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The SABR collegiate committee is alive and well after several dormant years. Thanks to board member Andy McCue's hard work and time spent contacting past committee members (and possible new members), the committee is active again and has some big plans for the future. Co-chairman Rick Benner has defined our overall objectives thusly:

The committee's primary project is the creation, confirmation and update of a searchable database of all major league players who played college baseball. We will be confirming which players played at which schools; what seasons they played at the school; and identify players who did not play at a college ball at all. This type of database has been in the works for many years, thanks to the efforts of former committee chairmen Tom Shea and Cappy Gagnon. Now it is being fine tuned and will be put into a format which will allow committee members and other researchers to see what information has been gathered and what is still needed. We will also provide committee members with a set of standards to follow as well as details needed to narrow down a search. This is an ambitious effort but will be most rewarding and beneficial to all SABR baseball researchers and perhaps even media outlets.

In the interim, if anyone is interested in assisting with this project, please contact me. We'll be looking for people to search college yearbooks, record books and media guides; contact various athletic departments for clarification in person or by phone; look through local newspapers, etc. If you want to help, tell me what area you can help with and I can forward to you what I have.

Other projects under consideration include a history of the College World Series; an alltime register of CWS participants; a history of college baseball; Olympic team rosters; and an index to the amateur draft from 1965 to the present. We would like to know which committee members have an interest in those areas and are certainly would like to know of other projects that interest you. We can now reach other committee members through the e-mail network that has been set up by committee member Bruce Brown or through this newsletter.

The impact of college baseball upon the major leagues continues to be very strong. How about this 2002 major league all-star team made up of collegians?

1B—Jason Giambi (Long Beach State) .314, 41 HRs, 121 RBI  
2B—Jeff Kent (Cal-Berkeley) .313, 37 HRs, 108 RBI  
SS—Nomar Garciaparra (Georgia Tech) .310, 24 HRs, 120 RBI  
3B—Troy Glaus (UCLA) .250, 30 HRs, 111 RBI  
OF—Barry Bonds (Arizona State) .370, 46 HRs, 110 RBI  
OF—Lance Berkman (Rice) .292, 42 HRs, 128 RBI  
OF—Pat Burrell (Miami FL) .282, 37 HRs, 116 RBI  
C—Jason Varitek (Georgia Tech) .266, 10 HRs, 61 RBI  
LHP—Randy Johnson (USC) 24-5, 2.32 ERA, 334 Ks  
RHP—Mike Mussina (Stanford) 18-10, 4.05 ERA, 182 Ks  
Relief—Troy Percival (UC-Riverside) 4-1, 1.92 ERA, 40 saves

Thanks to Biographical Committee chairman Bill Carie for providing his yearly list of players who made their major league debuts. We cross checked his list to see which players came from four year college programs and are providing the list below. Three schools had their first former players reach the majors in 2002: Albertson College of Idaho (Jason Simontacchi), North Carolina-Asheville (Ty Wigginton) and Wilkes University (Kevin Gryboski). Here's the complete list:

JOSH BARD, Texas Tech—Indians  
JASON BEVERLIN, Western Carolina—Tigers  
WILLIE BLOOMQUIST, Arizona State—Mariners  
JOE BORCHARD, Stanford—White Sox  
DEWON BRAZELTON, Middle Tennessee State—Devil Rays  
BEN BROUSSARD, McNeese State—Indians  
RYAN BUKVICH, Mississippi--Royals  
MIKE BYNUM, North Carolina—Padres  
JAMEY CARROLL, Evansville—Expos  
KEVIN CASH, Florida State—Blue Jays  
SCOTT CASSIDY, LeMoyne—Blue Jays  
MATT CEPICKY, Southwest Missouri—Expos  
CLAY CONDREY, McNeese State—Padres  
MICHAEL CRUDALE, Santa Clara—Cardinals  
BEN DIGGINS, Arizona—Brewers  
BRENDAN DONNELLY, Mesa State (CO)—Angels  
TRAVIS DRISKILL, Texas Tech—Orioles  
ERIC DUBOSE, Mississippi State—Orioles  
MATT DUFF, Mississippi--Cardinals  
ERIC ECKENSTHALER, Illinois State—Tigers  
DAVID ELDER, Georgia Tech—Indians  
MARK ELLIS, Florida—Athletics  
NATE FIELD, Fort Hays State—Royals  
BRIAN FITZGERALD, Virginia Tech—Mariners  
JOSE FLORES, Texas-Austin—Athletics  
RANDY FLORES, USC--Rangers  
JOHN FOSTER, Lewis-Clark State (ID)—Braves  
KEVIN FREDERICK, Creighton—Twins  
LEE GARDNER, Central Michigan—Devil Rays  
JASON GRABOWSKI, Connecticut—Athletics  
KEVIN GRYBOSKI, Wilkes—Braves

JOSH HANCOCK, Auburn—Red Sox  
AARON HARANG, San Diego State—Athletics  
JASON HART, Southwest Missouri State—Rangers  
MARK HENDRICKSON, Washington State—Blue Jays  
BILLY HILL, Miami (FL)—Cubs  
ERIC HINSKE, Arkansas—Blue Jays  
TREY HODGES, LSU—Braves  
LUKE HUDSON, Tennessee—Reds  
JASON JIMINEZ, San Jose State—Devil Rays  
KEVIN JOSEPH, Rice—Cardinals  
ERIC JUNGE, Bucknell—Phillies  
STEVE KENT, Florida International—Devil Rays  
JOHN LACKEY, Texas-Arlington—Angels  
JASON LANE, USC—Astros  
CLIFTON LEE, Arkansas—Indians  
BRAD LIDGE, Notre Dame—Astros  
RYAN LUDWICK, Nevada-Las Vegas—Rangers  
TREY LUNSFORD, Texas Tech—Giants  
BRIAN MALLETTE, Kennesaw State—Brewers  
MIKE MAROTH, Central Florida—Tigers  
KEVIN MENCH, Delaware—Rangers  
MIKE MORIARTY, Seton Hall—Orioles  
CODY MCKAY, Arizona State—Athletics  
SHANE NANCE, Houston—Brewers  
WES OBERMUELLER, Iowa—Royals  
JOSH PEARCE, Arizona—Cardinals  
JASON PEARSON, Illinois State—Padres  
TERRY PEARSON, West Alabama—Tigers  
ALEX PELAEZ, San Diego State—Padres  
KIT PELLOW, Arkansas—Royals  
DAVID PEMBER, Western Carolina—Brewers  
MARK PRIOR, USC—Cubs  
JON RAUCH, Morehead State—White Sox  
NATE ROBERTSON, Wichita State—Marlins  
DAVID ROSS, Florida—Dodgers  
JIM RUSHFORD, San Diego State—Brewers  
KIRK SAARLOOS, Cal State-Fullerton—Astros  
FREDDY SANCHEZ, Oklahoma City U—Red Sox  
TODD SEARS, Nebraska—Twins  
SHAWN SEDLACEK, Iowa State—Royals  
JASON SIMONTACCHI—Albertson College (ID)—Cardinals  
MICHAEL SMITH, Richmond—Blue Jays  
STEVE SMYTH, USC—Cubs  
ESIX SNEAD, Central Florida—Mets  
EARL SNYDER, Hartford—Indians  
BRIAN TALLET, LSU—Indians  
NATE TEUT, Iowa State—Marlins  
J.J. TRUJILLO, Dallas Baptist—Padres  
CORY VANCE, Georgia Tech—Cardinals  
TYLER WALKER, Cal-Berkeley—Mets  
JUSTIN WAYNE, Stanford—Marlins  
SCOTT WIGGINS, Northern Kentucky—Blue Jays  
TY WIGGINTON, UNC-Asheville—Mets  
ALAN ZINTER, Arizona—Astros

New committee member John Vorperian, host and producer of cable TV sports talk show *BEYOND THE GAME*, highly recommends new college baseball book *THE HIT MEN AND THE KID WHO BATTED NINTH* by author David Siroty, who interviewed over 100 people. While serving as assistant sports information director at Seton Hall during the 1987 college season, Siroty worked closely with Craig Biggio, Mo Vaughn and Marteese Robinson (dubbed The Hit Men) and walk-on shortstop and ninth batter John Valentin. The book covers their careers as collegiate players and tracks them on their life paths after college ball. The book is available from Diamond Communcations.

This fall, the Atlantic Coast Conference announced its 50<sup>th</sup> Golden Anniversary Team, which included 52 honorees:

RUSTY ATKINS, Clemson (1965-67)  
JAKE AUSTIN, Wake Forest (1989-1992)  
JEFF BAKER, Clemson (2000-01)  
SCOTT BANKHEAD, North Carolina (1982-84)  
BRIAN BARK, North Carolina State (1987-90)  
BRIAN BARNES, Clemson (1986-89)  
KRIS BENSON, Clemson (1994-96)  
SCOTT BRADLEY, North Carolina (1979-81)  
TOM BRADLEY, Maryland (1967-68)  
KEVIN BROWN, Georgia Tech (1984-86)  
BRIAN BUCHANAN, Virginia (1992-94)  
MIKE CALDWELL, North Carolina State (1968-71)  
J.D. DREW, Florida State (1995-97)  
NOMAR GARCIAPARRA, Georgia Tech (1992-94)  
RUSTY GERHARDT, Clemson (1969-72)  
KHALIL GREENE, Clemson (1999-2001)  
TOMMY GREGG, Wake Forest (1982-1985)  
SETH GREISINGER, Virginia (1994-96)  
JOHN-FORD GRIFFIN, Florida State (1999-2001)  
TY GRIFFIN, Georgia Tech (1986-89)  
TERRY HARVEY, North Carolina State (1992-95)  
BERT HEFFERNAN, Clemson (1985-88)  
RICCARDO INGRAM, Georgia Tech (1986-87)  
RYAN JACKSON, Duke (1991-94)  
JONATHAN JOHNSON, Florida State (1993-95)  
JIMMY KEY, Clemson (1980-82)  
BILLY KOCH, Clemson (1994-96)  
MATT LeCROY, Clemson (1995-97)  
MIKE MacDOUGAL, Wake Forest (1997-99)  
QUINTON McCracken, Duke (1989-92)  
MARSHALL McDOUGALL, Florida State (1999-2000)  
BILL MERRIFIELD, Wake Forest (1980-83)  
SHANE MONAHAN, Clemson (1993-95)

JEREMY MORRIS, Florida State (1994-97)  
JIM NORRIS, Maryland (1968-70)  
JON PALMIERI, Wake Forest (1996-99)  
JAY PAYTON, Georgia Tech (1992-94)  
JIM POOLE, Georgia Tech (1986-88)  
BRAD RIGBY, Georgia Tech (1992-94)  
SCOTT SCHOENEWEIS, Duke (1993-95)  
BILLY SCRIPTURE, Wake Forest (1962-64)  
TOM SERGIO, North Carolina State (1994-97)  
BRICK SMITH, Wake Forest (1978-81)  
BILLY SPIERS, Clemson (1985-87)  
B.J. SURHOFF, North Carolina (1983-85)  
MARK TEXEIRA, Georgia Tech (1999-2001)  
JASON VARITEK, Georgia Tech (1991-94)  
JAKE WEBER, North Carolina State (1995-98)  
WALT WEISS, North Carolina (1983-85)  
PAUL WILSON, Florida State (1992-94)  
TRACY WOODSON, North Carolina State (1982-84)  
TURTLE ZAUN, North Carolina State (1985-88)

Clemson led all ACC schools with 12 men on the Golden Anniversary Team while Georgia Tech was second with nine selections. Other selections by schools were North Carolina State (seven), Wake Forest (7), Florida State (six), North Carolina (four), Duke (three), Maryland (two) and Virginia (two).

We will try to put out a newsletter every two to three months and welcome input from our committee members and those interested in joining the committee. Please send any feedback via e-mail to newsletter editor Jay Langhammer ([jay@totalshow.com](mailto:jay@totalshow.com)).