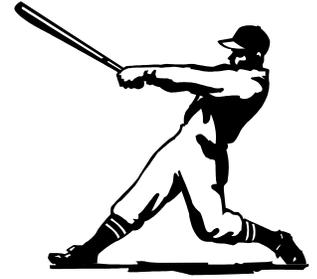




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Words from Mark Armour

After nearly three years as a committee, the Biography Project was overdue for its first newsletter. The fact that almost all of us are on-line has made communication simple and timely, but a newsletter provides us with a better historical record, a way to later look back and measure who we were and how far we have come. We have tried to go down this road a few times. I want to thank Mike Cooney for stepping up and doing the work required to finally get us off the ground.

There are 208 biographies on the web site today, but there are several hundred others that have been “in progress” for more than a year. I would like to urge those of you working on bios to finish them up and send them in. If you are having any difficulties at all, please contact me and I will try to hook you up with the research or writing help that you need.

- *Mark*



An author “should not give up even when criticized unfavorably. No matter who and what they (editors) say, hang in there and keep on plugging”

An author should “have a good relationship with the person who edits your work. He/she can help guide you to worthwhile material, and help craft your article.”

Ralph Berger

Ralph is the author of over 30 biographies, with 27 posted on the Biography Project website. Ralph’s biographies include: Moe Berg, Ping Bodie, Paul Derringer, Dummy Hoy, Hilton Smith, Judy Johnson, Kirby Higbee, and Hank Greenberg.

From the Editor

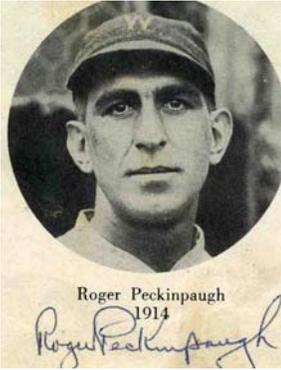
This is the first of what I hope will be many Biography Project newsletters. But, to make this happen, we need the help of each of our members.

I plan to make this an evolving newsletter. That means simply, I plan to make this a newsletter with the content and information you want. In order to do this, I need your

input. If you have any ideas, thoughts, information, or want to see a topic discussed, email me at mwc2002@hotmail.com. Your ideas will make this newsletter “our” newsletter.

I want to thank Bruce Roth, Ralph Berger, and Charlie Bevis for their contributions to this newsletter. I look forward to “your” contribution. - *Mike Cooney*

Bruce Roth - Author of "Larry Schlafly"



Larry Schlafly was the son of my great-grandfather's brother. But, almost as important, he lived most of his life in the same small town where I grew up. My mother used to take me with her to visit his parents in the late 1930's. It seemed pretty boring then, but what I wouldn't give to go back to one of those visits now!

When I heard that SABR was going to initiate this project, I got interested. At that time, about my only knowledge of Larry (Schlafly) were his stats in *Total Baseball*. One reference to the bio-project said (as an example) "if you had a grandfather who played in the Eastern League, write him up." This is very close to that!

A short while before, I had received a reunion list from a cousin, and remembered seeing some Schlaflys in it. I got an address that was Larry's daughter's in the 1960's. My daughter went to the internet and established that the address was still current. Taking a shot in the dark, I wrote a letter to that address. A few weeks after giving up hope of hearing back, I got a letter from Larry Schlafly's granddaughter. Her mother (Larry's daughter) had passed away in 1995. From that time on, she and I have corresponded. She sends me family pictures and postcards. She inspired me to write this bio. She is 82 years old. I hope to meet her face-to-face in May at our hometown high school reunion. *Bruce*

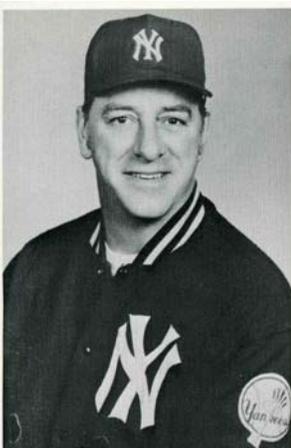
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Ralph Berger - Author of 30 Biographies

I choose my subjects mainly by their interest as human beings, not just as ballplayers. I endeavor to get under their skin as much as possible. I have written a great deal on Jewish players because they have had to overcome some prejudice in their careers. I also try to set the tenor of the times they played in, for example, wars, political, and social contexts. Because I have a strong psychological background, I try to understand the traits of the subject - *Ralph*

Ralph Berger profile:

- Girard College - Graduate
- U of Pennsylvania - BA - Social Science
- Temple University—MA - Public Admin.
- Attended Barnes Foundation for the Arts, Merion, PA
- Executive Director—Redevelopment Authority
- Contract administrator City of Grand Rapids
- Retired



Dale Long - 8 home runs - 8 games

Ralph Berger - favorite Research Tool - Library

- Go on-line for Libraries in area for information concerning subject.
- Go to Library using information gathered on-line.
- Look at bibliography in all sources.
- Use journals and newspapers for information on subject.
- Check for videocassettes on subject.
- Check with Librarians
- Check SABR Publications
- Talk to SABR members.
- Check on-line deadball era for obituaries
- Use National Baseball Hall of Fame library

From the Editor in Chief

Since this is our first newsletter, let me introduce myself. I'm a retired English professor who spent the bulk of his career at Union College in Barbourville, Kentucky, in the heart of Appalachia. I've been a member of SABR since 1994 and regret only that I didn't join sooner. Our son got married in Nashville this past October, our daughter is getting married in Verona, Italy, this coming April, and my wife and I are going crazy (although more quietly than did Russ Hodges one October afternoon in 1951).

Being the first or second person to read each biography that comes in to the BioProject makes me one of the luckiest people in SABR. As of

this writing (January 10) we have 208 completed bios up on our beautifully designed website, an assortment of infinite variety—Hall of Famers, solid everyday players, minor league stars, Negro leaguers, executives, broadcaster, managers, and even men who appeared in only one game.

It's the obscure players who fascinate me. After all, we all know quite a bit about Hall of Famers (halls of fame are for people who are famous, right?) and solid long-time performers, but what about the Luke Stuarts, the Homer Smoots, and the Wally Snells of the world? They were unique individuals with extraordinary stories that you'll remember for a long time. *Jan*

News from SABR

Seymour Medal Conference - The Seventh Annual Seymour Medal Conference will be held May 13-15 at the Radisson Hotel at Gateway in Cleveland, Ohio.

Present your research at SABR 35 - Submissions are still being considered for presentations at the SABR 35 Conference. Papers can be on any aspect of baseball history. Send proposals/questions to Ryan Chamberlain by email at info@sabr.org.

We Salute Our Biography Authors

Al Quimby, Andy McCue, *Bill Bishop*(2), Bill Hickman(2), *Bill Kirwin*, Bill Nowlin(2), *Bob Bailey* (2), Bob Boynton(2), *Bob Rives*(4), Bob Timmermann, *Brian Stevens*, Bruce Roth, *Campbell Gibson*, Charlie Bevis(12), *Christopher Devine*, Cindy Thomson(2), *Clifford Blau*, Cort Vitty(2), *Craig Lammers* (2), Dan Levitt(3), *David Ball*(2), David Cicotello, *David Shiner*, David Vincent(2), *David Anderson*, Denis Repp, *Dick Thompson*(3), Eric Sallee, *Frank Vaccaro*, Fred Stein, *Gabriel Schechter*, Gene Delisio, *Gregory Ryhal*, Harold Higham, J. *Darlin & H. Utley*, Jack Zerby, *James Forr*(2), James Nitz(2), *James Mallinson*, Jan Finkel(5), *Jeffery Katz*, Jim Morgan, *Jim Sandoval*(3), Jim Sargent(4), *Joan Thomas*(2), John Bennett(5), *John Henshell*, John

SABR will develop a how-to-do-baseball-research course to help its members and other baseball researchers more efficiently use their time in baseball archives, including the Hall of Fame.

SABR is adding *The Boston Globe* (1872-1922) and the *Atlanta Constitution* (1868-1925) to the SABR line-up of ProQuest Historical Newspapers

Saccoman(2), *John Thorn*(2), Mike Lackey, Don Geizler, and Mark Dugo, *Len Pasculli*, Lyle Spatz (4), *Mark Armour*(15), Mark Sternman, *Mark Zeigler*, Martin Kohout, *Marty Payne*, Mike Lackey(2), *Norman Macht*(2), Paul & Eric Sallee(3), *Peter Morris*, Philip Von Borries, *RJ Lesch*, Ralph Moses(2), *Ralph Berger*(27), Rick Swaine, *Rob Kirkpatrick*, Robert Schaefer, *Rodney Johnson*, Scott Turner, *Scott Fiesthumel*, Steve Constantelos (2), *Steve Steinberg*, Stew Thornley(7), Stuart Schimler, Tom Simon(6), *Trey Strecker*(3), Utley/Corbett, *Walter Kephart*, Warren Corbett(10), *William Akin*(8), William McMahon, *Zita Carno*.

Thanks to All

Ray Jansen

St. Louis Browns' third baseman Ray Jansen collected four hits in five at-bats in his big league debut on September 30, 1910. He never played another game, closing out his career with a .800 batting average.

Anthony Young

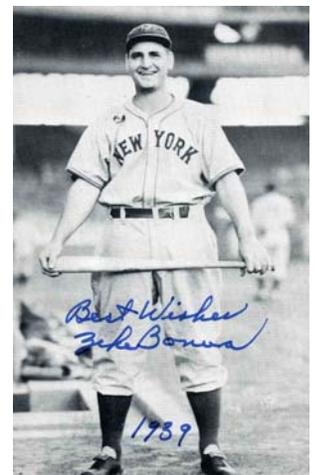
From May 6, 1991 until July 24, 1993, Young lost an incredible twenty-seven straight decisions.

From: *Baseball's most Wanted*

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The Baseball Biography Project (TBBP) is an ongoing effort to produce comprehensive biographical articles on every person who ever played or managed in the major leagues, as well as any other person who touched baseball in a significant way. The project is run by the BioProject Committee of the Society for American Baseball Research. (SABR)

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