

SUICIDES OF FORMER MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL PLAYERS

Compiled by Bill Deane and Richard Topp

Date	Player (Debut Year)	Method/Notes	Date	Player (Debut Year)	Method/Notes
5/10/1881	Fraley Rogers (1872)	Gun	11/1/37	Benny Frey (1929)	Monoxide
2/24/89	Jim McElroy (1884)	Morphine	8/3/40	Willard Hershberger (1938)	Razor
4/12/89	Frank Ringo (1883)	Morphine	8/14/40	Charlie Hollocher (1918)	Gun
11/22/91	Ernie Hickman (1884)	Gun	8/8/41	Ralph Works (1909)	Gun (after shooting wife)
2/28/94	Edgar McNabb (1893)	Gun (after shooting wife)	10/29/41	Harvey Hendrick (1923)	Gun
9/16/94	Terry Larkin (1876)	Razor	8/5/42	Lyle Bigbee (1920)	Gun
9/19/96	Cannonball Crane (1884)	Drank chloral	6/23/43	Chet Chadbourne (1906)	Gun
1/19/1900	Marty Bergen (1896)	Razor	1/11/45	Harry McNeal (1901)	Gun
4/30/01	Dude Esterbrook (1880)	Jumped from train	10/16/45	Hank Eibel (1912)	Gun
1/12/03	Win Mercer (1894)	Gas	11/18/45	Morrie Rath (1909)	Gun
2/1/04	Dan Mahoney (1892)	Carbolic acid	6/15/47	Luke Stuart (1921)	Gun
1/10/07	Bob Langsford (1899)	Carbolic acid	11/4/48	Jake Powell (1930)	Gun
3/28/07	Chick Stahl (1897)	Carbolic acid	10/25/49	Tim Bowden (1914)	Gun
9/14/08	Ike Van Zandt (1901)	Gun	6/19/50	Wattie Holm (1924)	Gun
12/19/08	Reddy Foster (1896)	Gun	9/3/50	Frank Pearce (1950)	Gun
12/13/10	Dan McGann (1895)	Gun	7/3/51	Hugh Casey (1935)	Gun
1/11/14	Walt Goldsby (1884)	Gun	9/14/51	Wally Roettger (1927)	Razor
3/28/16	Eddie Hohnhurst (1910)	Gun	1/9/54	Skeeter Shelton (1915)	Gun
5/15/18	Patsy Tebeau (1887)	Gun	9/1/55	Jim Oglesby (1936)	Gun
11/30/20	Lew Meyers (1884)	Strychnine	11/1/56	Limb McKenry (1915)	Gun
7/16/21	Art Irwin (1880)	Jumped from steamer into Atlantic Ocean	11/8/57	Fred Anderson (1909)	Gun
			1/20/60	Gib Brack (1937)	Gun
			11/24/61	John Mohardt (1922)	Cut femoral artery
3/16/27	Jake Wells (1888)	Drowning	1/10/62	Fred Bratchi (1921)	Battery fluid
4/26/27	Bill Gannon (1898)	Drowning	3/29/62	Otto Miller (1910)	Jumped
12/1/27	Danny Shay (1901)	Drowning	6/28/62	Cy Morgan (1903)	Razor
8/5/29	Tony Brottem (1916)	Gun	9/16/63	Johnny Niggeling (1938)	Hanging
6/25/31	Con Lucid (1893)	Gun	9/26/64	Paul Zahniser (1923)	Gun
9/11/31	Carl Sitton (1909)	Gun	8/15/65	Stan Pitula (1957)	Monoxide
12/8/32	Bill Grey (1890)	Gun	11/2/66	Lew Moren (1903)	Cut throat
3/21/34	Pea Ridge Day (1924)	Gun	10/19/67	Art Garibaldi (1936)	Gun
6/9/34	Charlie Dexter (1896)	Gun	11/25/69	Emil Kush (1941)	Carbon monoxide
8/14/34	Guy Morrison (1927)	Gun	1/5/75	Don Wilson (1966)	Carbon monoxide
6/14/35	Walt Kuhn (1912)	Gun	6/12/80	Danny Thomas (1976)	Hanged
4/15/37	Emmett McCann (1920)	Gun	4/9/82	Francisco Barrios (1974)	Drugs

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A.L. PRESIDENT BOBBY BROWN ALBANY CONVENTION KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Convention organizer **Richard Puff** has confirmed that A.L. President Dr. Bobby Brown will be the featured speaker at the convention banquet on Saturday evening, June 24. The 19th Annual SABR Convention is certain to be a hit with the addition of Brown, who has headed the American League since 1984.

Brown's career began in 1946 when the Yankees called him up from Newark. As a third baseman with the great Yankee teams from 1946 through 1954, Brown appeared in four World Series, hitting a robust .439 and slugging .707. In the '47 Fall Classic, he went three for three with a single, two doubles and a walk.

He earned his M.D. degree from Tulane's School of Medicine while playing for the Yanks. After leaving baseball, he established a cardiology practice in Fort Worth, Texas. He later served as president of the Texas Rangers. He has been elected to the Athletic Halls of Fame at Tulane, Stanford and UCLA.

Eliot Asinof, author of *Eight Men Out*, will also participate at the convention, speaking on Friday afternoon, June 23.

Another event you won't want to miss will be the Monday morning panels featuring SABR authors and publishers discussing how best to publish research. Authors **Mark Rucker**; **Jim Kaplan**; and **Frank Keetz** and publishers **John Thorn**; **Jeff Newman**; and **Paul Adomites** will give useful tips.

Many special exhibits will be on display at the convention, including items from the Canadian National Baseball Hall of Fame. Be sure to catch all the exhibits on Friday and Saturday.

Besides being able to chat with Brown, convention attendees will hear from several other former major leaguers on hand for the Friday evening player panel. Among these guests will be Spec Shea and Jack Phillips, Brown's teammates on the '47-'49 Yanks; Stan Palys, outfielder with the Reds and Phils of the '50s and a five-year veteran of the Japanese leagues; and Tim Harkness, first baseman of the Dodgers and Mets of the '60s. Negro League star, **Gene Benson** will also be a panelist.

Another big highlight will be the trip to Cooperstown. Plans for the Monday, June 23 Eastern League All-Star Game have not yet been finalized, but SABR members should be able to purchase tickets to attend this function also.

The early registration deadline is May 23. Sign up now to save \$5.00. For additional convention information, contact **Richard Puff**, 518-439-7297, between 6 p.m. and 10 p.m. E.S.T.



A.L. President
Dr. Bobby Brown

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL REMINDER

Members who have not sent in their renewal form are reminded that they will not receive the 1989 publications if they do not renew upon receiving this *Bulletin*. A SABR membership also makes a fine gift (Father's Day is June 18). In addition, SABR members who purchase a gift membership will receive, as a bonus, a **Ralph Horton** — Early Spalding Guide reprint.

REGIONAL MEETINGS

New York . . . 98 members and guests met in Art Shamsky's Legends Restaurant on January 28. Presentations were made by **William Ruiz**: Research Tips on New All Time Major Records; **Larry Ritter**: The Glory of Their Times; **Elliott Weiss**: Run Production; **Al Blumkin**: Batting Eye Inefficiency; and **Michael Schacht**: Baseball Portraits and Silhouettes. A special feature was the Media Panel that featured **Maurly Allen**, Howard Blatt, **Carl Lundquist**, **Mary Appel**, and **Harvey Greene**. **Al Blumkin** won the Challenge of the Champions trivia contest.

St. Louis . . . 71 members and guests attended the annual Hot Stove League meeting at the Henry VIII Inn on February 5. Presentations were made to **Bob Broeg**: Hall of Fame Veterans Committee; **Brock Hanke**: Current Status of the Baseball Abstract; **Ralph Horton**: Rotisserie League Baseball; **Rollie Lowens**: Stats Incorporated. **Rick Hummel** detailed his experiences traveling with the Cardinals as a newspaper scribe. Newly elected officers are **Harry Brunt**, President; **Erv Fischer**, Vice-President; **John Schoon**, Secretary; **Fred Heger**, Treasurer; and **Bill Miller**, Historian. Board members are **Chuck Enswiler**, **Walter Langford**, **Peg McCarthy**, **Vic Witte**, and **Mary Wurtz**.

Portland . . . 30 Northwest chapter members and guests gathered in Portland on February 19. The featured speaker was Ad Liska, 82, a submarine pitcher who played professional baseball from 1926 to 1949. The winner of 265 games, Ad is listed in Volume 1 of *Minor League Baseball Stars*. Presentations were made by **Paul Andresen** and **Bob Jones**: Variations on Bill James' Pitcher Game Scores; **John Gottko**: Correlation Between Game Score Variations and Team Wins; and **Steve Charak**: Hall of Fame Pitcher Won and Lost records at the ages of 25 and 30. The 1988 Derby Hat for the best pre-season predictions went to **Marc Jones**, while **Steve Charak** won the trivia contest. An auction of baseball books raised \$250 for chapter activities. For information on future chapter events, contact **John Gottko**, (503/757-8722) about future events.

Greensboro . . . 41 attendees spent an enjoyable Saturday, March 4. Hal "Skinny" Brown, Lawrence "Crash" Davis, and Walter Streuli formed the former player panel. Research papers and talks were given by **Steve Nadel**: Pitchers with 100 Wins and Batters with 100 Home Runs; **Add Penfield**: Colby Jack Coombs, Biography & Personal Reflections; **Jim Sumner**: William G. Bramham, Minor League Administrator; **Jim Skipper**: Are Baseball's Stolen Base Thieves Rewarded? Not by Nicknames They Aren't. The keynote address was given by **John Dittrich**, who as the General Manager of the Greensboro Hornets hosted an afternoon reception for the group at War Memorial Stadium. **Arnie Braunstein** and **Phil Goldberg**, ringers from New York, won the trivia contest.

Detroit . . . 44 persons attended the **Fred T. Smith** chapter meeting at Tiger Hall on March 31. Jim Northrup was the featured guest. Presentations were made by **Lois Gillespie**: Beeper Ball for the Blind; **Fred Smith**: Baseball Anecdotes; **Scott McKinstry**, editor, *Old Time Baseball News*; and Chapter President **Bob Ruland**. After touring Tiger Stadium, the group was hosted by **Frank Helminski** on a visit to the site of Recreation Park, home of Detroit's 1881-1888 National League team.

UPCOMING REGIONALS

Rhode Island . . . A SABR meeting that promises to be a warmup for the National Trivia Meet in Albany will be held April 29 at St. Rita's Parish in Warwick. For additional information, contact **Len Levin** at 401/351-3278 before 3 p.m. and 401/277-7313 after 3 p.m. The group will attend a Paw Sox game at night.

Minneapolis . . . Regional meeting will be held on April 29, at Becketwood, 4300 W. River Parkway, Minneapolis. Contact **Joe O'Connell**, 1105 Kennard, St. Paul, MN 55106, 612/776-8093 for more information.

Toronto, Ontario . . . **Tony Formo** will coordinate the Toronto Regional meeting to be held at the Canadian Baseball Hall of Fame at Ontario Place across from Exhibition Stadium on May 7 at 10 a.m. Those seeking details should contact **Tony** at 16 Bonnyview Dr. #8, Toronto, ONT M8Y 3G6, Canada, 416/255-5911.

Philadelphia . . . The meeting of SABR's second oldest regional will be held Saturday, May 20, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., at the Philadelphia Airport Hilton Inn (used to be known as the Stadium Hilton). Call **Kit Crissey** 215/477-9967 or **Joe McGillen**, 215/698-0476 for details.

Los Angeles . . . The **Allan Roth** Chapter will hold a special meeting on May 20, from 10 to 3, at the library of The Amateur Athletic Foundation, 2160 W. Adams Blvd., L.A. The meeting will feature research quizzes and planning for a possible future national convention. Contact **Dick Beverage**, 818/961-3691.

Northeast Ohio . . . The next Jack Graney Chapter regional meeting takes place Saturday, May 20 from 1 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. in Olin Auditorium at the University of Akron. For details call **Morris Eckhouse** at 216-381-5976. Admission is \$3 in advance, \$4 at the door.

SABR MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

The 1989 Directory (**Harold Dellinger**, Editor) will feature "Yellow Pages of Advertising." Members are encouraged to advertise their baseball related products and services.

Inside Cover	\$400	Third Page	\$150
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Half Page	\$200		

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NAMES IN THE NEWS

Phil Dixon and **Dave Kemp** spoke about Black baseball players at the Friendship Baptist Church in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. **James Poff** and **Phil** are aiding the Stearnes County Historical Society in research for a baseball exhibit. The exhibit is expected to include a publication that is similar to the Rex Stucker SABR Chapter's exhibit and publication on Minnehaha County Baseball . . . **Eric Nadel** and **Craig Wright** have collaborated on a book called *The Man Who Stole First Base*. The book is a collection of offbeat baseball lore . . . The 1989 Guinness Big "G" Award went to **Barry Halper**, Tommy Holmes and **Tom Knight** for contributions to baseball not always found in record books . . . In 1988 **C.E. "Pat" Olsen** attended his 267th consecutive World Series game in a string that started with the 1946 Series. **Pat**, who went to spring training with the 1924 Yankees as a pitcher, gives an excellent interview on Babe Ruth with whom he roomed . . . **Ralph Horton's** reprinted *Spalding Guide* series now extends from 1876 to 1892. Contact **Ralph** at 314/843-9342 for order information . . . **Marc Okkonen** has uniform illustrations in the *Sports Illustrated* Baseball Issue and team publications for the Padres, Indians, and Tigers . . . **Robert Potts** was presented with a 25-year coaching award plaque by the American Baseball Coaches Association . . . **Ron Luciano** will appear on a Public Television show that features sports books. The Bibliography Committee provided data for the show's emcees . . . While travelling to her new home, **Claudia Perry** photographed Birmingham, Alabama's Rickwood Field, one of the Minor League's oldest. For a copy, contact her at 4001 Tanglewilde, #1105, Houston, TX 77063 . . . **Richard Strobino** reports that the Sonoma County Museum (Santa Rusa, CA) is featuring a sports exhibit, until June 4, which includes an 1850's baseball, 1860's "Red Panel" baseball, 1904 Mushroom Knob bat, 1910 Reach glove and much more.

ROGER MARIS UPDATE

"Roger Eugene Maras was not born in Fargo, North Dakota. Like Bob Dylan, nee Robert Zimmerman and Celtic Kevin McHale, he was born in Hibbing, Minnesota, on what was the iron range. The Maras family moved to Fargo when Roger was a boy. "The spelling was changed from Maras to Maris in 1954. It was yet Maras when Roger signed with the Indians in 1953, played for the Fargo-Moorhead Twins, and was the Northern League's Rookie of the Year. It seemed that most members of the press were pronouncing his name 'mehr-ahs', so Roger changed the spelling. His mother used to drive a lime-green Cadillac with '9' on the license plate."

Information from **Robert Legowski**

MILLIONAIRE OWNER, A PLAYER ON MEXICALI CHAMPS

Mario Hernandez, 32-year-old president and principal stockholder of the Mexicali Aguilas, played first base for his own Sunset League pennant-winning club in 1948. The Arizona-born entrepreneur hit .255 and drove in 74 runs in 103 games.

BASEBALL AND THE AMERICAN CULTURE: A SYMPOSIUM

The State University of New York is holding a three-day symposium, June 7-9, in conjunction with the 50th anniversary of the Hall of Fame. Presentations will feature all aspects of the "Pervasive Influence of Baseball in American Life." Contact Dean Alvin Hall, 607/431-2522, for information.

DONALD COFFIN TO HEAD STATISTICAL ANALYSIS COMMITTEE

Donald A. Coffin, professor of Economics at Indiana University Northwest, has accepted the chairmanship of SABR's Statistical Analysis Committee. A SABR member since 1982 and a follower of the Brooklyn/LA Dodgers since 1955, Professor **Coffin** has used economic theory and statistical techniques to examine the effects of free agency on team performance, the effects of "clutch" performance on team offense and defense, and the determinants of salary arbitration outcomes.

Coffin's primary interest in chairing the Statistical Analysis Committee is to start a newsletter which will allow researchers to communicate with each other about their activities and interests. He asks that people doing statistical analysis submit for publication brief summaries of their research, reviews of published research, critiques of the use and/or misuse of statistical analysis applied to baseball, and abstracts of published articles using statistical techniques to analyze baseball related issues.

He expects to publish the newsletter four times a year, with the first issue planned for August, 1989. "The first things I need are a catchy title for the newsletter and enough material to fill four to six pages on hand by July 15." Anyone who has suggestions or materials should contact **Donald Coffin**.

In addition to the newsletter, **Coffin** plans to poll members of the Committee on their interest in participating in other activities during the year. Among the activities under consideration are annual analyses of the candidates on the Hall of Fame ballot and annual analyses of rookie or other player performance. Members of the Committee, or other interested SABR members, can suggest additional topics to **Don**. He also intends to set up an information clearinghouse for SABR members interested in using statistical techniques.



DON COFFIN plans to make his committee's newsletter a forum for **SABERmetricians**.

COMMITTEES

BALL PARKS

Baseball's first park is the subject of research and a future article by **Steven Tischler**, 260 Riverside Dr., New York, NY 10025, 212/749-0910. *The Ballparks* cite Cammeyer's 1862 Union Grounds in Williamsburg, Brooklyn, as the first. *Green Cathedrals* states the same. **Tischler** is finding some confusing information and references concerning Cammeyer's Grounds and the Capitoline Grounds also built and used in Brooklyn during 1862. If you have any suggestions or questions, write or call him.

BIOGRAPHICAL RESEARCH

Joe Simenic found a new player, Edward G. "Moxie" Divis, who appeared in three games for the Philadelphia A's in 1916. These games, played August 4, 5, and 6, were erroneously credited to Harry Davis. Davis was listed in Ernie Lanigan's 1922 *Cyclopedia* but no one ever noticed it. Ironically, "Moxie" worked for 38 years at the *Cleveland Plain Dealer* where **Joe** also works.

COLLEGIATE

Co-chairman **Cappy Gagnon** will send the committee's two eight-page newsletters to everyone who sends him a college baseball press guide and major league contribution list. Spearheaded by the legendary **Tom Shea**, the committee intends to compile a "dope sheet" on every college.

NEGRO LEAGUES

The Newark Public Library is currently showing its most recent acquisition to the NPL Black Baseball Archives. Items in the Newark Eagles front office collection, found by **Larry Hogan**, include Monte Irvin's 1946 player's contract and a 1946 Negro League World Series Program. A plaque honoring the Homestead Grays and Pittsburgh Crawfords was placed in the Hill section of Pittsburgh.

BIBLIOGRAPHY

Available from **Frank Phelps** for a self-addressed stamped envelope: SABR Research Guide #10, a bibliography of *Baseball In History Journals* (1980-1988), by Jim Sumner, 45¢ postage; and SABR Research Guide #11, *The Daguerreotypes*, by **Bill Hugo**, alphabetical and chronological indexes to those which appeared in *The Sporting News*, 25¢ postage.

RECORDS

Neil Munro's newsletter contains **Ted Ditullio's** list of all players with 10,000 plate appearances; **Bill Deane's** Cy Young Award shares; and **Neil's** career leaders in stolen base success rate.

LATIN AMERICAN COMMITTEE

Peter Bjarkman's newsletter contains the "All-Time Best Latin Teams":

BATSMEN

(Minimum of 1000 games played, through 1987)

Batter	Years	BA	G	AB	H	HR	RBI	SLG
Carew, Rod (Pan)	1967-85	.328	2469	9315	3053	92	1015	.429
Clemente, Roberto (PR)	1955-72	.317	2433	9454	3000	240	1305	.475
Alou, Motty (DR)	1960-74	.307	1667	5789	1777	31	427	.381
Oliva, Tony (Cuba)	1962-76	.304	1676	6301	1917	220	947	.476
Mota, Manny (DR)	1962-82	.304	1536	3779	1149	31	438	.389
Carty, Rico (DR)	1963-79	.299	1651	5606	1677	204	890	.464
Minoso, Orestes (Cuba)	1949-80	.298	1841	6579	1963	186	1023	.459
Cepeda, Orlando (PR)	1958-74	.297	2124	7927	2351	379	1365	.499
Sanguillen, M (Pan)	1967-80	.296	1448	5062	1500	65	585	.398
Alou, Felipe (DR)	1958-79	.286	2082	7339	2101	206	852	.433
Gonzalez, Tony (Cuba)	1960-71	.286	1559	5195	1485	103	615	.413
Cedeno, Cesar (DR)	1970-86	.285	2006	7310	2087	199	976	.443
Cruz, Jose (PR)	1970-87	.285	2315	7837	2235	164	1070	.422
Power, Vic (Puerto Rico)	1954-65	.284	1627	6046	1716	126	658	.411

HURLERS

(Minimum of 1500 Innings Pitched, through 1987)

Pitcher	Years	W	L	Pct.	ERA	IP	\$0	BB
Marichal, Juan (DR)	1960-74	243	142	.631	2.89	3509	2303	709
Tiant, Luis (Cuba)	1964-82	229	172	.571	3.30	3486	2416	1104
Luque, Adolfo (Cuba)	1914-35	193	179	.519	3.24	3220	1130	918
Cuellar, Mike (Cuba)	1959-77	185	130	.587	3.14	2808	1632	822
Pascual, Camilo (Cuba)	1954-71	174	170	.506	3.63	2930	2167	1069
Pizarro, Juan (PR)	1957-74	131	105	.555	3.43	2034	1522	888
Andujar, Joaquin (DR)	1976-87	125	113	.525	3.57	2074	997	710
Marlinez, Dennis (Nic)	1976-87	122	103	.542	4.12	2018	1005	651
Ramos, Pedro (Cuba)	1955-70	117	160	.422	4.08	2355	1305	724
Soto, Mario (DR)	1977-87	97	85	.533	3.41	1643	1415	629

RESEARCH EXCHANGE

To automatically receive all Research Exchange items, send \$15 for a calendar year's standing order.

Brent Skeeter, Dept. of Geography, Salisbury State University, Salisbury, MD 21801, offers copies of his two recently published articles, "The Climatically Optimal Major League Baseball Season in North America" and "Winds and the Baseball Stadium: General Wind Characteristics in Major League Baseball Seasons," for a 45¢ self-addressed stamped envelope.

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* Active Pitching Gems Leaders — **Ruiz**

* First Mention of Ball Playing in the New World, 1621 — **Bradford**

RESEARCH WANTED

David Smith, 6 Penncross Circle, Newark, DE 19702, 302/731-1570, would like to receive photocopies of games you have scored, in order to extend the Project Scoresheet data base back before its 1984 beginning. The goal is to compare current playing patterns with those of previous eras.

Robert Boehm, 81 Rivercliff Rd., Lowell, MA 01852, is missing three player numbers from National League Champion Series (NLCS): Barr and Duffy who appeared for San Francisco in the 2nd game of the 1971 NLCS and Pena of the Dodgers in the 2nd game of the 1981 NLCS.

Jay Feldman, 853 Princeton Ct., Woodland, CA 95695, 916/661-1659, is researching and writing on Donkey baseball. He would appreciate material or information from anyone who has witnessed or participated in this form of baseball.

George W. Case III, 350 Ramsey Rd., Yardley, PA 19067, 215/493-6407, would like to offer the baseball collection of his late father, **George Case**, to SABR members for research purposes. **Kit Crissey** is knowledgeable about the collection.

ESPERANTO BASEBALL

"'Tri frappemo!' This is the cry that will ring out from the umpire's lips for the first time in the history of the American national game on the afternoon of Thursday, August 18, when the Washington and Cleveland American league teams meet here. The words are Esperanto for 'three strikes.'

"They will be used to indicate, 'batter out' on the afternoon in question, because the 1,000 or more delegates to the international Esperanto congress which will be in session here that week will be present at the game. For many of the foreign delegates it will be the first time they ever witnessed the great American game. In addition to some Esperanto calls from the umpire, the Esperantists will be made to feel at home by having distributed to them printed copies of baseball rules in Esperanto, translated 'especially for' the occasion. Supplied by **Patrick Rock** from the Zanesville *Daily Courier* 8/2/1910

BASEBALL, NOT FOR WOMEN

"University of Pennsylvania 'co-eds' who want to play baseball must not do so on the college campus. This was the decision reached yesterday by the university authorities and the bursar notified the police to stop all such games. It has been a custom for the students to hold daily baseball games on the campus, but yesterday was the first the girls took a hand. As there were not enough of the boys to make up the two teams, two of the 'co-eds' students were added. Later three more girls were placed in the field. The news spread and in a short time there was a crowd of cheering students. Each play or misplay in which the gentle sex had a part, was applauded long and loud and pandemonium finally broke loose when one of the stalwart 'co-eds' knocked out a two-bagger. but the attention of the faculty had been attracted and the result was the prohibition."

Supplied by **Rich Tourangeau** from the *Boston Globe* 5/8/1904

JOHN K. TENER AND BILL WHITE

Until the selection of Bill White to be president of the National League, Tener was the only former major league player to hold that office. He was National League president from 1914-18. In 1914, in addition to being a baseball executive, he was finishing a four-year term as Governor of Pennsylvania. At 6'4", Tener, a native of County Tyrone, Ireland, was one of baseball's tallest 19th century players. He was accustomed to double duty. On the world tour, Tener, an accountant by profession, served as the group's treasurer, collecting the gate receipts at each stop.

from **Bill Weiss's** *California League Newsletter*

SPAHN YIELDS GOPHER BALLS TO HURLERS

William Ruiz is researching homers yielded to opposing pitchers. He has discovered that Warren Spahn was often generous to his mound opponents. Spahn let Hondo Hartung take two over the wall (in 1949 and 1950) and gave Ben Wade two in one game (June 13, 1952). Lefty Al Jackson hit his only dinger off Lefty Spahn and light-hitting Sandy Koufax (.097 career) homered on June 13, 1962 to beat Spahn, 2-1. Jim Bunning's first National League clout, May 5, 1965, won a 1-0 game.

1904 GIANTS FEATURE TWO 1870'S PLAYERS

John Thorn reports that 46-year-old Dan Brouthers, greatest batsman of the 19th century, led the Class C Hudson River League in batting, in 1904, while playing first base for the Poughkeepsie MacAbees. Despite a seven-year absence from the Majors, Brouthers was summoned by the N.L. champion Giants for two late season games. The Giants had earlier "exhumed" 52-year-old orator Jim O'Rourke to catch the pennant-clinching game. O'Rourke, who began his big league career 32 years earlier, had been a Buffalo teammate of Brouthers, 1881-1884. **Thorn** also noted that on June 2, 1904, Brouthers went 6-for-6 with nine RBI's to help demolish Saugerties (**John's** hometown team). According to a local eyewitness, Brouthers' two home runs that day were "prodigious" wallop.

GAME-WINNING RBI IS GONE

The Playing Rules Committee recently announced, in a small paragraph at the bottom of its report, that the committee decided to abolish the infamous Game Winning RBI as a part of baseball's official statistics. The GWRBI, brainchild of a group of major league public relations directors, has been in effect since 1980. **Bill Weiss**

BOARD REPORT

The SABR Executive Board met in Alexandria, Virginia, March 31, April 1 and 2. The following are highlights of the meeting:

1. At the request of member **Bob McConnell**, the Board reactivated the Microfilm Committee. Members interested in serving should contact President **Sunnen**, 24762 U.S. 20 West, South Bend, IN 46628.
2. The Board transferred the Lending Library to the SABR Office.
3. Treasurer **Skip McAfee** presented a financial statement which reflected an increase to the reserve fund of \$15,011 and an increase to inventory of \$12,164. A complete report is available from **McAfee** for a 45¢ SASE.
4. Publications Director **Paul Adomites** reported on the books members will be receiving in the next 12 months:
 - A. *19th Century Stars*, due in May;
 - B. *National Pastime (1988)*, due in May;
 - C. *Federal League Book*, due in May;
 - D. *SABR Review of Books*, due in June;
 - E. *Baseball Research Journal*, due in October;
 - F. *The National Pastime (1989)*, due in December;
 - G. *Cooperstown Corner*, by Lee Allen, due early in '90.
(The SABR Directory is due by November)
5. Three changes to the 1989 budget were approved: the professional services line (accountant, attorney, parliamentarian, etc.) was increased by \$5,000; a line for transitional expenses was approved for \$7,500; and two publication reprints (\$8,000) were deleted from the budget.
6. The Board approved a Publication Committee to serve in an advisory role to the Publications' Director. Members who have expertise may apply by contacting President **Sunnen**.
7. Four cities have been proposed as possible future convention locations (Greensboro, N.C.; Los Angeles, CA; Notre Dame, IN; and Phoenix, AZ). The Board will ask for expressions of interest at the annual business meeting. The 1991 location will be selected at the fall board meeting.
8. The Board formally notified the Executive Director that he will not be offered a new contract upon the expiration of his current contract (on April 30).
9. The Board agreed to interview the finalists for the Executive Director position on Saturday, April 29, in Chicago.
10. In response to those who have asked why a change has been sought: It is the responsibility of the SABR Board to ensure that the society is administered in a professional and competent manner. Beginning in January, 1988, the Board identified several deficiencies in the performance of the Executive Director and provided guidance for improvement. The Board feels that there was insufficient progress in response to these concerns. After carefully considering the best interests of SABR, the Board made the difficult decision to seek new leadership. The call for applications has produced a number of outstanding candidates capable of leading SABR into the future.
11. Three amendments to the SABR constitution were submitted. (See below.)
12. A complete copy of the minutes is available from Secretary **Len Levin** for a 45¢ SASE.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

1. Article IV — Finances

"The amount of postal surcharge for non-United States members shall be set by the SABR Board."

This addition to the constitution was submitted by the Executive Director, upon the recommendation of the SABR Parliamentarian, to make our procedures consistent with the SABR constitution. Foreign members are assessed a surcharge because of the higher rates for foreign mail.

The Board voted 8-0 to recommend it be approved by the membership.

2. Proposed change: All future SABR elections shall be accomplished by mail ballot, to be distributed to the entire membership.

In Article V, Section B, strike out the words "At the annual meeting," and insert the words "cast by mailed ballot. A tie vote will be decided by a plurality of those voting at the annual meeting."

In Article VII, Section B, strike out the words "elect officers for the coming term."

In Article V, Section D, strike out the words "and shall be elected by a plurality of the votes counted at the annual meeting."
Changes to the By-Laws:

In Article V, A. 2, delete "at the next annual meeting."

In Article V, A. 4, substitute the following: "Additional nominations may be made by petition. The mail ballot will provide for write-in candidates."

These changes were submitted by member **Ron Gabriel**, after consultation with the SABR Parliamentarian and members of the By-Laws Revision Committee, in order to permit all members the opportunity to vote in SABR elections.

The Board voted 8-0 to recommend the adoption of these changes.

3. Proposed new SABR constitution and by-laws:

Member **John Holway** submitted the following replacement for the SABR constitution and by-laws. He indicated that this restructuring is needed because the original document is out of date and does not reflect the current needs of SABR.

The Board voted 8-0 that this amendment be rejected by the membership.

Proposed New SABR Constitution And By-Laws

Reaffirm SABR objectives: Research, Research network, Research dissemination

Everything else, such as commercial offshoots, are subordinate

A democratic federation,
built from the bottom up,
unlike the present arrangement which is centralized from the top down
committees are the backbone and primary constituencies
SABR provides a canopy organization for them

SABR government like a New England town meeting

Exec Director — town manager,
paid professional with staff
Board — town council,
elected by committees (and four regions)
nominates and oversees Executive Director, recommends policy and budget
Members — town meeting,
ultimate authority, approve policy, nominations, and budget,
by mail vote of all Full Members
Ombudsman — the Fourth Estate
the eyes and ears of the members

Executive Director

Nominated by board, approved by members
Conducts day-to-day business, as approved by members
Through board, seeks members' approval for any new initiative
Supervises
office staff, including assistant
Publications Director
(who is also nominated and approved as above)
Publications
Number and budget approved by Full Members on recommendations of Board
Emphasis on original member research especially research with little chance of commercial publication
Attempts to represent work of all committees
Fiscal Officer
Nominated and approved as above
signs all checks, along with Ombudsman
prepares budget for members to approve

Board

Consists of
12 Committee members, elected by Committees
4 Regional members, elected by four Regions
1 Ombudsman (non-voting), elected by full Members
Serves two-year term
Reelegibility determined by constituents
Paid per diem to one meeting a year midway between National Conventions
Board elects its own president and vice-president
Duties
Studies policy issues before SABR
Recommends action to Members
Including minority report if any
Receives petition of new Committees or Regions
Recommends action to full Membership
Receives a small budget for postage and phones, on approval of Full Members
Elects an Ethics and Grievance Committee, which hears complaints of unprofessional conduct
recommends discipline to Board

Members

Full Members
Pay \$10 a year premium
for privileges of voting, publishing research
Approve Society budget
Elect Ombudsman
Determine number of publications
Make any other policy decisions brought before them
Associate members
Receive all publications except Directory
May attend Regional and National Conventions

Committees

Self-governing and self-funded
Officers elected for two-year terms
with unlimited reelegibility
New committees
May petition to join with signatures of ten members
Agree to abide by SABR's goals, constitution and by-laws
Notify board and Executive Director that it has formed
Gives names of members and results of voting for chairman,
member of Board,
and other officers
Petitions Board to recommend recognition
by Full Members

Regions

Four groups of equal numbers of Full Members
Executive Director designates temporary regional executive
Provides list of all Full Members in his region
Provides funding to
mail initial regional newsletter,
call for nominations for officers
Temporary Regional Executive
conducts mail ballot and informs Executive Director of results.
Hereafter, regions are self-governing and self-funded
Officers are reelected every two years
Regions may have as many sub-regions as they desire

New regions

As membership grows, Board may recommend to Members creation of additional regions.

Ombudsman or Reporter

Members' eyes and ears at **every** board meeting
(No executive meetings are authorized)
Not a member of Board
Responsible only to Members
Keeps fully informed of Board and Executive Director
Edits Bulletin
(Which will not contain research or entertainment matter)
Bulletin will contain
Ombudsman's minutes of meetings
message from Board or Board members if desired
reports from Committee chairmen, Regional execs
Issued six times yearly
Makes sure all expenditures are authorized in budget
Countersigns all checks over \$100
Serves for two years
with unlimited reeligibility
Candidates nominate selves to ad hoc Selection committee of Committee chairmen and Regional executives.
Campaign in written statement in Bulletin
Elected by mail ballot of all Full Members.

Recall

Full Members may bring evidence of irregularities to attention of the Ombudsman and Board.
Ombudsman
investigates,
reports to Members and Board.
Ombudsman and Executive Director or staff may be disciplined or recalled
on petition of 50 Full Members
or recommendation by 2/3 of Board members
with concurrence of 2/3 of Full Members voting
Regions and Committees may recall their officers on petition of
ten committee members
or 50 regional members
Committee Members
ratify by vote of 2/3 of those voting by mail.

National Convention

Rotates among Regions
Does not conduct business, which is conducted by mail
Promotes
research exchanges,
educational and informative activities,
fellowship.
Is financially self-supported

BOOKSHELF

The 1989 Baseball Black Book — An Owner's Manual has 185 pages of starting pitcher data, 4 pages per team, home/away and grass/turf breakdowns. The book features Day-by-Days for the top three starters on each team, and player production ratings by position using new statistics. Send \$11.00 check to **Larry Meyers**, P.O. Box 8272, Stockton, CA 95208.

Joe Wayman's *Grandstand Baseball Annual 1988* is a potpourri of fun statistics. The year's issue includes 24 pages on the 1901-1920 post-season interleague series by **Frank J. Williams**, a compilation of the National League pitching records of 1902, and much more. Send \$7.95 to Grandstand Baseball, P.O. Box 4203, Downey, CA 90241. 1985, 1986 and 1987 back issues are available at \$7.95 each.

Brock Hanke's *1989 Baseball Abstract* (with articles by **Bill James**) is available for \$13.95, only by mail, 1215 Willow View Dr., Kirkwood, MO 63122.

Ron Mayer's book, *The 1937 Newark Bears — A Baseball Legend*, a lively and colorful account of the greatest minor league team in baseball history, is available once again. The SABR member price is \$9.00. Make checks payable to **Ron**, 40 Christine Drive, East Hanover, NJ 07936.

John Philip's fourth volume on Cleveland baseball at the turn of the century is titled *The 1903 Naps*: "Tuesday, April 28, 1903 in Cleveland. 19,870 fans jam League Park, an especially amazing turnout for a team that hasn't won a game. The fans crowd so close to the outfielders that, at one point, all the players come onto the field, lock hands and push the fans back so that the game can continue." To order, send \$16.50 to Capital Publishing Company, 8105 MacArthur Blvd., Cabin John, MD 20818.

1989 Project Scoresheet's *Great American Baseball Stat Book* can be ordered only by mail, P.O. Box 12009, Lansing, MI 48901 (\$12.95 plus \$2.50 postage).

Baseball Quarterly Reviews, P.O. Box 9343, Schenectady, NY 12309, features in its Volume 3, Number 4 issue research that rates Ty Cobb as the premier power/speed player of the dead ball era and that shows none of the noted grand slam hitters of the 1940s and 1950s ever hit one in the bottom of the 9th with their team trailing by 3 runs. Annual subscriptions are \$20 for 4 issues.

Jim Johnstone, Center Field Software, 3212-3 Stonesthrow Lane, Durham, NC 27713, 919/361-5851, has prepared that 1989 updated version of *GRAND SLAM!* and *Major League Stat Report*.

Mike Bryson has compiled and edited a collection of writings of his father, the late Bill Bryson who covered baseball for 50 years. *The Babe Didn't Point*, is available from the ISU Press, 2121 S. State Ave., Ames, IA 50010, for \$15.95 plus \$2 shipping and handling.

Frank Hulme reprints old baseball publications and sells them by the page. **Hulme** arranges each 20th Century *Reach Guide* and *Who's Who in Major League Baseball* into sortable single sheet pages. A forty-page packet on any team/any year (1935-1952) reprinted from *Who's Who* is a popular item. He also has a collection of 50-year-old Philadelphia A's scorecards and reprints of the biographies and photos from the 1933 *Who's Who*. Information about these 28,000 pages is available from Baseball Yesteryear, 3650 Silverside Road/Ste. 300, Wilmington, DE 19810.

Luke Salisbury's *The Answer Is Baseball* (Times Books, \$15.95) is a search for the most significant baseball question ever asked. **Bill James** and **Robert Creamer** have praised the book. *The Chicago Tribune* called it a "masterpiece . . . brilliant . . . wonderful . . . an exercise in Americana."

Mike Getz has written *New York Yankees Trivia*. The 192-page book contains 827 questions, 22 pages of photos, and a chapter on "Fights and Injuries." Send \$7.00 to 2067 58th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11204.

Jill Langford of Diamond Connections has reduced the price of *Legends of Baseball*, an oral history of the game's golden age, by **Walter Langford** (library edition, \$7.95; paperback, \$3.95) and "The Roaring Redhead," **Larry McPhail — Baseball's Great Innovator**, by Don Warfield (cloth, \$5). *Baseball From A Different Angle* by **Bob Broeg** and **Bill Miller** is in its second printing. Diamond Connections, Box 88, South Bend, IN 46624.

The Chicago Baseball Report by **John Dewan**, **Don Zminda**, and **Carmen Corica** is in its fifth season. The Cubs and Sox stats and commentary cover lefty/righty, clutch, U.B.A. and S.A., baserunning, fielding and much more. Season subscription rate is \$19.95 for each edition, Box 46074, Chicago, IL 60646.

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NORBERT KRAICH NAMED EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

SABR President **Gene Sunnen** announced that the Executive Board has named **Norbert Kraich** of Garrett Park, Maryland as Executive Director. The appointment caps a two-month search by the board to fill the position.

Kraich brings to SABR a broad background of over 20 years in the marketing communications and association management fields. This experience includes running his own marketing communications company, serving as an association staff member and working with major national and international corporations, associations and organizations as senior vice president with two of the country's largest public relations firms, Manning, Selvage & Lee, Inc. and Porter/Novelli.



Norbert Kraich
Executive Director

He is a lifelong baseball fan and grew up following the Washington Senators in old Griffith Stadium. He suffered through the loss of two Senators teams from the city and has turned his allegiance to the Baltimore Orioles and their farm clubs in Hagerstown, MD (Suns, AA) and Frederick, MD (Keys, A).

Kraich lives in Garrett Park, Maryland, just outside Washington, D.C. with his wife Elaine and their three children, all who are baseball fans.

STATEMENT FROM PRESIDENT GENE SUNNEN

Our Executive Director, Norbert Kraich, has the ideal qualifications we are looking for to help lead SABR into the 1990's.

Just as organized baseball is experiencing continued growth and interest, so is SABR, and Norbert, with his blend of association experience and background, marketing knowledge, organizational skills, concern for the game of baseball and understanding of the game's history, will help us take advantage of this opportunity. We are excited about working with Norbert and know that our members' best interests will be well served by our executive director. I urge all members attending the Albany Convention to say hello to Norbert.

SABR OFFICE RELOCATES

Members should note the new address and phone number for the SABR headquarters office. SABR Executive Director Norbert Kraich and Administrative Assistant Bobbi Kadesch can be reached at:

SABR
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Garrett Park, Maryland 20896
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REPORT FROM THE SABR EXECUTIVE BOARD

In a continuing effort to keep SABR members apprised of recent actions taken by the SABR Executive Board regarding the governance of the Society, the Board submits the following detailed statement:

The growth of SABR requires that its operations become more professional and businesslike. The Board has adopted a detailed **long-range plan** that calls for establishing a strong administrative base, improving Member services, and achieving membership growth.

A **policy manual** was developed that includes policy-making actions and motions passed at previous Board meetings and Annual Business Meetings and every article and section from the SABR Constitution and Bylaws. The Board is in the process of clarifying policies and writing additional ones. The Board also is working with Members to update and improve the Bylaws through a **By-laws revision proposal**.

The Board has established **open-door practices and policies** that keep the Members abreast of the activities of the Society and of the Board. Board meetings are now open to the Members, reports of Board meetings and financial reports are published in the *SABR Bulletin*, and the minutes of Board meetings are available to any Member submitting a SASE. The Board encourages **competitive elections** and the *SABR Bulletin* presents the candidates for office.

Because of parliamentary confusion, the Annual Business Meetings in Chicago (1986) and Washington, D.C. (1987) were chaotic. In an effort to ensure proper preparation for, and conduct at, the 1988 Annual Business Meeting in Minneapolis, the Board decided to retain the professional services of a **parliamentarian** (as announced in the June 1988 *Bulletin*). Although the cost was high (\$1186), the Board considered the process to be a learning experience regarding setting agendas, developing standing rules for future Annual Business Meetings, obtaining advice for revision of the Bylaws, and establishing a more dignified tone for the Annual Business Meeting. The result was a smoothly running 1988 Annual Business Meeting. The Board planned to engage parliamentarians only for the Annual Business Meeting; however, when the Board learned that a few Members were planning to attend and possibly disrupt the January 1989 and April 1989 Board meetings, the Board engaged the services of a parliamentarian to ensure that the meetings were conducted in a professional and fair manner. The Board does not plan to engage parliamentarians for future Board meetings.

An annual **budget** is prepared, and is reviewed at each Board meeting. Unbudgeted items require Board approval prior to incurring expenses. The Board published the 1987 financial report with the June 1988 *Bulletin* (as soon as it was available from the accountant). The 1989 budget was published in the November *Bulletin* and adjustments to that budget have been included in the reports of Board action; e.g., professional services were increased \$5000 to pay for an attorney (see below) and \$7000 was moved from the reserve fund to pay for transition expenses (see below). The **Audit Chairman** reviews Board expenses and prepares a written report; e.g., the Audit Chairman noted excessive telephone reimbursements to the President, a matter that the President addressed at the 1988 Annual Business Meeting (the Board accepted a \$300 adjustment from the President). When the Board realized that phone expenses had always been reimbursed but that there was no written policy in that regard, a policy was established in July 1988. It should be noted that many phone, postage, photocopying, and travel expenses incurred by Board members while conducting SABR business are not submitted for reimbursement.

The parliamentarians have encouraged the Board to meet in **executive (closed) session** when sensitive issues are considered; e.g., possible ethics violations, contract negotiations, personnel issues, and lawsuits. The Board has identified staff-included and staff-excluded executive sessions; other people may be invited to provide information. Staff is included in all executive sessions except for personnel issues. In the past, only discussions were held in executive session, with all motions and actions occurring in open session. The parliamentarians informed the Board that actions and minutes may be taken in executive session but a Board vote is required to release that information. The executive sessions in 1988-1989 required confidentiality due to discussion of personnel matters and contract negotiations. Information on personnel performance remains confidential as the Board wished to be a prudent employer and protect the rights of employees. *However, the results of all Board actions taken in executive session have been reported to the membership.*

The change in the position of the **Executive Director** was a

difficult decision for the board. By January 1988, the Board saw some problem areas in the operations of the SABR office. The Board was concerned about the need to improve administrative procedures, to bring a more professional attitude to the headquarters office, to increase communication and responsiveness, and to enhance the quality of leadership that SABR needs to move into the future. The Board tried, unsuccessfully, for more than a year to work with the former Executive Director to bring about improvements in these areas. The Board carefully considered what would be in the best overall interest of SABR and made the difficult decision not to renew the Executive Director's contract. By practice, contracts were negotiated three months prior to their expiration. The Board did not renew the former Executive Director's contract in January 1988, but did discuss, informally, some of its concerns and suggested improvements. A task force was assigned to revise the job description and to provide a method of performance evaluation (as reported in the March 1988 *Bulletin*). At the May 1988 Board meeting, the revised, more detailed job description was approved; the Board saw no improvement in the performance of the Executive Director and noted additional areas of concern. The contract was extended until July 1988, by oral agreement; this was reported in the June 1988 *Bulletin*. In July 1988, the Board decided to formally evaluate the Executive Director's performance. A task force was formed (reported in the September *Bulletin*) and the contract was extended (orally) until September 1988.

The written evaluation of the Executive Director and office procedures revealed strengths and weaknesses. It was especially noted that the Executive Director "exhibit[ed] very good interpersonal relations with Members, Committees, Regional Groups, the media, baseball officials, and the general public". However, the evaluation also reported administrative weaknesses: although day-to-day operations were being accomplished, more professionalism and businesslike procedures needed to be implemented. Therefore, the Board formed a restructuring task force and issued a written contract to the Executive Director from October 1, 1988 to April 30, 1989 (as reported in the November 1988 *Bulletin*). The Board approved an even more detailed job description to clarify the duties and tasks of the position. The Executive Director was encouraged to work with the Board and was provided an opportunity to improve his performance; however, he did not respond well. At the January 1989 Board meeting, a Member of SABR informed the Board that its procedures regarding the performance evaluation of the Executive Director were unfair and illegal, and he threatened legal action. Therefore, the Board decided that the prudent course of action was to engage an attorney and voted up to \$5000 to retain legal counsel. The Board also voted that, if legal counsel advised the President that the contract with the Executive Director need not be renewed, the President be authorized to solicit applications for the position of Executive Director. A restructuring plan was discussed, but deferred. In February 1989, after consultation with the SABR attorney, the President met with the Executive Director in an attempt to negotiate an amicable termination of employment; this meeting was unsuccessful. A call for applications for the position of Executive Director was distributed to the SABR membership in March 1989. At the April 1989 Board meeting, the Board officially notified the Executive Director that his employment contract would not be renewed. The Board called a special Board meeting for April 29, 1989 and, as reported in the April 1989 *Bulletin*, voted to create a transition expense line item of up to \$7000 (taken from the reserve fund) to pay for the expenses of the special Board meeting and of the move of the office. The Board received 106 resumes and invited four candidates to interview for the position. The Board voted to hire a new Executive Director effective May 1, 1989.

The Board identified problems with SABR administration and financial management, established and evaluated a plan to overcome the problems, consulted with professionals, reevaluated its position, and is currently implementing the plan. The Board is guided by SABR's Constitution and Bylaws, the *SABR Policy Manual*, *Robert's Rules of Order*, the laws of the land, and good business practice. The Board is fulfilling its fiduciary duty to serve SABR as elected officers and directors, using its best judgment in actions to guide the Society as a whole and to move it forward.

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BALANCE SHEET (as of December 31)

	1987		1988	
ASSETS				
Current assets	\$183,734		Current Assets	\$195,772
Cash	\$81,278		Checking account	\$20,347
			Certificate of deposit	46,599
			Money market	34,162
Inventory	100,882		Savings account (Oneonta, N.Y.)	938
Prepaid expenses	1,574		Inventory	92,726
			Prepaid expenses	1,000
Fixed Assets	\$2,800		Fixed Assets	\$2,000
Equipment	\$4,557		Equipment	\$4,557
Less accumulated depreciation	(1,757)		Less accumulated depreciation	(2,557)
Other Assets	\$22,901		Other Assets	\$23,140
Research collections and			Research collections	\$21,451
Microfilm Lending Library	\$22,151		Microfilm Lending Library	939
Trademark	750		Trademark	750
Total Assets	\$209,435		Total Assets	\$220,912
LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE				
Current Liabilities	\$127,648		Current Liabilities	\$111,950
Publications due to Members	\$48,455		Publications due to Members	\$28,137
Accounts payable	77,004		Accounts payable	39,371
Unearned dues	1,315		Unearned dues	43,279
Payroll taxes due	874		Payroll taxes due	1,163
Total Liabilities	\$127,648		Total Liabilities	\$111,950
Fund Balance	\$ 81,787		Fund Balance	\$108,962
Beginning fund balance	\$95,075		Beginning fund balance	\$81,787
Excess (deficiency) of revenue			Excess (deficiency) of revenue	
over expenses	(13,288)		over expenses	27,175
Total Liabilities & Fund Balance	\$209,435		Total Liabilities & Fund Balance	\$220,912

1988 FINANCIAL STATEMENT

	Budget 1988	Actual 1988		Budget 1988	Actual 1988
INCOME			EXPENSES		
Membership dues	\$ 181,000	\$ 181,620	Publications		
Publication sales	25,000	23,816	<i>SABR Review of Books</i>	10,500	11,255
Special book sales	6,000	6,224	<i>19th Century Stars</i>	12,500	16,586
Advertising and mail list sales	11,500	10,630	<i>Award Voting</i>	8,500	8,414
Royalties & donations	1,000	1,910	Membership Directory	9,500	9,474
National Convention	10,000	19,542	Special publications	8,413	8,649
Research service	250	611	Cost of Preparing Publications	100,913	109,472
Interest	7,000	7,100	Beginning Inventory	---	52,426
Miscellaneous	1,150	1,409	Less Ending Inventory	---	(64,590)
Total Income	\$ 242,900	\$ 252,862	Cost of Publications Sold/Provided	---	97,308
EXPENSES			Editorial		
Administrative			Publications Director	\$ 12,000	\$ 12,000
Executive Director (salary, benefits, payroll taxes)	\$ 35,900	\$ 35,826	Editors for specific publications	14,000	14,000
Executive Board	9,000	9,513	Editorial office	1,200	415
Committees	2,985	2,321	Publications consultant and development	5,500	1,200
Regional Groups	1,500	1,318	Total Editorial Expenses	32,700	27,615
Professional services & fees	3,700	4,020	Other		
Promotion & advertising	4,000	2,207	National Convention	\$ 6,000	\$ 16,431
Headquarters	26,900	28,419	Stagno collection development	2,500	298
Total Administrative Expenses	83,985	83,624	Miscellaneous	500	412
Publications			Total Other Expenses	9,000	17,141
<i>The SABR Bulletin</i>	\$ 15,500	\$ 15,288	Total Expenses	\$ 226,598	\$ 225,687
<i>The National Pastime</i>	21,000	21,763	Excess (Deficit)	\$ 16,302	\$ 27,175
<i>Baseball Research Journal</i>	15,000	18,043			

CANDIDATES FOR UPCOMING ELECTION:



JOHN B. HOLWAY

Position: President

Occupation: Writer

SABR Experience: I have been in SABR since 1972 and attended every convention but two. Only Bob Davids has attended more. I have contributed more articles to SABR publications than any other person.

Statement: SABR is going through the worst crisis in its history. Many members perceive the board as undemocratic, secretive, and autocratic. As one board member told me, "There are no restraints on us but the hope of re-election and the fear of indictment."

The board secretly fired a popular and efficient executive director, Lloyd Johnson, touching off the crisis. It secretly spent thousands of dollars without asking or informing the members. Several regional units have threatened secession.

I favor recalling this board and democratically electing a new slate. I would restrain the board's unrestrained conduct. I would conduct all business openly. I believe all candidates must run openly and forthrightly. I would require that all major decisions, including personnel and budget, be submitted to the members for approval or disapproval.



PETER C. BJARKMAN

Position: Vice President

Occupation: Writer

SABR Experience: Latin America Committee Chairman and member since 1983.

Statement: At this crucial time in the history of our organization, after several months of confusion and flux surrounding the change in Executive

Director and movement of the central office, it is essential that dedicated SABR members pull together and work to get the organization moving in new and positive directions. It is especially important that newly elected officers bring fresh ideas to SABR leadership and that such officers have sound working relationships with each of the several apparent factions which have grown up within our organization over the past several years. As a former university administrator with considerable experience in intercultural and interpersonal communications, I believe I can be that kind of officer for SABR. I am also dedicated to several important new directions for SABR: more extensive computerization of our research facilities and resources; more extensive communications with the growing body of Latin American, Canadian and Japanese SABR members; more extensive efforts to assist active SABR researchers in finding appropriate publishing outlets for their valuable work.



LUKE SALISBURY

Position: President

Occupation: Teacher/Writer

SABR Experience: I have been vice president of SABR for the past two years and was secretary before that. I am co-founder of *The SABR Review of Books*.

Statement: The current Board made two personnel decisions that have greatly improved SABR. First was hiring Paul Adomites as Publications Director. Paul is responsible for getting three of four of our publications out on time. The second was hiring Norbert Kraich as Executive Director. Our organization now has a man with association management skills, public relations skills, and a thorough knowledge of the media.

I am against the proposed new constitution. I do not believe Executive Director should be an elected position. The E.D. should be an employee, not a politician currying favor to keep his job. The same is true of the Publications Director. I do not believe members should pay \$10 extra for the privilege of voting. I think the *Bulletin* should contain more, not less, baseball.

I believe in the document written by Bob Davids and the founders of SABR.



RON GABRIEL

Position: Vice President

Occupation: Official with the U.S. Government

SABR Experience: Have been a member of SABR since early 1974; Albany will mark the 15th National Convention I've attended; have attended most regionals in Philadelphia, Reading, Washington, and Baltimore, plus

one in Cooperstown; assisted with 1987 National Convention in Virginia; hosted first SABR Regional, at my home, in Nov. 1974; currently serve on Ballparks Committee; have provided input to By-laws Committee; have given numerous presentations at National Conventions and Regional Meetings.

Statement: It is a privilege to be a candidate for Vice President. I have been an active member of SABR for more than 15 years. My experience and education can be a definite asset to the SABR Board. I hold three university degrees in Business and Management (Ph.D., MBA, and B.S.) and I have served two other professional societies as an elected officer, committee chairperson, and frequent conference speaker. My work background includes: marketing and advertising, budget and finance, and human resources management.

I have the ability to ensure that SABR grows properly in the future — and that means maintaining the **quality** of its research and activities. I would encourage more regional meetings. And . . . these meetings should receive financial support from the National organization — and on a pro rata basis, so that larger groups will get their fair share.

Above all, I will be responsive to the membership — the lifeblood of our Society. I pledge to always be open and accessible — to be available as a resource for all viewpoints and issues. I am confident that, together, we can effectively address the hopes and aspirations of our members.

PRESIDENT

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Richard Puff
Gene Sunnen



NORMAN L. MACHT

Position: Vice President
Occupation: Freelance writer, finance and management teacher
SABR Experience: Chairman, Oral History Committee

STATEMENT: I am a candidate for vice president because I believe it is time for a change. I am dissatisfied with the way SABR has been led in the

past year.

I believe members should be encouraged to attend board meetings and offer their views on agenda matters.

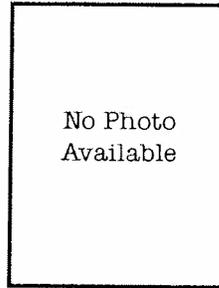
I believe complete minutes should be sent after each board meeting to any member who wants them. There are not secrets in SABR.

I believe there should be no expenditure outside of budget limits and categories without the approval of a separate finance committee that includes no board members.

I believe a mail ballot for elections should be adopted.

I believe in limited terms for officers and directors covering all positions held. I do not believe in perpetual officeholders.

I believe the primary purpose of SABR is the encouragement, assisting and dissemination of the results of baseball research, and all financial and organizational activities should be measured by how they contribute toward that end.



JOHN SCHWARTZ

Position: Vice President
Statement: Baseball research was my hobby long before I joined SABR in 1977. The organization has grown a thousandfold since that time. I have published several articles in the *SABR Journal*, and have participated in many research efforts, including the ongoing project to record the names of

major leaguers hit-by-pitch in the 1897-1908 period. The vice president of SABR is in a good position to facilitate the cooperative research efforts of the organization and its various committees. The annual convention, the numerous regional meetings, the *SABR Bulletin* and other publications, are all vehicles for the dissemination of research. As vice president I would encourage the purchase of research materials, such as the microfilmed newspapers listed as sources in the *Macmillan Encyclopedia*. I would work to see each committee of the Society publish news of its current projects and its recent findings in each edition of the *SABR Bulletin*. I would have each committee advertise its research needs, so as to increase the number of members who can actually take part in the Society's accomplishments. Baseball research can be both enjoyable and rewarding.



RICHARD A. PUFF

Position: Director
Occupation: Assistant Director of Public Relations, Albany Medical Center, Albany, NY

Statement: I am extremely interested in assuming a position on the SABR Board of Directors. The Society has reached a critical stage in its history and it needs the proper leadership to help continue that growth.

I believe I can help provide that leadership. I have been extremely involved in SABR for the last eight years in many different roles — such as helping to organize a chapter, providing editorial contributions, coordinating a convention, and compiling research. Professionally, I have worked as a staff member for several boards of directors of nonprofit organizations and I well understand association management.

The Society can become an even greater force in the area of baseball research; the SABR name can be spread further and can become more familiar to all baseball fans; its publications can be improved and expanded; and a variety of special projects can be undertaken to help perpetuate baseball history.



GENE SUNNEN

Position: Director
Occupation: Minor League Baseball Executive

SABR Experience: SABR President 1986, 1987, 1988; Chairman, 1985 SABR National Convention, Founder of Northern California SABR Chapter, Organizer of Regional Meetings, 1983, 1984

Statement: I bring to this candidacy my experience as President, the leadership that I have developed, and the contracts and friendships that I have forged in the past three years as SABR's Chief Executive.

My style has been that of a consensus builder. The Board has been able to move past divisive battles amongst ourselves. We have avoided personal agendas and focused on accomplishing items that we believe are in the best interests of the Society.

Through our unity the Board has had the confidence to make difficult decisions, knowing that each Board member, with our different perspectives and temperaments, has participated in each decision.

The heart of the democratic system revolves around majority rule, while ensuring that minority voices are heard and their rights upheld. I have tried to be true to this spirit.

By endorsing the vote by mail amendment, opening up Board meetings to members, and publishing Board summaries in the *Bulletin*, I feel my administration has furthered these democratic ideals. I look forward to the opportunity of serving as a Director.

Baseball South of the Border: Latin America's Big League Connection

Peter C. Bjarkman, SABR Latin America Committee Chair

Mere mention of baseball's rich Latin American flavor conjures three areas of scholarly interest — Latin American influence in the big leagues, winter league ball, and the intimate connections between Latin stars (especially Cubans) and once thriving Negro League play. While the major league phase of baseball's Latin connection is impressionistically more familiar to SABR researchers and baseball historians of any ilk, little information has actually been codified and committed to print. How many Latin players have reached the big leagues? Who was the first? Which countries have historically had greatest impact? Which teams have maintained the most productive Latin American connections? Who are the greatest among Latin ballplayers and how do they compare with other big league stars?

From the honor roll of brilliant shortstops in the 1950s (Carrasquel, Aparicio, Leo Cardenas, Willie Miranda, Chico Fernandez, Jose Valdivielso, Ruben Amaro, Jose Pagan, Zoilo Versalles), to the strong-armed hurlers (Marichal, Cuellar, Tiant) and adept batsmen (Clemente, Cepeda, Minoso, Carty) of the 1960s, on to the current crop of Spanish-speaking superstars (Canseco, Valenzuela, George Bell), the Latin American impact on the majors has been inescapable in recent decades. During the 1980s, especially, the flow of baseball talent from south of the border has reached near floodtide proportions, and would be far greater yet if not for U.S. immigration policies limiting current foreign-born players to 500.

Baseball is the ultimate game of statistics, of course, and with Latin immigration the numbers speak for themselves. *Baseball America's* 1985 survey of the major league farm systems revealed that 349 professional players under contract to major league teams (in June 1985) claimed Latin birthright. Among that number: 163 Dominicans, 93 Puerto Ricans, 52 Venezuelans, 18 Mexicans, 10 Panamanians, 9 Cubans, 3 Colombians, and one single Nicaraguan. Toronto's Blue Jays, with 34 Latins (23 Dominicans), led all clubs in Latin recruitment, followed at some distance by the Pirates with 25 (18 Dominicans). The Dominican connection (highlighted by George Bell's 1987 MVP season) has long been the showcase of the Latin talent pool and the tiny village of San Pedro de Macoris has itself supplied over 270 talented prospects (15 current big leaguers) during the past two decades.

When the boys of summer once again launched Grapefruit and Cactus League play early this year, a total of 156 Latin players (14.8% of 1040) stocked 40-man rosters for the 26 major league clubs. This breaks down to 96 American Leaguers (16.8%) and 60 National Leaguers (12.5); Toronto again boasts the largest number (14) of Hispanic players, while Texas (10) and Los Angeles (10) also check in with a full one-quarter of their preseason rosters comprised of Latins. Only one major league team, in fact, did not carry a single Latin-born player south for spring games this year — the Chicago Cubs, who have traded away Cuban-born Rafael Palmeiro and Jamaican Rolando Roomes to sweep their current roster clean of Caribbean influence. The current crop of Latin American major leaguers in Spring Training totals: 53 are pitchers, 13 catchers, 58 infielders, and 32 flycatchers.

If the Blue Jays, under the administration of GM Pat Gillick and superscout Epy Guerrerro, have fostered the largest recent pool of Latin players, it was of course the Washington Senators of the late 1940s and early 1950s who first exploited the rich vein of Caribbean and South American baseball talent. Scout Joe Cambria opened up the Cuban connection for Clark Griffith's lowly Senators in the immediate postwar period, and at a time when the Senators maintained only six farm clubs and three full-time scouts (by far the lowest in the majors) and chose to scout seriously only along the eastern seaboard region

and throughout the Caribbean. While Griffith's penny-pinching plan for garnering cheap talent won few ballgames for the hapless Nats of the 50s, the influx of superb Latin players like Pascual, Ramos, Valdeviello, Becquer, Paula, Consuegria, Fornieles, and dozens more, not only salvaged the ailing Washington franchise but also opened the eyes of competing GMs to the seemingly rich and untapped pool of Latin American player talent.

Latin American immigration into the big leagues did not actually begin with the Senators of course. The first recorded Latin big leaguer? — Esteban Enrique Bellan, later the recognized father of Cuban baseball, who patrolled several infield positions for the National Association's Troy Haymakers and New York Mutuals between 1871 and 1873. A recent invaluable computerized listing compiled by **Richard Topp** of the SABR Biography Committee reveals a total of 475 Latin major leaguers following Esteban Bellan (through 1988), and with the following distributions by birthplace: 125 Cubans, 120 Puerto Ricans, 108 Dominicans, 45 Mexicans, 43 Venezuelans, 25 Panamanians (with 4 from the Canal Zone, including Rod Carew), 5 Nicaraguans, 3 Colombians and one Honduran (Gerald Young, now with the Houston Astros). Nearly one-quarter of that number are present major leaguers.

While the tradition of Latin players is thus long and proud, any survey of Latin statistical leaders indicates few stars before the breaking of the major league color barrier in 1947. Dolfe Luque was the first genuine Latin star, the first Latin player, in fact, to appear in World Series play (pitching for the Reds against the ill-fated 1919 Black Sox). Luque is also the only pre-1950s-era player to make in the composite listings (see sidebars) of all-time Latin big-league pitching and hitting leaders. Among these statistical leaders, only Pascual, Ramos, Pizarro, Minoso, Alou, Cepeda and Clemente played at all before 1960.

Any overview article of this scope seems to demand an "all-time all-star" team and I have not shrunk from that obligation here — although adopting all the usual caveats, of course. Shortstop and third base seem the most controversial selections, due to an excess of flamboyant Latin shortstops during the 1950s (William Curran suggests they added "the panche of the matador to the middle infield") as well as to the dearth of quality candidates at the hot corner. I find my defense in Bill Curran (*Mitts: A Celebration of the Art of Fielding*) who chooses Aparicio (the perpetuator of more double plays — 1,553 — than any shortstop in history) as his premier shortstop of any race, color, or ethnic heritage. Aurelio Rodriguez is also singled out by Curran for his magic glove which always cancelled out his notoriously impotent bat and made him one of the finest defenders ever to play the game. The remaining "dream" lineup requires the usual juggling of outfielders (none of the best Latinos seemed to find a natural home in centerfield). The managerial choice, of course, is the best available from altogether slim pickings. Hall-of-Famer Alfonso Lopez, winner of two pennants during the 1950s and never finishing lower than 2nd that entire decade, as pilot of the White Sox and Indians, was born in the Spanish-speaking district of Tampa and therefore is Latin American by the stretch of family heritage alone.

Baseball's legions of historians have remained surprisingly mute on the legacy of Latin American players in the evolution of modern-day big league ball. No single book-length study has yet been attempted, and only the rare Spanish-language *Archivo de Baseball* (Dominican Republic, 1977) by Dr. Jose Jimenez Jr. gives any extensive coverage to Latin players enjoying successful big league careers. Angel Torres (*The Baseball Bible*, Los Angeles, 1984) provides an entertaining year-by-year baseball

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history which interweaves considerable information about Latin players with standard synopsis of the national pastime. Luis Tiant, Juan Marichal (two), and Roberto Clemente (with eight) have enjoyed well-written English-language biographies which shed considerable light on the struggles of Latin players combating culture shock and prejudice alike in the big leagues. Clemente (with Juan Marichal, Latin America's only genuine major league Hall-of-Famer to date) is of course himself the composite Babe Ruth, Ty Cobb and Pete Rose of Latin baseball; but this adored Puerto Rican national sporting and culture hero was only the foremost stellar representative within a noble tradition of foreign players — recruits from South of the Border who have graced our national pastime with an ever-welcomed international flavor.

DREAM TEAM

1B	Orlando Cepeda	1958-74	Puerto Rico	(.297, 2351 H, 379 HR)	Giants
2B	Tony Taylor	1958-76	Cuba	(.261, 2007 H, 75 HR)	Phillies
3B	Aurelio Rodriguez	1967-83	Mexico	(.237, 1570 H, 124 HR)	Tigers
SS	Luis Aparicio	1956-73	Venezuela	(.262, 2677 H, 83 HR)	Chisox
LF	Orestos Minofo	1949-80	Cuba	(.298, 1963 H, 186 HR)	Chisox
CF	Tony Oliva	1962-76	Cuba	(.304, 1917 H, 220 HR)	Twins
RF	Roberto Clemente	1955-72	Puerto Rico	(.317, 3000 H, 65 HR)	Pirates
C	Manny Sanguillen	1967-80	Panama	(.296, 1500 H, 65 HR)	Pirates
RHP	Juan Marichal	1960-74	Dominican	(243-142, 2.89 ERA)	Giants
RHP	Adolfo Luque	1914-35	Cuba	(193-179, 3.24 ERA)	Reds
LHP	Mike Cuellar	1959-76	Cuba	(185-129, 3.12 ERA)	Orioles
LHP	Juan Pizarro	1957-74	Puerto Rico	(131-105, 3.44 ERA)	Braves
DH	Rod Carew	1967-85	Panama	(.328, 3053 H, 92 HR)	Twins
PH	Manny Mota	1962-82	Dominican	(.304, 1149 H, 31 HR)	Dodgers
Utility:	Vic Power	1954-65	Puerto Rico	(.284, 1716 H, 126 HR)	Athletics
Utility:	Cesar Tovar	1965-76	Venezuela	(.278, 1546 H, 46 HR)	Twins
Manager:	Preston Gomez	1969-80	Cuba	(346-529, 7 yrs.)	Giants

BATSMEN

(Minimum of 1000 games played, through 1987)

Batter	Years	BA	G	AB	H	HR	RBI	SLG
Carew, Rod (Pan)	1967-85	.328	2469	9315	3053	92	1015	.429
Clemente, Roberto (PR)	1955-72	.317	2433	9454	3000	240	1305	.475
Alou, Matty (DR)	1960-74	.307	1667	5789	1777	31	427	.381
Oliva, Tony (Cuba)	1962-76	.304	1676	6301	1917	220	947	.476
Mota, Manny (DR)	1962-82	.304	1536	3779	1149	31	438	.389
Carty, Rico (DR)	1963-79	.299	1651	5606	1677	204	890	.464
Minofo, Orestos (Cuba)	1949-80	.298	1841	6579	1963	186	1023	.459
Cepeda, Orlando (PR)	1958-74	.297	2124	7927	2351	379	1365	.499
Sanguillen, M (Pan)	1967-80	.296	1448	5062	1500	65	585	.398
Alou, Felipe (DR)	1958-74	.286	2082	7339	2101	206	852	.433
Gonzalez, Tony (Cuba)	1960-71	.286	1559	5195	1485	103	615	.413
Cedeno, Cesar (DR)	1970-86	.285	2006	7310	2087	199	976	.443
Cruz, Jose (PR)	1970-87	.285	2315	7837	2235	164	1070	.422
Power, Vic (Puerto Rico)	1954-65	.284	1627	6046	1716	126	658	.411

HURLERS

(Minimum of 1500 Innings Pitched, through 1987)

Pitcher	Years	W	L	Pct.	ERA	IP	SO	BB
Marichal, Juan (DR)	1960-74	243	142	.631	2.89	3509	2303	709
Tiant, Luis (Cuba)	1964-82	229	172	.571	3.30	3486	2416	1104
Luque, Adolfo (Cuba)	1914-35	193	179	.519	3.24	3220	1130	918
Cuellar, Mike (Cuba)	1959-77	185	130	.587	3.14	2808	1632	822
Pascual, Camilo (Cuba)	1954-71	174	170	.506	3.63	2930	2167	1069
Pizarro, Juan (PR)	1957-74	131	105	.555	3.43	2034	1522	888
Andujar, Joaquin (DR)	1976-87	125	113	.525	3.57	2074	997	710
Martinez, Dennis (Nic)	1976-87	122	103	.542	4.12	2018	1005	651
Ramos, Pedro (Cuba)	1955-70	117	160	.422	4.08	2355	1305	724
Soto, Mario (DR)	1977-87	97	85	.533	3.41	1643	1415	629

From The Executive Director:

I am excited about SABR. I am excited about the opportunity we have to make SABR the preeminent organization in baseball.

As your Executive Director, I can assure you that efforts are already underway to make certain SABR continues to be the most meaningful membership organization in the country. The Executive Board and I have begun to work very closely together in a number of areas regarding SABR publications, activities, programs and meetings so that they are the best they can be.

One of the first activities we have undertaken is to begin to develop some long-range strategic planning for the organization.

We are also beginning efforts to make the already outstanding publications and materials that SABR produces even more special and, most importantly, make certain that they get to you, the members, on time and on a consistent basis.

Our regional and annual meetings have been well-received and well-attended by our members. We are working on adding more regularly scheduled regional meetings across the country so all SABR members will have the opportunity to participate. Our Annual Convention just gets better each year and will continue to do so.

We are also hard at work on ways to increase non-dues income for the Society so that we can offer even more outstanding products and services to our members.

As I get more involved with the Society, I plan to meet and talk with as many of you as I can. The Board and I want to hear from you. We want your thoughts on what you want from SABR, what will make it an even better organization to belong to, and most importantly, we want your continued participation in SABR.

Thanks for your interest in the Society for American Baseball Research. I can assure you I will do everything possible to keep your interest.

Norbert Kraich
Executive Director

BOOKSHELF

John Thorn and **Pete Palmer** were chagrined to learn that due to a printing error some pitchers whose last name begins with "Z" were dropped from the first press run of *Total Baseball*. They have prepared an errata slip giving all the data for the affected pitchers and will be pleased to send one free of charge to any purchaser of *Total Baseball* who writes to **John** at: Baseball Ink, 18 Virginia Avenue, Saugerties, NY 12477.

"*Who Was Who In Cleveland Baseball 1901-10*," by **John Phillips**, has biographies — many in considerable detail — of all the players who played for the Blues/Naps AL franchise in 1901-10, the era of Joss, Moore, Bradley and Lajoie; send \$18.50 to CPC, 8105 MacArthur Blvd., Cabin John, MD 20818.

Long-time SABR member **Dan Schlossberg** (D13, 77 Brook Avenue, Passaic, NJ 07055) is back on the bookshelves this spring with *The Baseball IQ Challenge* (Contemporary, 224 pp., \$7.95) and the *Baseball Catalog* (Jonathan David, 320 pp., \$14.95). Members who add \$1 postage may receive autographed copies directly from Dan. Both volumes are on sale at major book outlets nationwide.

Barbara Gregorich's novel, *She's on First*, is out of print in hardback. (Paperback copies are available at bookstores for \$4.50.) The SABR member price for the out-of-print hardback is \$6. Make checks payable to **Barbara**, 1660 N. LaSalle, #302, Chicago, IL 60614.

Herman Krabbenhoft, publisher of *Baseball Quarterly Reviews*, is offering to SABR members selected single issues (press overruns) at the special price of just \$4.00 each (or 2 for \$7.00 or 3 for \$10.00). A potential savings of nearly 45%. SABR members (ONLY) can write for a complete list of issues (and brief abstracts of the research reports contained therein) available. Write to *Baseball Quarterly Reviews*, P.O. Box 9343, Schenectady, NY 12309.

The latest books from Horton Publishing include a reprint of **George L. Moreland's** *Balldom* "The Britannica of Baseball" originally published in 1914 (\$35 each plus \$3.00 postage) and the *Sporting News Baseball Record Books*, reprints of the 1937-1940 issues at \$10 each (set of all 4 - \$36). Add \$3.00 per order for postage and write Horton Publishing Company, P.O. Box 29234, St. Louis, MO 63126.

ALBANY CONVENTION TO BE BEST EVER

Chairman **Richard Puff** reminds all members it's not too late to register for SABR Convention XIX, June 23-26, 1989. It promises to be the best ever. In addition to American League President Bobby Brown, a trip to Cooperstown and the Eastern League All-Star Game, members can also attend the Eastern League All-Star Luncheon, 12:00 noon, Monday, June 26, at the convention hotel. Call Albany Yankees at 518/869-9236 for details. Contact **Puff** at 1494 New Scotland Road, Slingerlands, NY 12159, (518/439-7297 **evenings only**) for Convention Registration details.

RESEARCH HELP WANTED

Mike Oleksak, SABR Latin American Committee member, is finishing his manuscript for *100 Years of Latin Baseball*, a project he began in 1984. He requests help from any SABR member who might have access to Puerto Rican Winter League Statistics. **Mike** can be reached at 213/687-2203 (office).



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ALBANY 1989: A ROOKIE'S IMPRESSION

by Charles Stinnett

My Delta flight arrived two hours late Thursday evening in Albany without my luggage. Arriving at the hotel all I expected was a half-hearted greeting from a sleepy desk clerk. But, over in a lobby corner, I heard baseball chatter coming from a small group who came here, as the brochure had said, to "eat, talk, sleep and breathe baseball." Right then I was sure that my first SABR convention would measure up to all I'd heard.

After registering on Friday morning I got one of the "8 Men Out" buttons being passed around the lobby. Clever advertising for Eliot Asinof, I thought. How little I knew. Later I got a handout sheet entitled "Recall the Board of Directors. End Secret and Arbitrary Government." Oops! For sure Saturday's promise of a spicy business meeting would bring out the delegates.

Friday afternoon's program offered numerous research presentations and a panel featuring Eliot Asinof, author of *Eight Men Out*; Bill Curran, author of *Mitts*; Bill Littlefield, National Public Radio commentator; and baseball poet Paul Weinman. In response to the question "Was Pete Rose set up and does what he did relate to the Black Sox scandal?" Asinof responded: "Pete, to our knowledge never fixed a game. You cannot compare his case to the 1919 scandal. Bar him for life? Pete was a street kid, tough, the essence of a self-made man. He made himself a great ball player. Now, after his playing days are over he has all those guys hanging on him thinking he's got a lot of money." On Shoeless Joe, "Sure I'd reinstate him. I won't say he was innocent. He did confess and I have the written confession. But, he didn't confess to making bad plays, because he didn't make any in that 1919 series. If the others had done like Joe, the Sox would have beat Cincinnati." On another subject, he is against the DH rule. "If there had been a DH rule in 1912 we'd never have heard of sluggers like Babe Ruth, George Sisler, Lou Gehrig, Bill Terry or Stan Musial as they started out as pitchers."

In an adjoining room there were nine simultaneous research presentations taking place. One could hear discussions and presentations of mysteries, fiction, poetry, players' salaries, statistical analyses, economics and computers. Others included the Canadian-American League, the overstocking of Cooperstown and Negro leagues. Between presentations, delegates were treated to displays of a wide assortment of books and articles, many written by SABR members. Particularly, I enjoyed the exhibits from the Canadian Baseball Hall of Fame at Toronto. They had bats from the turn of the century through Heinie Groh's bottle bat and the Babe's 46-ounce piece of lumber.

On Saturday the business meeting was played out to a S.R.O. crowd. A planned three-hour meeting stretched out to seven hours and dovetailed into the afternoon seminars causing rescheduling. Delegates had to choose between the meeting and hearing presentations on Walter Johnson's 1907 record, Juan Marchial's great career, Yankee lead-off hitters, fantasy leagues and a host of others.

As I gathered it, the dissenters had other grievances but the main focus was their dismay over the Board's ousting last spring of SABR Executive Director Lloyd Johnson. Many made soapbox speeches, including the candidates and SABR members. I liked what **Ginger Lyon** of Atlanta said. "The Board, like so many of us, may have come up short of expectations. With that in mind, I say we should leave the bums in for another term." It was one of the few tension breakers of the day. But, like all fair fights between reasonable people, this one mercifully ended peacefully.

Albany Mayor Thomas M. Whalen, III proclaimed June 24, 1989 as Baseball Research Day. The banquet that night was another highlight as members filled the room to enjoy splendid fare and settle back for a delightful talk by Dr. Bobby Brown,

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I'd like to thank the membership for their patience and endurance through one of SABR's longest business meetings ever in Albany. I think **Gene Sunnen** deserves a lot of praise for the manner in which he conducted that meeting. I'd also like to thank Gene for his services as President for the past few years. A thank-you goes also to **John Pardon** for his long service to the board and to SABR.

I appreciate the opportunity to serve you as SABR's President and I must thank you for all the congratulations and support I have received from members during and since the convention.

My goal for the society is simple, promotion and streamlining of the society. I hope my two years as chairman will be fruitful. I would appreciate any suggestions and comments in the way **OUR** society is to run.

I am looking forward to working with you and for you.



Rich Topp
President

CONVENTION CHAIRMAN REPORT



The Bob Davids Award presented to Pete Palmer (1. to r., Rich Puff, Palmer, Frank Phelps, Gene Sunnen, Bobby Brown).

one high point of the convention. Instead, each part of the convention shone in its own excitement.



SABR-Macmillan Award winners: (1. to r.) Marc Okkonen, Bill Deane, Ken Samelson (Macmillan), Paul Dickson.

ing the annual banquet. **Pete Palmer** received the Society's highest honor, the Bob Davids Award, for his long-time service to SABR and to researching the game. Additionally, **Marc Okkonen, Bill Deane** and **Paul Dickson** received the prestigious SABR-Macmillan Awards. **Marc** was honored for his work which resulted in the recently published book, *The Federal League*, while the award to **Bill** cited his efforts in the recent SABR publication on awards and **Paul** received the honor for his recently published *Dickson's Baseball Dictionary*.

The superlatives continue to stream in from many of the more than 500 people who attended SABR XIX in Albany, New York, June 23 through June 26.

By the final day of the convention, 504 people had shared in the 96 hours of nonstop baseball. There also were 20 additional special guests who participated in the weekend event. More than 20 percent of those who attended were not even SABR members. Almost 40 states and provinces were represented during the convention in addition to attendees coming from as far away as Berlin, West Germany and England.

It would be difficult to cite just

Many compliments also were showered on *The Empire State of Base Ball*, a fabulous 60-page book featuring 20 articles on baseball in New York state put together for the convention.

More than three dozen rare photographs from baseball's early days (1860-1890) also are included in the book. Anyone who did not attend the convention may purchase copies of the book for \$7.50 from the SABR office.

In addition, several significant awards were presented dur-



Trivia Contest Winners: (1. to r.) Tom Zocco, Scott Flatow, Dick Thompson, Alan Blumkin.



Trivia runners up: (1. to r.) Mark Kanter, Eddie Gold, Ron Liebman, Ted Dittulio.

Richard Puff

BOARD REPORT

During the Albany Convention the Board met on Friday evening and on Monday. The Annual Business Meeting occurred on Saturday, lasting 7½ hours. The highlights of those meetings are as follows:

Friday Board Meeting (Old Board)

1. Reports were received. Skip McAfee reported that transition expenses due to the change of executive director and move of the headquarters office were \$8,394.00 to date.
2. The Treasurer and Executive Director were authorized to engage accounting services in the Maryland area at a cost not to exceed the current line item.

Saturday Business Meeting (Membership)

1. The agenda was amended to include a recall proposal.
2. Reports were received from the Board, but Research Committee reports were deferred.

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3. The rules were suspended and a motion was made by Jeffrey L. Greenspan that all SABR Officers and Directors be recalled from their respective positions and that the positions be declared vacant; that elections for the positions declared vacant be held at the 1989 Convention, with all Directors and/or Officers who have been recalled being eligible to run for election to any office for which they are eligible under the SABR Constitution and Bylaws. During discussion, Mr. Greenspan gave reasons for the motion; expenditure by the board for items not approved or known by members such as attorneys and parliamentary fees; an issue of secrecy — the process by which the board operated and not informing members. It was voted that the recall could occur without due process. It was voted that a ⅔ majority vote was needed for the recall. After much discussion, the recall failed (receiving less than a majority vote).
4. During the nominations, John Holway and Gene Sunnen withdrew from the elections. Richard Topp was nominated for President from the floor by Lloyd Johnson. The following were duly elected:
 - President: Richard Topp (7418 N. Harlem Ave., Chicago, IL 60648; Phone 312-774-6023)
 - Vice President: Ron Gabriel (5512 Cornish Rd., Chevy Chase, MD 20814; Phone 301-654-7155)
 - Director: Richard Puff (1494 New Scotland Rd., Slingerlands, NY 12159; Phone 518-439-7297)
5. The Constitution Amendments, presented in the April *Bulletin*, were voted as follows:
 - Board to set foreign members surcharge postage, submitted by the Board - passed.
 - Mail vote for election of Officers and Directors, submitted by Ron Gabriel - passed.
 - Replacement Constitution, submitted by John Holway - failed.
6. The Membership passed a resolution that the Board establish an editorial board. (The Membership was informed of a new Publications Committee which was created in April to advise and oversee publications. Appointments to this committee will be made by the new President.)
7. The Membership passed, by acclamation, a resolution that SABR express its gratitude to former executive director, Lloyd Johnson, and president, Gene Sunnen, for their dedication and service to SABR.

Monday Board Meeting (New Board), Action Items

1. Appointed Mark Alvarez (Box 736, Woodbury, CT 06798) interim librarian for the Microfilm Lending Library.
2. Named Richard Puff, Bill Carle, and Norbert Kraich to review and suggest upgrading the SABR Office computer system.
3. Revised the dues notification schedule, with the first notices for the 1990 dues being mailed October 1.
4. Moved that the Board express its extreme displeasure that a donor's check to SABR was not deposited or acknowledged for two months and that the Board was not apprised of the situation. The motion passed 3 (Carle, Gagnon, Levin) to 2 (Gabriel, Daniels) with 3 abstentions (Topp, Puff, McAfee).
5. Established an Awards Committee to monitor the society's existing awards program and to review proposals for and recommend new awards.
6. Appointed Bob Tiemann editor of *The National Pastime*.
7. Appointed Gary Skoog the sole Computerization Committee Chairman.
8. Heard ideas from several members:
 - Norman Macht — dates and sites of future board meetings set far in advance, announced in *Bulletin* with procedure for affecting agenda, asked for more money to be available for various committees research activities
 - Blair Perry — pointed out board members' inattention to rank-and-file members
 - Gary Skoog — reported Pete Palmer and John Thorn willing to make their database available to SABR members at reasonable fee, will have written proposal for board. Complained of actions by co-chairman with him on Computerization Committee, President Topp appointed him sole chairman
 - Jim Riley — proposed permanent location for SABR headquarters office; expressed concern about publications situation and schedule
 - Dick Clark — requested board consider booklet on Negro League rosters
 - David Pietruszka — proposed promotional campaign to reach professional baseball, particularly minor leagues, to promote SABR. Will prepare proposal for board
 - Steve Nadel — asked for consideration of funding plans for regions based on number of members in region. Will prepare proposal for board.

No Executive Session was held.

The next meeting of the Board will be September 8-10 in Cleveland. Those interested in being on the agenda to address the Board on issues should contact the SABR Office with a written proposal. Those interested in a copy of the agenda, send a SASE to the SABR Office. For complete minutes of the Albany meeting and copies of the reports, send a SASE (65 cents) to the SABR Office: SABR — P.O. Box 470 — Garrett Park, MD 20896.

Submitted by Marge Daniels, Director
(not Board approved)

NAMES IN THE NEWS

... **Tom Knight** recently appeared to talk baseball on New York's WOR morning radio show "Rambling with Gambling", the longest continually running radio program in the history of broadcasting. Tom also emceed a special baseball program at the New York Downtown Athletic Club that honored Mel Allen, Red Barber, Bob Feller, Ed Stack (president of the Hall of Fame) and writer Frank Slocum. . . **Dutch Doyle** is helping auction off the Bruce Foster book collection. Send a SASE to Dutch at 5936 Roosevelt Blvd., Philadelphia, PA 19149 for details. . . SABR member **Steve Gardner** has finished a humorous/serious "Matchbook" entitled "Baseball on the Moon", available for \$2.00 plus \$.65 postage, 823½ West Street, Bloomington, IN 47404.

SABR ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

June 24, 1989
Albany, New York

President Gene Sunnen was in the chair and all the officers and board members were in attendance, as were about 300 members of SABR.

The proposed standing rules of the meeting were adopted as submitted.

A suggested agenda was presented by Sunnen. After being amended by the addition of a recall proposal (approved by a standing vote) and the addition of a question period before the election (approved by voice vote), the amended agenda was adopted.

Annual reports were presented by the president, executive director, publications director, treasurer and Audit Committee chairman. (The Audit Committee chairman, Jon Daniels, announced his resignation.)

Bob Davids gave a report on behalf of the special committee appointed to aid the Hall of Fame Veterans Committee.

Jeffrey Lee Greenspan moved that all SABR officers and directors be recalled from their respective positions and that the positions be declared vacant; that elections for the positions declared vacant be held at the 1989 convention, with all directors and/or officers who have been recalled being eligible to run for election to any office for which they are eligible under the SABR Constitution and bylaws.

Sunnen moved that it was within the rules to recall the officers and directors without due process. The motion was passed.

A proposed amendment to the main motion, requiring that the vote be by mail ballot to be distributed in the next *SABR Bulletin*, was ruled not in order.

A motion to close debate on the main motion was defeated.

Sunnen ruled that a two-thirds majority was needed for the main motion to carry. A motion appealing his ruling was defeated.

A motion to close debate on the main motion was passed.

On a standing vote, the main motion (recall of officers and board) was defeated.

The meeting proceeded to nomination and election of officers. Barry Mednick chaired the nominating committee.

President: The nominating committee presented the names of John Holway and Luke Salisbury. Holway withdrew his candidacy. Rich Topp was nominated from the floor.

Vice President: The nominating committee presented the names of Peter Bjarkman, Ron Gabriel, Norman Macht and John Schwartz. There were no nominations from the floor.

Director: The nominating committee presented the names of Richard Puff and Gene Sunne. Sunnen withdrew his candidacy. There were no nominations from the floor.

The vote was by paper ballot. The results were as follows:

For president: Topp 101 votes; Salisbury 90; Holway 15; Gene Sunnen 1; Lloyd Johnson 1; 15 ballots invalid.

For vice president: Gabriel 86 votes; Bjarkman 62; Macht 54; Schwartz 20, 1 ballot invalid.

For director: Puff 201 votes; Sunnen 12; Lloyd Johnson 1; Rob Gabriel 1; 8 ballots invalid.

The meeting next took up three proposed amendments to the SABR Constitution and bylaws.

1. Allowing the executive board to set the dues surcharge for foreign members (submitted by the board): Passed by voice vote.

2. Allowing voting by mail for SABR officers and directors (submitted by Ron Gabriel): Passed by standing vote.

3. Proposing a new constitution (submitted by John Holway). Defeated by voice vote.

Jeffrey Lee Greenspan submitted a resolution requiring that the executive board immediately establish an editorial board as set forth in Article 5, Section B of the SABR bylaws. The resolution was passed by a vote of 39 to 35.

Gloria Perry submitted a resolution stating that SABR express its gratitude to Lloyd Johnson and Gene Sunnen for their dedication and service to SABR. Passed by acclamation.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

Leonard I. Levin
Secretary

All-Mac/Mc All-Star Team

Skip McAfee

Earlier this year, I sent questionnaires to 180 SABR members whose last names begin with "Mc" or "Mac", asking them to select an "All-Mac/Mc All-Star Team." A total of 56 questionnaires (31%) were returned.

Since there were several outstanding McManagers, I asked for a ranking of the top four. Based on 4 points for first place to one point for 4th place, John McGraw (178 points) emerged as the All-Mac/Mc Manager, nosing out Joe McCarthy (160.5) and Connie Mack (138). Bill McKechnie (81.5) was a distant fourth. Five members included John McNamara.

At first base, Willie McCovey appeared on 44 ballots. Stuffy McInnis (7) was a distant second. Incidentally, McCovey got 6 votes for outfielder and one for DH: his appearance on 51 ballots made him the top vote-getter of all the Mac/Mc players.

Second base proved to be the closest second. Dick McAuliffe (18) squeaked past Marty McManus (15) and Bid McPhee (15).

Roy McMillan (34) is the shortstop, backed up by Ed McKean (12).

We have a playing manager as McGraw took third base (34) over Gil McDougald (12) and Ken McMullen (7). Since McDougald garnered 26 votes at three infield positions, he'll be the utility infielder.

The top three outfielders are Hal McRae (31), Tommy McCarthy (31), and Barney McCosky (29). I did not ask for a designated hitter, but since 7 additional voters listed McRae as DH, I'll replace him in the outfield with Willie McGee (23). Other vote-getters included Bake McBride (21) and Kevin McReynolds (14). Even Austin McHenry got a vote.

For catcher, Tim McCarver (42) overwhelmed Deacon McGuire (13). I don't know why.

The pitching staff will have Joe McGinnity (45) starting from the right side and Dave McNally (43) from the left side. Lefty Sam McDowell (11) is also available. The number one relief pitcher is Tug McGraw (23); if he needs help, there's Lindy McDaniel (20) and Don McMahan (12).

SABR members didn't stop with the starting nine. Several suggested additions to the squad, and to the game itself. For example:

Pinch Hitters: Moose McCormick, Frank McCormick

Coaches: Dave McKay, Gordon MacKenzie

Owner: John McMullen

Trader: Jack McKeon

Umpires: Bill McGowan, Bill McKinley

Broadcaster (when the Deacon is catching): Tim McCarver

Center: Bob McAdoo

Forward: Xavier McDaniel

Guard: Dick McG — oops, wrong sport!

Sponsor: Spuds McKenzie

Vendor: McDonald's

Black Soxer: Fred McMullin

Non-Mac/Mc: Mickey McMantle

Incarcerated Pianist: Denny McLain

Sabremetrician: Apple Macintosh

Encyclopedia: Macmillan

Controller: John McMichael (suggested by John McMichael of the Texas Rangers)

Baseball Annie: (couldn't find one — any suggestions?)

Longest Name: Calvin Coolidge Julius Cesea Tuskahoma (Buster) McLish

Best Name: Gunner McGunnigle

SABR member Hank MacLean concluded: "Not much to choose from with the Mc's and Mac's. Apparently we do not bend toward baseball as a career. After all the years that baseball has been with us, I was very surprised (shocked) that Mc's and Mac's were a minority! Perhaps we went for more intellectual careers? Bartending? And such?" (My forebears were horse thieves and got exiled to Australia. Another "black sheep" was a Confederate general.)

Now, how about an All "-ski" Team?

Lending Library Update

All SABR members will be pleased to hear that the microfilm lending library has been revitalized and is open for business! SABR member **Mark Alvarez** of Connecticut has taken over direction of this vital SABR service. He reports that all is ready and promises good service to SABR researchers using the library. Many thanks are in order for Tom Heitz for all his work with the library. Members can contact Mark to borrow microfilm or to find out what is available at 33 Washington Avenue, P.O. Box 736, Woodbury, Connecticut 06798.

BOOKSHELF

SABR member **Harold Seymour's** two classic books, *Baseball, The Early Years* and *Baseball, The Golden Years*, have been reissued in softback. 20% discount to SABR members. Contact Scott Tobis at Oxford University press, 200 Madison Avenue, New York, NY 10016 or call 1-800-334-4249 ext. 7237.

The Fall Classics of the 1890's: The Temple Cup of 1894-97 and the Championship Series of 1892 by SABR member **John Phillips**, highly detailed. Send \$18.75 to CPC, 8105 MacArthur Blvd., Cabin John, Maryland 20818.

MINOR LEAGUE COMMITTEE REPORT

The attendance of Sal Artiaga, President of the National Association of Professional Baseball Leagues, highlighted this year's Minor League Committee meeting at the SABR National Convention in Albany, NY.

The Committee and Artiaga discussed ways in which both SABR and the NAPBBL could be of assistance to each other. Both agreed open communication would be beneficial for all.

In addition to Artiaga's appearance, a number of other issues were discussed. They included:

— *Minor League Stars III*. The final list of players to be included is near completion and volunteers are needed for researching. Contacts: **Bob Hoie** or **Bob McConnell**.

— Cities, Affiliations, Leagues Project. This project is being worked on by **Jerry Jackson** and **John Pardon**. Committee attendees had a chance to look over computerized material recently compiled by **Jackson**. The consensus was that there were publication possibilities and they should be explored. Contacts: **Jackson** and **Pardon**.

— A proposed publication on complete records of certain recognizable major league players was presented. Contact: **McConnell**.

— Other subjects mentioned included: A project listing past minor league statisticians as possible resources, a minor league hall of fame, and the Manila Dodgers.

In the absence of Chairman **David Kemp** the meeting was chaired by **Pardon**. Almost 20 attended.

REGIONAL MEETINGS

The Northern California Chapter met recently at the Oakland Coliseum prior to the A's-Brewers game. 35 members and 11 guests heard Radio Ed Oiseth discuss his book, *Where Were You in '62?* Mark Harris described a great unknown baseball novel, *The Last Western*, about a baseball player who goes on to become Pope. **Jules Tygiel** presented research on players who reached base 300 times in one season, and **Rob Wood** talked about his work on the *1989 Baseball Abstract*. **Steve Treder** won the trivia contest with **Steve Souza** finishing second. Elected to office were **Craig Vickers**, president; **Barry Mednick**, vice president; and **Steve Elsberry**, secretary-treasurer.

Northeast Ohio . . . 40 members and guests attended the Jack Graney Chapter Spring meeting at the University of Akron. Presentations were made by University President **William Muse** — *Reflections on the Detroit Tigers*; **James Holl** — *Baseball's Return to Canton*; **Dick McBane** — *Baseball by Mail*; **Bill McMahon** — *Statistical Evaluation of Cleveland Indians' shortstops and third basemen*; **Geoff Beckman** — *Evaluating Minor League Players*; **Mike Sparrow** — *Runs Created*; **Jack Little** — *Distances Between Minor and Major League Cities*; and **Gary Speidel** — *Comparison of Rocky Colavito and Roger Maris*. **Allen Pfenninger** won the trivia contest. . . The Fall Jack Graney Chapter regional meeting takes place Saturday, September 9 at Cleveland Stadium. The meeting starts at 1:00 p.m. The \$25 admission includes dinner and a ticket for that night's game between the Indians and Blue Jays in the Sky View Terrace Room. A tour of the Stadium is included and Indians manager Doc Edwards is expected to answer questions. For details, call **Morris Eckhouse** at 216-381-5976.

WANTED: Full-time editorial/production assistant for Baseball Ink (*Total Baseball*, *The Babe*, other books). Requirements: sports knowledge, writing and research skills, computer literacy, ambition. Relocation to New York's lower Hudson Valley a must. Salary commensurate with skills and experience. Benefits. Write to **John Thorn** at 18 Virginia Avenue, Saugerties, NY 12477.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

President Topp has made the following presidential committee appointments:

Nominating Committee

Tom Jazwik, Chairman
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Norman Blankstein
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Steve McFarland
Estes Park, Colorado

Ron Gabriel
Chevy Chase, Maryland

Bill Carle
Grandview, Missouri

Publications Committee

Richard Puff, Chairman
Slingerlands, New York

Tom Heitz
Cooperstown, NY

Gerald Tomlinson
Lake Hopatcong, New York

Adie Suehsdorf
Sonoma, California

Ralph Horton
St. Louis, Missouri

Audit Committee

Genevieve Duffin, Chairman
Chicago, Illinois

Microfilm Purchasing Committee

Harold Delinger, Chairman
Kansas City, Missouri

Records Committee

John Schwartz, Chairman
Rochester, New York

OBITUARIES

Bruce B. Foster, described as "a consummate collector of baseball information whose hobby became his life work," died April 20 in Philadelphia at age 73. A shipping clerk, he joined SABR in 1979 and attended most of the Philadelphia regionals since then. Over the years he amassed a staggering array of books, periodicals, and newspaper clippings, which became an information source for reporters and fans.

John Bubnick, 73, a SABR member for 15 years, died May 8 in South Plainfield, New Jersey, of Parkinson's disease. A native of New York, he worked as a construction welder until his retirement several years ago. His baseball interest was general. He participated in the 1974 and 1975 conventions at Philadelphia and Boston.

Marvin Rich, aged 59, also a SABR member, passed away on May 11. Marv was neither wealthy, nor famous, nor anything that would make him notable, save one thing: for those who sat in the right-field bleachers at Wrigley Field, he was an institution. For forty-six seasons (since he was a teenager) he inhabited the bleachers, since 1955 — in the same front-row seat. Informed and intelligent about baseball, he would talk for hours to anyone about the fortunes of the Cubs.

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Two excellent publications have just been published by SABR, *The Federal League* by **Marc Okkonen**, and the perennial favorite, *SABR Review of Books*. Both are real winners! If you have friends, neighbors, co-workers or just general baseball fans who want to know what SABR is all about and why they should join, you might share these two publications with them as a convincing demonstration of the Society's worth.

If you know of SABR "members" who say they have not received these two pieces you might ask them to check their dues status to make certain they renewed for the year. If not, tell them to write a check and send it in so they will quit borrowing your copies.

Also, it's not too late to place an ad in the soon-to-be-published SABR directory. This valuable SABR publication has considerable "shelf life" and is an excellent way to reach a dedicated baseball audience with your message for the entire year. Contact the SABR office for more information and details.

Last but not least, a reminder that the next SABR Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for September 8-10 in Cleveland, Ohio. Members who are interested should contact the SABR office for details.

Norbert Kraich
Executive Director

ALBANY 1989: A ROOKIE'S IMPRESSION

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President of the American League. He kept the audience laughing with his Casey Stengel and Yogi Berra stories, "all of them true," he said.

During the question and answer period, he replied to a query about whether the DH rule would remain in the American League. "We've had no ground swell, either way, for a long time. Likely, there'll be no change." The Commissioner will announce expansion plans 90 days after the next labor agreement is signed. I haven't the slightest idea where but I'd say the National League is likely to add a couple teams to match our league's two seven-team divisions."

Reverend Gerald Beirne, SABR member from Warwick, R.I., conducted the baseball trivia contest. Fifty teams were entered. In the semi-finals: Dodgers (**Scott Flatow, Dick Thompson, Tom Zocco** and **Alan Blumkin**) defeated Germans (**Bill Carle, Ed Goldstein, Jon Dainels** and **Jamie Selko**). The Olympians (**Mark Kanter, Ron Liebman, Eddie Gold, Ed Dittulio**) defeated All The President's Men (**Rich Topp, Bill Deane, Bill Burkett** and **Robert Tiemann**). In the finals Dodgers defeated the Olympians.

On Sunday delegates bussed to Cooperstown. One does not pay a causal visit to the Hall of Fame. It takes time, a lot of time. There's the Babe Ruth exhibit, his old locker and that life-size wood carving by Armand LaMontagne. There's only one other like it there. Ted Williams. Who else? Lots of people visit the Hall but it's a quiet place. They read the plaques, view the photos and exhibits but say little. It's a solemn place, the Hall and baseball fans seem to want to pay their reverence.

Scores of SABR delegates walked over to old Doubleday Field to watch a town ball demonstration. It's a strange game but wild and exciting. You strike the ball with a small round stick and run to an upright pole. You get an unlimited number of strikes, and run on any struck ball, fair or foul. You're "out" if any one of the 15 fielders hits you with a thrown ball. If you can advance four poles you have tally. But, make one out and your side has to take the field. Score 21 tallies and the ump in the tall black hat declares your side the winner.

Back at the Hall I encountered a SABR member wearing a "Shoeless Joe Jackson Society" T-shirt. It was **Clarence Burley**, retired trust officer of 37 years from a North Brookfield, Mass. bank. Turns out that **Clarence** is the only member and has the only T-shirt although he is having another one made for a friend. He is not carrying the torch for Shoeless Joe but says "he just wants to make the statement that Joe was found innocent by that jury and it's been almost 70 years. Let's just remember Joe as a great ball player." **Clarence** says he'll be at the 1990 Cleveland SABR convention.

That evening, SABR held its SEVENTH Inning Stretch Picnic at Cooper Park across from the baseball library. The delicious food seemed to be what we all needed after a day on our feet. Then one more trip through the Hall before we loaded the buses for our return trip.

On Monday morning, a panel of writers and publishers discussed ways to get published. Jeff Neuman of Simon and Schuster says the "most difficult thing in a writer's career is convincing the customer to pay \$18 for your book." He said, "only 5% of books ever sell 10,000 copies." Paul Meckler of Meckler Books offered additional discouragement saying "there are 100,000 books out there competing with yours. We publish 125 books a year and only about half a dozen are about baseball." But **John Thorn**, author of *The Babe*, said "There's always room for another good baseball book. At least ten good writers had done books on Ruth but my approach was different and it became a success." **John Holway's** wife tells him that their postman claims they get more mail than anybody. John says, "Those are all my rejections." SABR Publications Director, **Paul Adomites**, also a writer, spoke of his work and outlined some of his objectives for the Society.

Phil Rizzuto spoke at the Monday luncheon which honored the first place Albany Colonie Yankees and the Eastern League All Stars. Everyone knows that Yogi's stories are the best and Phil had a favorite from the four years they roomed together. Yogi got four hits one day and the next morning's sports page credited him with only three. He called the paper and complained. "It was a typographical error," the voice from the newspaper told him. Said Yogi, "That wasn't no error, it was a clean hit." In a more serious note, Phil, who is now 70 and a veteran of nine World Series, told the crowd that "I'm rooting for Pete Rose even though he wasn't a Yankee. They ought to do something for Pete. If he's a compulsive gambler, he should get the same break the kids get who go to rehabilitation. It would really be a shame to keep him out of Cooperstown for all he's done for baseball."

Monday afternoon's ten research presentations closed the convention. "Would Babe Ruth have made Cooperstown if he'd remained a pitcher?" Others presented statistical studies about middle infielders; personnel changes which took teams from last to first within five years and **Eddie Gold** of Chicago recited a poem, "Say It Ain't So, Joe, Say It Ain't So."

That night members went out to see the Eastern League All-Star game, won by Albany 4-3 in 11 innings. Overheard under the grandstand during the pregame rain: **Nancy Jo Leachman**, SABR member from Rochester, Minn., was discussing why she likes minor league baseball, "Down here, under the grandstand you can talk to the players and get autographs — for free. Even the hot dogs taste better in minor league parks."

I thought **Richard Puff** and his committee did an outstanding job coordinating the four-day convention. The two banquets, one ballpark lunch and the Cooperstown picnic were great. There were always enough buses and they were on time. The timekeepers kept the dozens of presentations on schedule. They all maintained our interest. Trivia contests were tough and entertaining and the town ball demonstration was special.

Over 500 SABR members were here to enjoy it all. The rest of you missed one fabulous convention. But, you'll have a shot at the next one in Cleveland next summer. It's centrally located and should break all attendance records.

On my flight back to Daytona Beach a lady on the plane asked me if I'd been away on business or pleasure. "Pleasure, mam," I said, "pure and delightful pleasure."