

Deadline for Board Nominations February 1

You can serve the Society by running for, and being elected to, the Board of Directors, the governing and policy-making body of the Society. The Board normally meets once in January/February, again in the spring, at the convention and in October/November at sites throughout the country. Meetings usually begin on Friday late afternoon or early evenings, run all day on Saturday, and conclude with a morning session on Sunday. Positions on the board open for nomination include the offices of the President, Treasurer and Director.

DESCRIPTION OF DUTIES

The President presides over the annual business meeting and chairs the Board of Directors, works with the Executive Director to ensure that the organization maintains positive and productive relationships with media,

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Publications Update

The Baseball Research Journal is scheduled to be sent out in January to 2004 members. As always, our publications are sent bulk rate mail, which takes up to four weeks to reach all domestic addresses. Any North American 2004 member who has not received their *BRJ* by March 9, please contact the administrative office.

The 2005 publication schedule begins in late spring with the *National Pastime*.

Great Times On Tap for August 4-7 at SABR's Annual Convention Being Held in Toronto

Make plans to attend the next SABR annual convention (SABR 35) August 4-7, 2005 at Holiday Inn on King in Toronto.

The last time SABR held its annual convention outside the United States, baseball was on strike, world champion figure skater Scott Hamilton was competing in the National Sports Festival in Syracuse, New York, Beth Daniel had the first round lead at the Women's US Open, and Kenny Stabler retired from the Houston Oilers. It was July 1981 and 97 members and 50 guests came to the Erindale Campus of the University of Toronto for the 10th annual gathering of SABR members. In 2005, we hope the have more than four times as many members in attendance, and the world-class city of Toronto makes for a wonderful opportunity to bring spouses and families.



RESERVE YOUR ROOM EARLY

Call in your reservation directly to the hotel (1-800-263-6364) prior to the cut-off date of **July 6, 2005**. Identify yourself as being a part of Society for American Baseball Research, and use the code **BASES** to ensure you receive the SABR group rate. *Note: The cut off date is the last day the SABR rate will be honored; it is not the last day rooms are available. Please make your reservations early, and cancel if your plans change.*

The group rate is **\$157 CDN** a night (single/double; at presstime approximately \$128US). It is subject to Provincial Sales Tax of 5%, Goods and Services Tax of 7%, Destination Marketing Fee of 3% and any other applicable taxes, fees or levies that may arise. These rates are good three days before and after the convention dates. Non-residents may be able to get a refund of their GST.

It is necessary that payment for the first night's stay be guaranteed by a certified check, money order, or credit card. Guaranteed reservations will be honored until 12:00 noon the following day. Notice of cancellation must be received by the hotel 72 hours prior to the date of arrival, otherwise the first night's accommodation (room and tax) will be charged to your credit card. A cancellation number is provided for each reservation and should be retained for your records.

Cleveland Getting Set for Seventh Annual Seymour Medal Conference in May

Some of baseball's best historical writers will be on hand the Seventh Annual Seymour Medal Conference, May 13-15 at the Radisson Hotel at Gateway in Cleveland, Ohio.

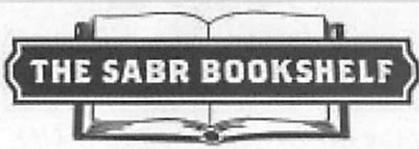
Program details were not complete at press time, but plan to arrive no later than 5pm on Friday to enjoy all the conference activities. Friday evening is usually a fun event where attendees can get to know one another. Saturday will be complete with presentations and the awarding of the Seymour Medal.

If you are interested in receiving the conference registration brochure, write to: Seymour Conference, 812 Huron Rd E #719, Cleveland OH 44115, or contact **Ryan Chamberlain** at info@sabr.org.

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The SABR Bookshelf is a listing of books received at the SABR office. To get your NEW book listed on The SABR Bookshelf make sure a review copy is sent to: SABR, 812 Huron Rd E #719, Cleveland OH 44115.

See ordering information in the summary text .

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University of Illinois Press		(800) 537-5487	www.press.uillinois.edu	
University of Missouri Press		(800) 828-1894	www.umssystem.edu/upress/order.htm	

Joe: Rounding Third and Heading for Home by Greg Hoard is nostalgic look at the career of **Joe Nuxhall**. Full of great images and anecdotes from his playing years to Reds announcer.

Joe DiMaggio: A Biography by David Jones; **Rogers Hornsby: A Biography** by Jonathan D'Amore; and **Pete Rose: A Biography** by David Jordan are part of a Greenwood Press series of baseball's all-time greatest hitters series. Each volume includes a timeline, bibliography, and index. In addition, each volume includes a "Making of a Legend" chapter that analyzes the evolution the player's fame.

My Heroes: Complete Records of Pacific Coast League Stars From The '30s, '40s and '50s by James Rebolini is an in-depth book of records of more than 430 PCL players.

Wrigley Field: The Unauthorized Biography by Stuart Shea takes you from the park's inception through its entire history including the Cubs, Bears, Whales and more.

Baseball Rookies Encyclopedia by David Nemeč and Dave Zeman devotes full coverage to rookies from every major league in history, including such rebel enterprises as the National Association, the American Association, the Union Association, the Players League, and the Federal League.

Hardball on the Homefront by Craig Allen Cleve highlights nine-Frank Mancuso, Ford Mullen, Ed Carnett, and others share their memories of being called up to play in the majors, and their feelings about providing relief to thousands of Americans during war years.

The Early Coast League Statistical Record, 1903-1957. Introduced by Chuck Stevens and Roger Osenbaugh. Includes many statistics that have never been published. All books are shipped media mail, and shipping and handling is 5.00 per book (Canada \$7.50). All orders must be U.S. funds. California resi-

dents include 8% sales tax.

Baseball in Dallas by Chris Holaday and **Mark Presswood**. Part of the *Images of Baseball* Series tracing the history of professional baseball in the region from the 1870's to the Rangers and Rough Riders.

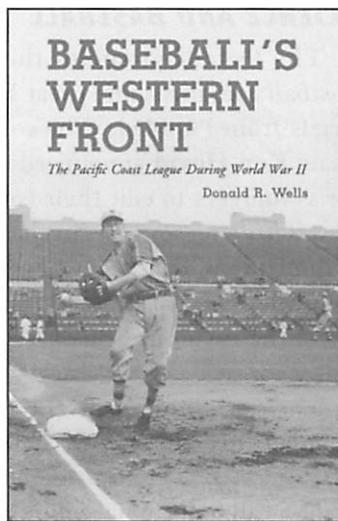
The American Indian Integration of Baseball by Jeffrey Powers-Beck provides biographical profiles of forgotten Native players such as Elijah Pinnance, George Johnson, Louis Leroy, and Moses Yellow Horse, along with profiles of better-known athletes such as Jim Thorpe, Charles Albert Bender, and John Tortes Meyers.

The Sizzler: George Sisler, Baseball's Forgotten Great by Rick Huhn presents the story of Sisler, whom he considers one of baseball's least appreciated players, and studies why his status became so diminished.

The Canadian Statistical Major League Baseball Register by Eves I. Raja is the culmination of a twenty years of information gathering. Includes information on a total of 235 players, coaches and umpires born or have had their training in Canada.

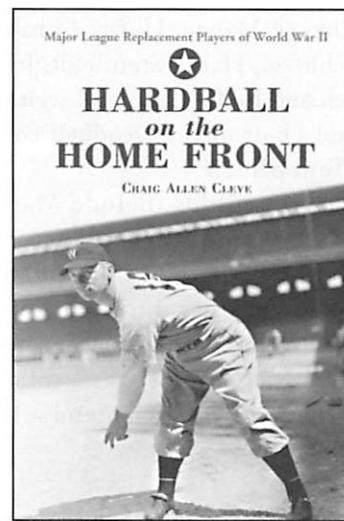
The Pitch: The Adventures of Luther Woundup and His Magical Orange Ball by R. A. Cabral is a work of baseball fiction/fantasy about a blue-haired space voyager named Luther Woundup, who wants to pitch for the fictitious PCL Sacramento Riders.

The Complete Guide to Spring Training by Kevin Reichard combines coverage of both Florida and Arizona destinations, highlighting information that will appeal to both the hard-core and casual fan. See ad on page 9.



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BIBLIOGRAPHY

The October Bibliography committee newsletter reported that **Paul Cammarata** has agreed to prepare a subject index to supplement **Wayne McElreavy's** excellent name index to SABR's *Deadball Stars of the National League*. Paul will then prepare both a name index and a subject index for *Deadball Stars of the American League*. Both indexes will be published in the American League volume, which is on the publication schedule for 2005.

The newsletter also reported that **Joel Dinda** stepped forward to digitize and update Frank Phelps' *The Index to the Sporting News Registers; 1940-1995 (1996)*.

According to newsletter, there is also an effort to create an updated version of 1987's "The Essential Baseball Library," originally compiled by **Paul Adomites** for *The SABR Review of Books, Volume II*.

BIOPROJECT

Recent bios added to the committee website (<http://bioproj.sabr.org>) include **Sherry Magee**, **Harry Lumley**, **Dick Hoblitzel**, **Harry Steinfeldt**, **John Hummel**, and **Eddie Grant**, all written by former chair of the Deadball committee **Tom Simon**.

Other recent bios include **Monte Weaver** by **Warren Corbett**. According to Corbett, sportswriters treated Weaver as a curiosity during his nine seasons with the Washington Senators and Boston Red Sox. He was a college professor, a mathematician and a hypochondriac.

BUSINESS OF BASEBALL

Recent updates on the Business of Baseball Website include an interesting interview with **Janet Marie Smith** by **Maury Brown**. According to the website, Ms. Smith serves as Vice President of Planning and Development for the Boston Red Sox, which began the 2002 baseball season under new ownership. She is charged with evaluating options to renovate Fenway.

MINOR LEAGUE

The Autumn 2004 SABR Minor League committee newsletter is the first one produced under new committee chair **John Schleppe**.

The newsletter is now split into two sections: General Information and Research Requests. The newsletter also announced that the committee is currently compiling names and areas of expertise as a resource for locating and contacting individuals with specific areas of interest.

The general information section highlights new plans to better organize the information flow. Schleppe asks for members to send information on the happenings of minor league baseball in your area. He also asks that members who live in areas with independent leagues and teams to please send information about their activities. At present there is no section in SABR devoted to the independents. However, according to the newsletter, over 100 players from these leagues were signed by organized ball this past season. So they, in effect, function as a minor league.

SCIENCE AND BASEBALL

The October issue of the *Rising Fastball* contains some great Research Briefs from PubMed. The committee chair, **Ken Heard** announced the need for volunteers to edit their committee newsletter on an interim basis. The committee is also needs a webmaster to develop a Science site similar in quality to the revamped Business of Baseball website.

The committee chair also called on members to enter science citations into the index. The committee chair also made a call for original submissions for the next newsletter.

SPRING TRAINING

The December issue of *Spring Flings* features various reprints of articles featuring spring training history.

The first article is entitled, *Deming Historical Marker* by **Frank X. Estrada**. It discusses Albert Spaulding's attempt to make the area of Hudson Hot Springs a spring training camp for the

Chicago White Stockings. The other article is a reprint from a March 16, 1944 entitled, "First Training Camp Held in 1886."

STATISTICAL ANALYSIS

The August 2004 *By The Numbers* features several great articles and research.

"Academic Research: A Managerial Firing Model" is one of a series of reviews of sabermetric articles published in academic journals. It is part of a project by **Charlie Pavitt** to collect and catalog sabermetric research for the Statistical Baseball Research Bibliography.

Another article, "Are Deviations from Pythagoras Really Luck?" by **Thomas Thress** as the question, "Why do some teams finish above or below their Pythagorean projection? Is it just luck, or is there some other, underlying reason, such as a good bullpen or manager? In Thress' study, he notes that if there is a reason other than random chance, teams that over-or-under-shoot their projection at home should also do so on the road and vice-versa. He then examines the evidence to see if that's the case.

"Log5-Derivations and Tests" by **Ray Ciccolella**, describes three different aspects of the log5 formula. First Ciccolella explains why it works, by deriving it from the Pythagorean formula; second, he tests its accuracy against the results of actual team-to-team matchups; and, third, he compares its accuracy to a competing formula.

"An Examination of Season Sweeps and Near-Sweeps" by **Bruce Cowgill** looks at why no major-league teams, that played each other 22 times per season, has ever swept a season series 22-0. Is that unexpected? The article also tries to uncover the actual chance of a 22-0 sweep.

To join any SABR Research Committee, contact the committee chair. Also, be sure to check www.sabr.org for committee newsletters.

Upcoming Events

JANUARY 22

MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA

The annual hot stove meeting, time yet to be determined. For more information contact **Stew Thornley** at stew@stewthornley.net or 651-415-0791.

ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

The annual hot stove meeting of the Bob Broeg chapter will be held on Saturday, January 22. For more information contact **Norm Richards** at nrichards2@juno.com or 636-244-4697.

FEBRUARY 5

SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

The Ted Williams chapter will meet Friday, February 5. For more information contact **Tom Larwin** at Lar.11@cox.net or 619-287-6474.

FEBRUARY 19

FISHERS, INDIANA

The Oscar Charleston chapter will hold its 2nd annual Baseball Symposium at 1:00pm, February 19th at the Prairie Museum in Fishers, IN. For more info contact **Bill Madden** (317) 842-9856.

FEBRUARY 20

TORONTO, CANADA

The Hanlan's Point Chapter meets on February 20, 2005 at the Duke of Richmond Pub. Contact **Maxwell Kates** at BUS79@sympatico.ca or (416) 515-9578 for more information.

MARCH 12

NEW YORK, NEW YORK

On Saturday, March 12, the Casey Stengel Chapter will meet at the Mid-Manhattan branch of the NY Public Library, from 9:30-4:30. For more information, contact **Evelyn Begley** at ebegley2@juno.com or 212-477-8809.

MAY 13-15

CLEVELAND, OHIO

Seventh Annual Seymour Medal Conference. See page one.

AUGUST 4-7

TORONTO, CANADA

SABR 35 convention. See page one

Boxscores of Past Meetings

Ann Arbor, October 2

Chapter: Ann Arbor Chapter.
Presenters: **Rich Adler** gave a presentation about the history of baseball at the University of Michigan based on his book, *Baseball at the University of Michigan*. **Peter Morris** made a presentation on Russell Ford's development of the emery ball, showing that Ford had made a conscious decision to keep the pitch a secret before unveiling it.

Trivia Winner: **Dick Clark, Peter Morris and Steve Lauer.**

Van Meter, October 16

Chapter: Field of Dreams Chapter.
Presenters: **John Liepa** of Indianola presented a history of early baseball. **Phil Lowry** of Minnesota presented some of his research on marathon games.

Trivia Winner: **R.J. Lesch** won the trivia contest, which was written by **Terry Baxter.**

Place: Bob Feller Museum.

Tokyo, October 30

Chapter: Tokyo Chapter.
Presenters: **Makio Mukai**, "Analysis of Ichiro Suzuki, based on Stephen Jay Gould's Idea." **Takashi Shinoura**, "Mathematical and statistical approach to Japanese baseball."

Hamden, October 30

Chapter: Connecticut Chapter (First Meeting).
Presenters: **Ty Waterman** discussed his Great American Fantasy League, based on the board game Statis-Pro. **Bill Ryczek** presented some of the research going into his upcoming book on the Yankees and Mets. Host for the event was **Larry Levine** who also provided lunch.

Trivia Winner: **Marc Wise.**

Place: Quinnipiac University

Denver, November 6

Chapter: Rocky Mountain SABR Chapter.
Guests: **Monte Irvin**, former Negro League player for the New York Giants and Chicago Cubs. **Jim Tension**, who performs as the mascot "Dinger" for the Colorado Rockies.

Dayton, November 6

Chapter: Dayton Chapter.
Presentations: **Dann Stupp**, Cincinnati Reds publications, graphic designs, and historic photos coordinator, discussed his position with the Reds. **Greg Rhodes**, Director of Cincinnati Reds Museum and Hall of Fame, outlined the plans and holdings of the new Cincinnati facility. **Allen Hye** showed segments of the film, "The Glory of Their Times," with commentary.

Place: Tom Fredricks Center.

Milwaukee, November 6

Chapter: Ken Keltner Badger State Chapter.
Guest: Tom Haudricourt, baseball writer at the *Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel.*

Presenters: **Phil Lowry** presented some of his research on marathon games. **Larry Baldassaro** presentation dealt with the publicly accepted "snooze play" of Ernie Lombardi in the World Series vs. the Yankees. **Jim Stringfellow** presented on George Humber, who played for the minor league Brewers in 1928.

Trivia Winner: **Steve Breen.**

Elections: **Rick Schabowski** - President, **Tom O'Connell** - Secretary, **Dennis Degenhardt** - Treasurer

Place: Tippecanoe Public Library.

Worcester, November 21

Chapter: Jesse Burkett.
Guests: **Rico Petrocelli**, former star infielder of the Boston Red Sox 1965-76 discussed his career. A media panel consisting of **Bill Ballou**, Red Sox beatwriter for the *Worcester Telegram*, and **Mike Shalin**, of the *Boston Herald*, discussed their experiences covering the Red Sox.

Presenters: Chapter president Ron Marshall provided a video presentation entitled, "The Best Postseason Game You never Heard Of: Game #2 of the 1969 ALCS between the Twins and Orioles.

Place: Assumption College.

Greenville, November 27

Chapter: Lajoie-Start Chapter.
Guest: **Joe Castiglione** (see p. 8).
Presenters: **Steve Adamson, Rick Harris, Joanne Hulbert and Dixie Tourangeau.** (see p. 9)

Place: St. Philip's Parish Center.

Seymour Medal, *cont'd from p.1*

Hotel rooms at the Radisson will be \$89 a night plus tax. Call 216-377-9000 to make your reservations before the deadline of April 15. If you would like to make reservations on the internet, please follow the instructions below:

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The Toronto Blue Jays visit Jacobs Field that weekend.

The Seymour Medal Conference is sponsored by the Cleveland Indians Baseball Club.

PRESENT YOUR RESEARCH AT THE CONFERENCE

Submissions are still being considered for presentations at the conference. Papers can be on any aspect of baseball history.

Proposals should include a one-page abstract of the paper, as well as a cover page with your name, address, phone number and e-mail address. The deadline for submissions is February 18, 2005

Send proposals/questions to **Ryan Chamberlain** by e-mail at info@sabr.org or to SABR, 812 Huron Rd E #719, Cleveland OH 44115. Check SABR's website (www.sabr.org) for continuing updates.

SABR Signs Agreement To Offer Online Classes

SABR is turning to the Worldwide Web to teach people about baseball, math and other academic subjects. To get the courses up on the web, they've contracted with Connected Learning Network, a company specializing in online education.

SABR will also 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.

"Our plan is to develop various mini-courses on baseball history, giving more background on them," says **John Zajc**, SABR's executive director. "We're also developing ways to use baseball to teach math or geography. The subjects are more interesting because it's baseball."

SABR will use Connected Learning's online course management software to build, sell and administer the courses. The company will also provide instructional design assistance to the creators of the courses and 24/7 tech support to those who enroll.

"I have been a lifelong fan of baseball", says **Dean Hoke**, COO of Connected Learning Network. "SABR, of which I am a member, is an outstanding organization in fostering the work of historical research and statistical analysis. It even helps me in my selection of players in our local fantasy baseball league. I am looking forward to working with SABR in developing an online learning program for its members and associated groups."

The first SABR courses will be ready in time for spring training, 2005. If you have ideas on how to help SABR make this program more successful, please contact John Zajc at jzajc@sabr.org or 1-800-969-7227.

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fundings, donors, and other organizations; signs contracts and letters of agreement approved by the Board of Directors; ensures that the Board of Directors and its members are aware of and fulfill their governance responsibilities; comply with applicable laws and bylaws; conduct board business effectively and efficiently; and be accountable for their performance.

The President serves a two-year term beginning after the conclusion of the Annual Business Meeting in Toronto.

The **Treasurer** enforces policies and procedures to ensure that SABR's assets are protected, and that SABR's financial practices comply with applicable laws and bylaws, as well as Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) and other appropriate standards; ensuring that SABR's financial accounts and procedures are reviewed by an independent auditor, and that the auditor's report and recommendations are presented to the Board of Directors; works with the Executive Director to prepare an annual budget for the Board's approval which represents the best possible current estimates of annual income and expenditures, and links organizational income and expenditures to SABR's mission and priorities; advises the Board of Directors at each meeting, and the membership at the annual business meeting of SABR's financial condition; monitors and reviews SABR's financial policies and procedures, and recommends an allocation of human and financial resources sufficient to meet these responsibilities.

The Treasurer serves a three-year term beginning after the conclusion of the Annual Business Meeting in Toronto.

The **Director**, who shall be elected to a three-year term, serve on the Board of Directors and perform such duties as may be assigned by the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors manages and directs the affairs of the Society as a body.

All elected officers and directors shall have been individual members of the Society continuously for four years prior to taking office.

The deadline for nominations is February 1, 2005.

All members with the requisite interest, skills and experience are encouraged to run. All Board members are reimbursed for Board-related expenses as approved by SABR policy and are insured against liability claims related to board action.

Nominees must prepare a Candidate Statement Form, following guidelines, which will be available from any Nominating Committee member, and must be received by the Nominating Committee chair no later than **February 15, 2005.**

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SABR NINE QUESTIONS

By Ryan Chamberlain

Imagine if you met everyone you wanted to meet in professional baseball and have seen everything you wanted to see. If dreams came true, then it might closely mirror the life and times of Joe Castiglione, current radio broadcaster for the Boston Red Sox and a SABR member for twenty years and counting. Add to all this that at the pinnacle of your profession you get to call a World Series championship for one of the most storied franchises in the game's professional history. It's enough to make any SABR member's head spin.

*But Joe Castiglione, the model of motivation, has never been content to rest solely on these laurels. For nearly twenty years, Joe has shared his experiences with up-and-coming broadcasters by teaching classes at various colleges. In his recent book, **Broadcast Rites and Sites: I Saw it on the Radio with the Boston Red Sox**, Joe said of his foray into teaching, "I do it mostly for fun and because I find it rewarding. I like showing the students the ins and outs of the profession—how prepare for a broadcast and to enhance their natural ability."*

It might be assumed then that Joe's recent book, written with SABR member Doug Lyons, is a way to share to some of his unique and colorful experiences in baseball broadcasting for the uninitiated fan and student of the game alike. But his book, written before the 2004 World Series, doesn't answer every question, and so that is where we begin in this issue's SABR Nine.

1. So we have to ask the obligatory question, how does it feel to be a part of the first World Championship in the history of the Boston Red Sox in nearly a century and did you feel a tingle of excitement when you made the call?

It's better than imagined...to see all the smiling faces around New England. It's everything we thought it would be and more. [When I made the call] I think I was in a zone, sort of. Zoned in or zoned out...I don't know either way.

People ask me what the greatest call you've ever had was and I said, "It hasn't happened yet." Now it has.

2. In your book, you write that although you rarely collect memorabilia, you usually collect something meaningful to you each season from a player such as an autographed ball or scorecard. What did you keep as a memento from the 2004 season?

I didn't get a ball because I usually get it when I know the season's going to end...so not really. Hopefully we get a ring. I have my scorecards, which I'm having printed up and framed from the Yankee win and the last game of the World Series. Of course I have the scorecard of every game I've ever done. I keep them in books by the season.

3. From your perspective, how have things changed with the team and city now that the Red Sox have won?

Well...I think people can relax now. They don't have to have this, "1918" or "What is it going to be like if we ever win?" or "Are we ever going to win?"...I think from that sense, it's a sense of relief and joy on the part of the fans. But they'll be like any place else, they'll want another one now.

4. During your career as a broadcaster, how has technology affected your play-by-play?

The Internet has had a tremendous impact. You know, we used to use a little ticker to keep every score and write down every home run and all the out-of-town games. References materials were limited and now you can look up everything within the course of the game. I've also worked in the television age so I've used the monitor. Although probably not as much now because so many of the TV's are delayed by a second or two or five. But the Internet's been the greatest thing. And of course better transmission with satellite broadcasting. You can be so up-to-date with sportspages.com and other

websites. The way you actually broadcast the baseball game is pretty much the same.

5. In your book, you talk about Roberto Clemente and Pedro Martinez being national heroes in their respective countries. Do the two warrant comparison in terms of their importance to the game?

I think so. I mean, Clemente was a pioneer really...probably the first latino superstar. Pedro's of a different generation. Roberto Clemente was a Jackie Robinson pretty much of latino players. But I think of in terms of what they give back to their communities and the stardom they both wear, there are similarities but I think that's true of most latino ballplayers...they are so giving to their communities. I'm not sure whether it's expected of them or the responsibility they feel but most of them still live in their hometowns during the off season...even like Pedro live in the same neighborhoods. I think there's a lesson American players could learn from [foreign] ballplayers about giving back and sharing their blessings. I've always been very, very impressed by that aspect in particular of players from the Dominican Republic and Venezuela and Puerto Rico.

6. You started teaching a college course around the same time you joined SABR, is that a coincidence or are the two related?

No. I don't think I was aware of the organization.

7. What are some important qualities that you try to convey to your students who want to pursue a career in broadcasting

You try to convey the need for preparation. You can't teach somebody skills. I mean, you can work with their skills like a hitting coach can work with a hitter, but of course you have to have basic natural ability. You try to teach them how to prepare. You try to teach them how to be reporters and you try

to get across to them that there's a lot of sacrifice involved when your young...not much money, miss a lot of parties, work a lot of weekends, work a lot of nights. Those kind of things. You don't start at the top. Discipline, dedication, knowledge...that they really have to, especially if it's baseball, study it a lifetime. That's really what you try to get across.

8. One of your dark secrets is that you grew up a Yankee fan. How influential was Mel Allen in the development of your broadcasting technique?

Well you know, you copy and borrow from everybody. To me, the guys who had it the toughest were the first broadcasters because they had nobody to copy. But you know I was a Yankee fan because of my family...but Mel was really my hero. Mickey was #2...Mel was #1. And I'd say the enthusiasm he had, the knowledge he had, the language skills...certainly nobody could mimic his great voice or his gift...because to me he's the greatest ever. He was certainly somebody you model yourself after. And then along the way...I listened to Ken Coleman and Ned Martin quite a bit before I got here. When I worked in Youngstown [OH], Bob Prince. The Pirates were a big influence...I used to listen to Joe Tait a lot. Ernie Harwell from Detroit.

9. In your book, you describe many of the great baseball experiences you've had while traveling with the game, is there anything you haven't done that's on your wish list?

I'd like to spend more time in the Dominican Republic. I've only been there once for a day-and-a-half to do two exhibition games. So that'd be something I'd like to do with some time. You know, see where people grew up and get a little bit more of a feel. But that's pretty much the only thing left. If I think of anything else I'll let you know. I think I've met most everyone I've wanted to meet...other than the Babe or Josh Gibson. Those are the two guys I would've most like to see play and to meet.

Red Sox Announcer Joe Castiglione Highlights Southern New England Regional Meeting

A record 122 SABR members and guests attended the fall meeting of the L a j o i e - S t a r t (Southern New England) chapter on Saturday, November 27, at St. Philip's Parish Center in Greenville, RI. The major attraction undoubtedly was an appearance by Joe Castiglione, the lead announcer on the Red Sox' radio play-by-play team,

but there were plenty of other activities at the five-hour meeting to keep the attendees entertained. Research presentations were made by **Steve Adamson** (A History of Baseball Reference Books); **Rick Harris** (Historic Visual Tour of Rhode Island Ballparks); **Joanne Hulbert** (A Crisis in Red Sox Poetry); **Steve Krevisky** (World Series in Years That Ended in 4); **Mickey Tangel** (Vintage Baseball); and **Dixie Tourangeau** (Friendless and Penniless). The chapter's next meeting will be held at McCoy Stadium, home of the Pawtucket Red Sox, in May or June



Joe Castiglione (right) signs copies of his recent book, "Broadcast Rites and Sites" with co-author Doug Lyons. Photo by Dixie Tourangeau

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Also featured speaking at the event was Jim Tennison, who performs as the mascot "Dinger" for the Colorado Rockies.

This banquet also included the presentation of the first ever John Zajc Award for Meritorious Service to the Rocky Mountain Chapter. Named after the current SABR executive director, this award was given to **Wayne Stivers** for his diligent effort in securing the guest speaker and for his selfless work in putting together the silent auction for the event.

For more information on Rocky Mountain SABR events, contact Ray Luurs, 970-587-5084.



SABR Represents at Texas Baseball Hall of Fame

On November 12, The Texas Baseball Hall of Fame (TBHOF) Induction Banquet was held in Houston. A crowd of 600 was on hand. Long time SABR Member, **Bill McCurdy**, has been the prime mover in relocating the Texas Hall to Houston and the initial induction banquet was a resounding success.

There were 16 people on the dais including current players Craig Biggio, Jeff Bagwell and Kenny Rogers who were all inducted. Of the remaining 13 at the head table, according to SABR member **Bill Gilbert** nine were SABR members.

Bill McCurdy - Executive Director of the Texas Baseball Hall of Fame.

Gene Elston - Long time Astro broadcaster who presented a special award to Jimmy Wynn.

Greg Lucas - Broadcaster for Fox Sports Southwest and Vice President of the TBHOF, who presented Bill Brown for induction.

Bill Brown - Astro TV Broadcaster who was inducted into the Hall.

Howard Green - Long time Dallas area SABR leader who presented Debs Garms for posthumous induction.

John Blake - Commissioner of the Texas Collegiate Baseball League who presented Kenny Rogers for induction.

Fred Burley - Holder of the LSU season batting mark of .429, set in 1940, who presented Rube Foster for posthumous induction.

Buddy Hancken - Former major league player and coach, who recently celebrated his 90th birthday, presented Lamar University Baseball Coach, Jim Gilligan, for induction.

Opie Otterstad - Noted artist who presented an original portrait to each of the inductees.

In addition, Astros President, **Tal Smith** and General Manager, **Tim Purpura**, both SABR members, were introduced from the crowd. Two other SABR members, former major leaguer, **Larry Miggins**, and TBHOF Secretary, George Scroggins, were also introduced. SABR had two tables of local members present.

Coach Gilligan, who has 962 wins in his collegiate career, was also the manager of the Salt Lake City Trappers in the Pioneer League in 1987 when they put together a 29-game winning streak, the longest ever in professional baseball. He had the largest cheering section with over 100 people making the journey from the Beaumont area, including the University President and a beaming Kevin Millar, fresh from the World Series, who was on hand to honor his college coach. Several players from the Trappers were also in attendance.

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IN MEMORIAM

WILLIAM ALBACH

William Albach of Springfield, Illinois, died on October 15 of malignant melanoma. He was 56.

William was a certified public accountant since 1974. He was a partner at Carter, Brown and Albach, and also worked at First of America Bank and Bank One. At the time of his death, he was Vice President and Senior Trust Officer of U.S. Bank.

A SABR member since 1987, William enjoyed book collecting, the socio-economic aspects of baseball and was a member of several SABR research committees.

R. P. "PAT" DUNAWAY

R.P. "Pat" Dunaway of St. Louis, Missouri, passed away on September 9. He was 77.

A SABR member since 1987, Pat was the owner of Dunaway Bookseller which he operated for 37 years in St. Louis' University City neighborhood. According to those that knew him, he worked out of an old building that had no sign on the storefront and the shades were always closed. Yet people who sought him out were rewarded by his rich assortment of used books and his scholarly nature. His customers included a who's who of the literary world, from Susan Sontag to William Safire. He specialized in literary criticism, biography and loved baseball, opera and jazz.

ROBERT "BOB" IKINS

Robert Ikings of Jackson, Michigan, passed away on November 9. He was 68.

A SABR member since 1985, Bob was an avid baseball player and co-owner of a store called the Sports Trading Post in addition to being a U.S. veteran. Bob enjoyed book collecting and was a member of the Ballparks and Negro Leagues research committee.

TERENCE "TERRY" MALLEY

Terence "Terry" Malley passed away suddenly in August. He was a professor of English at Long Island University's Brooklyn campus. After

his retirement, he and his wife, Kathleen moved to Tacoma, Washington. Terry was also a long-time member of the Brooklyn Dodger Fan Club. According to his friends and family, it was a shame that he didn't live quite long enough, being a life-long Yankee hater, to see the Red Sox defeat the Yankees in 4 straight after being down 3-0 in games. He is survived by his wife Kathleen.

PHIL NICHOLS

Phil Nichols of San Marcos, Texas, died of a heart attack on December 11. He was 55.

Phil, a district attorney, and his wife, Linda, enjoyed getting to every SABR convention between 1994 and 2002 before Phil's latest job as Hays County Assistant District Attorney made their attendance more difficult. Phil was a member in the Ballparks, Collegiate, and Minor League research committees. He was also a Houston Astros fan.

THEODORE S. "TED" ROUMAN

Theodore S. "Ted" Rouman passed away suddenly November 17, 2004 in Glendale, California. He was a long-time resident of La Canada and loved baseball, jazz and magic.

A SABR member since 1975, Ted was also an active member of the Magic Castle, and a member of the AHEPA. He was also an active member of the Friends of the La Canada Library and the Duke Ellington Society. Ted enjoyed following the Detroit Tigers, the Hall of Fame, and the statistical analysis of the game.

Hi is survived by his wife, Ann Rouman; his son, Terry (Jason) Allen-Rouman; and his daughter, Ellen Avignone; a brother, George Rouman; a sister, Tina Doumanian; and two grandchildren, Sarah Ann, and Bobby Theodore Avignone

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The Board held its Fall meeting this year in Toronto on the weekend of October 22-23, and a great deal was accomplished. The main portion of the agenda was devoted to the review and approval of the annual budget. Years ago this was a very time consuming task which usually involved more than one day to complete. But thanks to the efficient use of e-mail the Board was able to review the numbers and pose many of their questions to the Executive Director and Treasurer well in advance of the formal meeting. As a result, the Board is able to conduct its business in much less time than in the past.

At the meeting the Board awarded the 2006 convention to Seattle. We're excited about going to the great Pacific Northwest and are sure that the members will enjoy the experience. The process of selecting the convention sites has come under some scrutiny by the Board in recent meetings. Over the years the conventions have generally been awarded to cities which had strong local chapters who wanted the convention to be held in their city and were willing to do the necessary work. But perhaps this isn't the best way to select a site. One opinion that has been expressed is that SABR should hold its conventions more frequently in the Eastern United States, in the Boston-Balti-

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by Dick Beverage

more corridor. That's where the majority of SABR members live and by holding more conventions closer to their homes more of them will be able to attend. This is certainly a reasonable argument and needs to be discussed further. But if we were to adopt a plan of having an East Coast convention every two or three years, we would probably have to rely on using more outside help. We couldn't expect to throw the very heavy workload on the backs of the same SABR volunteers that often. The Board will review the entire convention planning issue at its Winter meeting, which will be held in Orange, California in February.

When the Board approved Toronto for the 2005 convention, there were concerns expressed over the potential difficulty in entering and leaving Canada what with the increased security measures in place after 9/11. I can report that the experience isn't bad at all. I left Ontario, California early on Friday morning, armed with my passport which I had been advised would be necessary. The flight via Phoenix was uneventful, and I arrived in Toronto a few minutes for the scheduled ar-

rival time of 4PM. The customs lines moved rapidly, and I was finished in less than 20 minutes. A shuttle bus was available right outside, and after paying for a round trip ticket (\$26 Canadian) I was at our downtown hotel by 5:30. The return on Sunday took longer, almost an hour in the departure lines, because you must pass through United States customs before boarding your flight. But again the process was very routine.

So, if you have any misgivings about going to Toronto, put them aside and enjoy what promises to be an excellent experience. Our hotel, the Holiday Inn on King Street, is in the heart of the city, an easy five block walk to the Skydome. The Yankees will be in town for three games convention weekend, and I suspect many convention goers will want to take in more than one game. There are eating places galore in the vicinity of the hotel, and most are reasonably priced. Toronto is a great walking city with lots to see and do. Circle the dates of August 4-7 on your calendar and look forward to another great SABR convention.

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Serendipity at Annual Convention

SABR annual conventions are always full of great moments and camaraderie. However, **Stan Belostock's** moment of serendipity at the last annual convention in Cincinnati may be one for the SABR books.

Stan, a Lexington, Massachusetts, resident, was coming down on the elevator at the Westin in Cincinnati and as is the custom noticed the SABR name tag of the person riding with him. It said **Bill Kirwin** from Alberta Canada. According to Stan, William was crossed out and Bill written in hand over it. Stan said to him, "I was in school many years ago with a Bill Kirwin, where were you brought up?" Bill said Boston, Stan said, "Me too." Stan then asked where in Boston and Bill replied Beverly (a town of about 30,000 people north of Boston). Stan said, "Me too!" and then he realized that Bill Kirwin was the same childhood friend he was referring to. They rushed off the elevator and began cramming in where they had been over the years and what they had been doing since 1955, which was when Bill graduated. Bill was a year ahead of Stan. During the convention, the two spent as much time together as possible reliving wonderful memories of their youth.

Strangely Bill and Stan were at the Denver, San Francisco, Boston, and Phoenix conventions at the same time and did not know the other was there. Stan said it was a wonderful experience for both he and Bill. Although, said Stan, he was most touched by the welcoming way his friends took Bill into their world during the convention. Thanks to the internet and SABR Stan doubts they will lose touch. As Bill said "...it's like finding a lost relative." But Stan said it's better than that, their chance meeting at the SABR convention restored a wonderful sense of well being for him that even he cannot define.

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Schedule your travel so that you arrive no later than 4:00 to be sure you don't miss any of the fun. On Friday evening, attendees to meet and mingle with authors and researchers.

On Saturday, expect some great research presentations, capped off by time with a special guest (watch the web site for details) and the presentation of The Seymour Medal to the author of the best book of baseball history or biography published in 2004. Afterwards, celebrate your time with your new friends at one of the many local restaurants and nightclubs, like the brand new House of Blues.

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Toronto: World Class City for a World-Class SABR

There are dozens of reasons for members to make plans to attend the SABR Annual Convention August 4 to 7 in Toronto, and primary among them is the world-class destination that is Toronto.

Members with families can plan the family vacation around the convention, with Niagara Falls, plus amusement parks, world-class museums, and much more all nearby. Whether bringing your spouse or the entire family, there are many great adventures for the whole family to have. Visit www.tourismtoronto.com or ask the office for a brochure to learn more.

The Holiday Inn on King is the convention hotel, and it is located near Rogers Centre, the building formerly known as SkyDome. It is also on the edge of Toronto's Entertainment Centre with its great theatres, nightclubs and restaurants.

An extremely walkable and public transportation friendly city, Toronto also is home to many ethnic enclaves, making your visit to Toronto an opportunity for a rich cultural experience.

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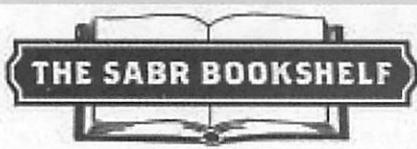
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Publication Update

At press time, *The Baseball Research Journal 2004* was scheduled to get in the mail by March 1. All 2004 members should receive it by April 8. If you are a 2004 member and have not received BRJ by April 8, please contact the SABR office.

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Grand Old Game: 365 Days of Baseball by Joseph Wallace is jam packed with rare and unusual photographs from the archives of the National Baseball Hall of Fame.

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Spring Training Handbook: A Comprehensive Guide to the Ballparks of the Grapefruit and Cactus Leagues by Joshua R. Pahigian is exactly what the title promises. Who plays where, how to get to the parks, a bit of history, some information on the host communities and many pictures.

Richter's History and Records of Base Ball (1914) by Francis Richter, **Touching Second (1910)** by John J. Evers and Hugh S. Fullerton and **Base-Ball Ballads (1910)** by Grantland Rice are the fourth, sixth and seventh in McFarland's series of reprints of classic, hard-to-find baseball books.

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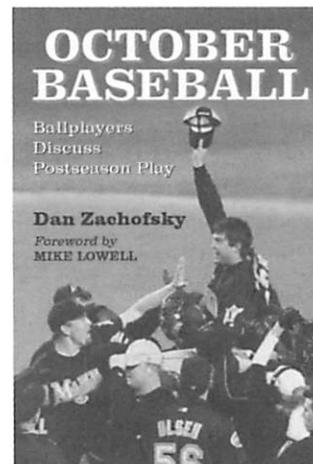
The Brooklyn Dodgers in the 1940s by Rudy Marzano is a year-by-year recounting of the Dodger teams of the 1940s, with the war years of 1943-1945 compressed.

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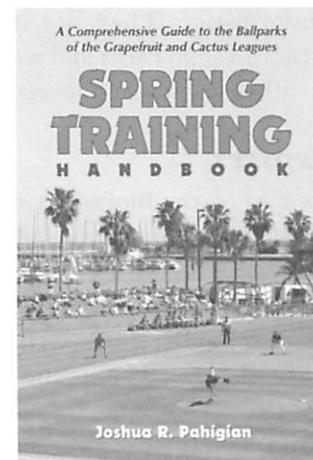
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BALLPARKS

The February edition of the Ballparks committee newsletter reported that committee member **John Matthew** has suggested a panel on SkyDome as an example of the domed stadia era, what it has meant, and where it is going for baseball. The Ballparks committee is hoping to sponsor this panel in the tradition of the "Coors Field Brain Trust" of a SABR 33 or the session the committee held on ballpark architecture in Kansas City during that convention.

Other committee news included a report that **Gary Jarvis** at 725 Grant Street, Iowa City, IA 52240, has agreed to lead ongoing efforts to create the definitive list of the oldest parks on the professional game level. Write or e-mail Gary at gary-jarvis@uiowa.edu. Suggestions can include both parks/sites and the criteria to be listed.

Also, **Paul Healey** continues to coordinate efforts to "catalog ballpark images that are available." Contact him (43 Linden St #5, Alston MA 02134, email: paulhealey@yahoo.com) for more information. They are starting with Major League Parks and will later take on other leagues and levels.

BIOPROJECT

New bios on the BioProject website (<http://bioproj.sabr.org>) include ones on Ray Caldwell, Jim Hughey and Fielder Jones.

The Ray Caldwell bio, written by **Steve Steinberg**, recounts the life of the talented pitcher who, from 1910 to 1933, won nearly 300 games, 133 of them in the majors. As the ace of the New York Americans in the early 'teens, he was at times so dominant that Washington once offered Walter Johnson for him in a trade.

"Coldwater Jim" Hughey, written by **Craig Lammers**, is about the man who is still the last major league pitcher to lose 30 games in a season. According to Lammers, Hughey was more than a footnote in history and more than someone who had the misfortune to pitch for a team, the 1899 Cleveland

Spiders, that made the 1962 Mets look like an invincible juggernaut.

According to **David Larson** in his bio on Fielder Jones, the man was an exceptionally talented ballplayer and manager. He played while professional baseball was still in its infancy, from 1896 to 1908 and briefly in 1914 and 1915. He won pennants with Brooklyn of the NL in 1899 and 1900 and with the Chicago White Sox in 1901 and 1906. As the White Sox manager, his charges easily defeated a powerful Chicago Cubs team to win the World Series in 1906. In his era, he was regarded as one of the most intelligent field generals in the game.

Other recent biographies include Marge Schott and Mike Garcia, by **Warren Corbett**; Larry Schlafly by **Bruce Roth**; and Pat Seery by **Fred Schuld**.

BIBLIOGRAPHY

The January Bibliography committee newsletter reported that the online Baseball Index (www.baseballindex.org) continues to grow and now contains more than 210,000 citations. Those interested in volunteering their help on the project are encouraged to contact **Ted Hathaway** by email at sabrtbi@mn.rr.com.

The January newsletter also contains book reviews on *Memories of Summer, When Baseball Was an Art, and Writing About It a Game* by Roger Kahn; *Summerland*, by Michael Chabon; and *Baseball Before We Knew It: A Search for the Roots of the Game* by David Block.

BUSINESS OF BASEBALL

The Fall 2004 issue of *Outside the Lines* features a discussion on the Expos/National stadium deal, an interview with Dan Walker, President/General Manager of the Boise Hawks by **Anthony Salazar** and the article, "Golden Gate Crashers or Giant Killers?: Does Baseball's History In the Bay Area Offer Any Lessons For Baltimore/Washington," by **Gary Gillette** and **Stuart Shea**.

The issue also contains another installment of **Yoshigiro Koda's** recur-

ring feature of "A View from Japan." This issue, Koda discusses how a new team saved the two-league structure of Japanese baseball.

NEGRO LEAGUES

The February issue of the *Negro Leagues Courier* discusses a new project by Warner Brothers to bring a mini-series on the Negro Leagues to television.

The newsletter also contained information on the 9th annual Jerry Malloy Negro Leagues Research Conference held this year in Chicago on June 17-19. According to the newsletter, Friday June 17th activities will be held at US Cellular Field in their conference center with 20 tickets to the L.A. Dodgers night game. Contact coordinator **Eddie Bedford** for conference registration information by emailing eddie.bedford@emich.edu or calling 708-355-9535.

PICTORIAL HISTORY

The February SABR Pictorial History committee newsletter reports that their Missing Players List now stands at slightly fewer than 900 players. This means that they have catalogued images for approximately 15,300 major leaguers.

In addition to finding images of previously missing players, they have been working to catalogue additional images for those players already represented in the Player Image Index.

You can find and download the Player Image Index by:

-Go to www.sabr.org.

-Click on Research.

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-Click on The Player Image Index in the dark green banner at the top of the page.

-Click on "Player Image Index" under Downloads at the right side of the page.

Upcoming Events

APRIL 16

CONNECTICUT

The next meeting of the CT SABR chapter will be on Saturday, April 16, 2005. Place YTBD. Contact **Steve Krevisky** at 860-344-8747 or skrevisky@mxcc.commnet.edu.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN

The Rocky Mountain SABR chapter will meet April 16, for more info contact **Ray Luurs** at 970-587-5084

APRIL 23

TOKYO, JAPAN

The Tokyo chapter will meet in Tokyo on April 23. Meeting place and time YTBD. Contact **Haruko Hasumi** at mhgo2576@jcom.home.ne.jp.

MAY 13-15

CLEVELAND, OH

Join baseball writers and researchers for the Seventh Annual Seymour Medal Conference. For more information contact **Ryan Chamberlain** at info@sabr.org or 800-969-722

MAY 14

LITTLE ROCK, AR

The Robinson-Kell Chapter will meet May 14. Time and place YTBD. Contact **Madison McEntire** at maderis@sbcglobal.net or 501-847-1734.

MAY 21

MINNEAPOLIS, MN

Halsey Hall chapter will hold its spring regional on May 21, 2005. Time and place TBD. See <http://halseyhall.org> for updates.

JUNE 17-19

CHICAGO, IL

The Jerry Malloy Negro Leagues Conference will be held in Chicago on June 17-19. Contact **Eddie Bedford** for info at eddie.bedford@emich.edu or 708-355-9535.

AUGUST 4-7

TORONTO, CANADA

SABR Convention, August 4-7, at the Holiday Inn on King. See page one.

Boxscores of Past Meetings

Boston, January 15

Chapter: Boston Chapter.
Presenters: Leigh Montville, "Why Not Us?;" **Dick Johnson**, "Dodgers: 120 Years of Dodger Baseball;" Dr. **Andy Andres**, "Steroids in Baseball;" and **Tim Grasse**, "Defensive Statistics in Baseball."

Emcee: **Seamus Kearney**.
Place: BU College of Science and Arts.
Trivia Winner: **Joe Benedetti**

St. Louis, January 22

Chapter: Bob Broeg Chapter.
Presenters: **George Altman**, Former Cardinal and Cub Outfielder; **Bing Devine**, Former Cardinal General Manager; **Jeff Luhn**, Cardinals Vice President for Baseball Development; **Rick Hummel**, *St. Louis Post Dispatch* Beat Writer; **Bob Tiemann**, "The Worst Line-up in History (1908 Cardinals)."

Elections: **Norm Richards**-President; **Jim Leefers** - Vice President; **Fred Heger** - Treasurer; **Brian Flaspohler** - Secretary.

Place: Mike Shannon's Steaks and Seafood, St. Louis.

Hot Springs, January 22

Chapter: Robinson-Kell Chapter.
Guests: Dr. Dee White and Ms. Mary Lou Caden, former players of the AAGPBL and former Negro League player Bill McCrary.

Presenter: **Mike Dugan** gave a brief history of Fogel Field and Whittington Grounds.

Place: Garland County Library.

Cooperstown, January 29

Chapter: Leatherstocking Chapter.
Presenters: **Gabriel Schecter**, "Analysis of Trends in Relief Pitching since 1969;" **Dwight Vick**, **Luke Shields** and **Dick Hunt** discussed the fascinating career of Wally Schang; **Rich Cohen** reported on central NYer Karl Spooner; **Jim Gates** gave report on HOF events and projects.

Place: Hall of Fame.

Enoshima, January 29-30

Chapter: Tokyo Chapter.
Presenters: **Michio Yorifuji**, "Baseball and Shiki Masaoka (19th century's great haikuist)" Shiki played baseball enthusiastically; **Ichiro Shinohara**, "Research of World Series' Winning Percentage."

Naples, January 31

Chapter: Harold Seymour-Dorothy Seymour Mills Chapter.
Presenters: **Carlos Alfonso**, assistant coach for the SF Giants; **Hank Greenwald**, TV announcer for the Oakland A's. They discussed and answered many questions concerning the current controversies of the game including steroids, D.C. baseball, and Pete Rose.
Place: Naples Florida Public Library.

San Diego, February 5

Chapter: Ted Williams Chapter.
Guests: **Dan Boyle** chaired the meeting and got things rolling introducing **Jim Vlttl**, winner of the "Sporting News-SABR Baseball Research Award," gave a presentation on his outstanding book *The Cubs On Catalina*. In addition, team representatives **Ian Cohen** and **Mike Stevens**, telling about the start-up of San Diego's new professional team in the independent Golden Baseball League.

Presenters: **John Green** provided a firsthand account of "My Day as Baseball Hall of Fame's President." Chapter Liaison with the San Diego Library, **Vic Cardell**, reported on the chapter's emerging partnership with the Baseball Hall of Fame. **Bob Boynton** concluded with a summary of his research on "Win Shares and the Parabolic Course of Baseball Lives."

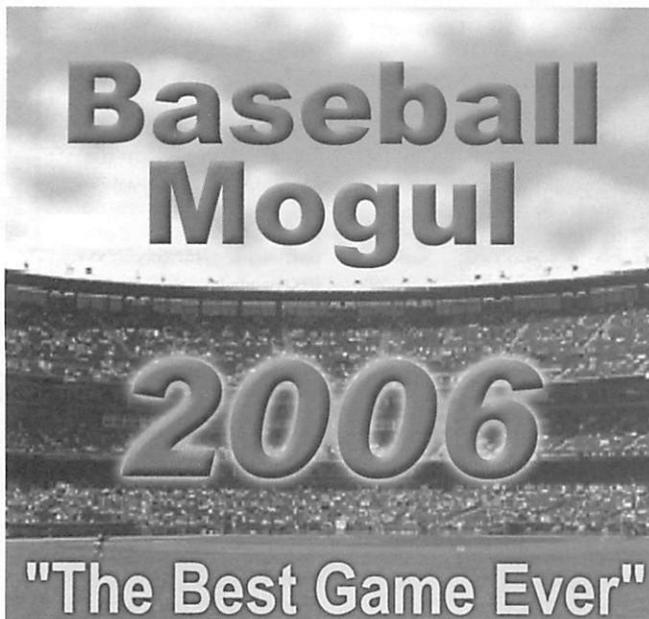
Trivia: "Ringer" **Dick Beverage** beat out **Andy McCue** to win **Jay Walker's** trivia contest.

Place: Petco Park.

Cleveland, February 5

Chapter: Jack Graney Chapter.
Guests: **Bob DiBiasio**, Vice President for Public Relations with the Cleveland Indians and former Montreal Expos **Mike Wegener**.
Presenters: **Bill Needle**, broadcaster with Fox Sports, presented a program on how events that are now famous and legendary were viewed at the time they happened. Program included recordings of radio broadcasts. **Jeffrey Cranston** gave an in-depth look at the 1884 Union Association. **Kelly Boyer-Sagert** discussed her recent biography of "Shoeless" Joe Jackson for Greenwood publishing's "Baseball's All-Time Greatest Hitters" series.

Place: Jacobs Field Media Room.



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Dave Moore Finalists

The staff of *Elysian Fields Quarterly* announced the finalists for the sixth annual *Dave Moore Award* in their January issue. The award honors the author of the "most important book on baseball" published in 2004. The "most important" baseball book, according to *EFQ*, "shall be one that uses baseball as a means to express a sense of who we are as a culture, as a society, and as individual human beings." The winner will be announced March 15, 2005, and profiled in the Spring, 2005 issue of *EFQ*.

The finalists include:

- Jim Collins. *The Last Best League* (Da Capo Press).
- Donald Dewey. *The 10th Man* (Carroll and Graf).
- William Kashatus. *September Swoon* (Penn State University Press).
- Neil Lanctot. *Negro League Baseball* (Univ. of Pennsylvania Press).
- Alan Schwarz. *The Numbers Game* (St. Martin's Press).
- Michael Sokolove. *The Ticket Out* (Simon and Schuster).

Dave Moore, who was a longtime SABR member, served as a news anchor for WCCO Television in Minneapolis for almost forty years. Because Dave Moore was not afraid of supporting unpopular causes and willing to embrace the underdog, particular consideration will be given to emerging authors, especially those published by the small press.

Nominees for the 2004 CASEY Award

Spitball: The Literary Baseball Magazine recently announced that this year's winner for their CASEY Award for best baseball book of 2004 was Leigh Montville for his book *Ted Williams* (Doubleday). Finalists included:

- Joe (Orange Frazer Press) by Greg Hoard
- The Bad Guys Won!* (Harper Collins) by Jeff Pearlman
- The College World Series* (McFarland) by W. C. Madden and Patrick J. Stewart
- History of the Junior World Series* (Scarecrow Press) by Bob Bailey
- The Last Best League* (Da Capo Press) by Jim Collins
- The Last Night of the Yankee Dynasty* (Ecco) by Buster Olney
- Negro League Baseball* (University of Pennsylvania Press) by Neil Lanctot
- The Numbers Game* (St. Martin's Press) by Alan Schwarz
- The Ticket Out* (Simon & Schuster) by Michael Sokolove

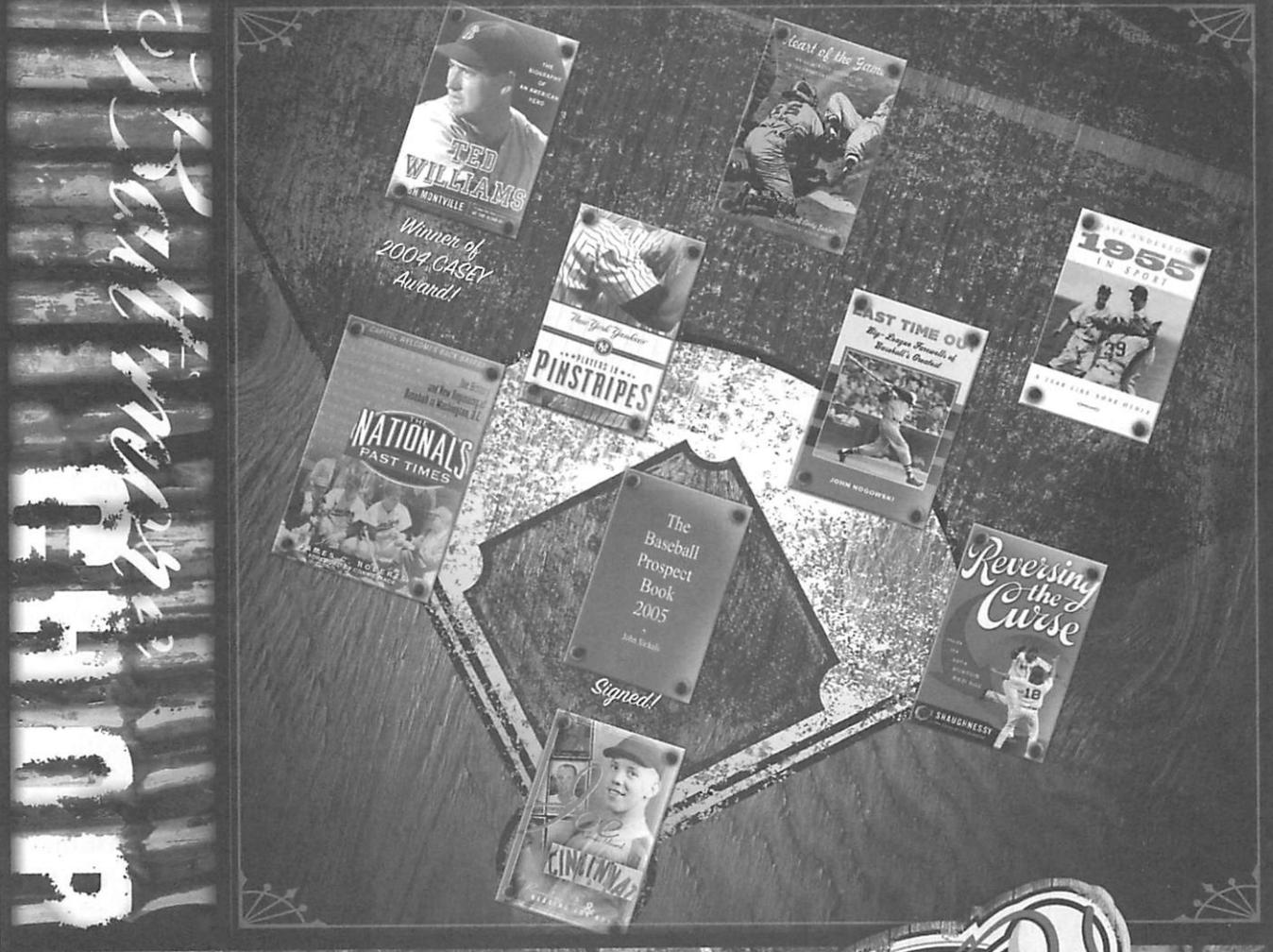
Call For Submissions

Essays are invited for *Baseball in the Classroom: Teaching America's National Pastime*, to be published by McFarland & Co. College and university faculty are invited to describe how they teach baseball as a pedagogical tool in a particular academic area (law, management, history, sociology, theology, etc.). **Complete essays must be submitted to the editor of the volume no later than August 1, 2005.**

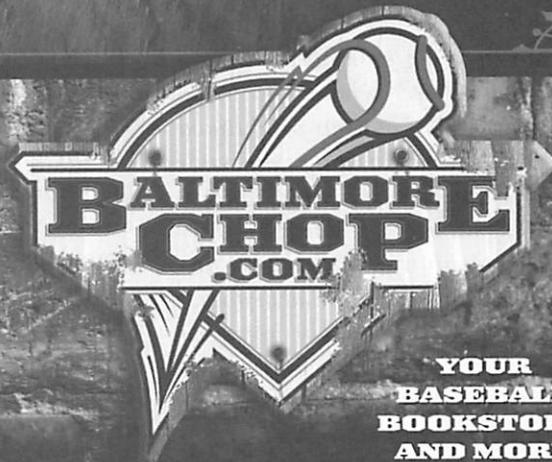
Anyone interested in contributing an essay should contact the editor immediately with a brief proposal (1-2 paragraphs) and a short description of relevant teaching and publishing background. Contact **Edward J. Rielly**, Department of English, Saint Joseph's College, 278 Whites Bridge Road, Standish, ME 04084-5263 (207-893-7930; erielly@sjcme.edu).

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SABR NINE QUESTIONS

By Ryan Chamberlain

Many Depression-Era teenagers would open a winter edition of their *Sporting News* to read the advertisement "Learn Baseball in Florida at the Joe Stripp School of Baseball." With instructors such as Van Mungo, Joe Tinker, Babe Phelps and others, Stripp's school offered to "start your baseball career" by the end of the term with try-outs in organized ball, if qualified of course.

Bertram Moser turned Stripp's promise into an adventure that would be the envy of anyone who has ever loved baseball. After all, what baseball enthusiast wouldn't want to take off on a cross-country road trip with the only purpose being to play the game?

Bert's decision to break into professional baseball through the Stripp school was not made on whim. Born on August 6, 1918 in Cedarhurst, Long Island, he got an early start shagging flies as a kid during batting practice of a very good local Cedarhurst semi-pro team. According to Bert, they played some of the best teams in their class such as the Bushwicks, House of David, Detroit Clowns, Black Yankees or Giants, Cuban All Stars and Springfield Grays. He would stand out there with a little mitt on Sunday afternoon catching balls, and when the game started sneak up into the stands or sell peanuts.

At 5'10" and 156 lbs., Bert traveled down to Florida in 1937 where he had his first encounter with the Stripp school and tried to get on the Miami Beach Flamingos, but it didn't work out. From there he took off north and stopped in Ft. Pierce where they had a team, to no avail. He then hitchhiked through Jacksonville and then went west up to Americus, Georgia, for try-outs with again no luck. He then traveled to Spartanburg, SC but was unable to latch onto a team. "Thad my baseball glove, which I held over my wrist while I was standing there on the side of the road with my thumb out," recounted Bert, "And it worked, I got plenty of rides."

Even though his initial attempt at

breaking into professional baseball was a strike-out, undaunted Bert set his sights on the following season, which is where our interview with him picks up in this round of the SABR Nine.

1. What attracted you and your friends to journey all the way from Long Island to Orlando for the Joe Stripp Baseball School in 1938?

I grew up in Cedarhurst, Long Island about 20 miles out of the city. We had met each other the year before [1937] at the [Joe Stripp] school and kept

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in touch. They were from Catskill, New York. The next year we decided to all go down together so I bought a 1929 Chrysler from a friend named Wilbur Combs for \$75 and we drove down in that. I was 19 at the time. It took a couple of days...we drove down the Delaware peninsula to the Cape Charles ferry. However, long about nearly dark as we approached the ferry, the lights went down in the car and we stalled right in front of it [the ferry]. The car behind us had to push us on. They then pushed us off, of course after we arrived and we got the car repaired. I think it was the generator or the armature or something like that. But we made it all the way to Florida in that car. We all wanted to make a career in baseball and we felt like this was a great stepping stone.

2. What were the facilities like when you arrived?

It was okay for a bunch of guys. We used the Washington Senators spring

training clubhouse. I was assigned a locker, then we were sent to a boarding house. A big house run by a very nice lady who rented out rooms and served us meals. It was something like \$7 dollars a week. It wasn't bad, considering we were 19 and whatever.

3. At the school, you were roommates with Cy Block, who played briefly with the Cubs and was a promising rookie in 1942. What was he like?

Cy Block from Brooklyn, New York...he was an aggressive guy on the field. He did have a problem with sweating too much. We used to tease him about that. Aside from that, he was a good hitter, greater fielder and he caused a lot of attention.

4. What were your impressions of Joe Stripp and other coaches like Ben Cantwell, Joe Tinker and Van Mungo?

Joe Stripp did not mingle much, he depended on his assistants. He was pretty hard-nosed, but a decent guy and a real professional. I mean, you could see that. He was a good administrator for what he did. Ben Cantwell took a personal interest in me. No more than maybe any of the other pitchers there. But he did spend time with me and he checked out my pitching form...my delivery and my follow-through, showing me the right ways. He then helped me with a wind-up...which I used. It was a simple wind-up, arms over the head. And he helped me to understand that I needed to have control. Joe Tinker was not a well man, he was pretty quiet and he didn't do too much from what I could see. He did coach some of the games at first base. In fact, in one game there where he coached, a real important game for whoever was picked, I pitched to a catcher by the name of Evans, who later I understand went up to the Washington Senators. He was a terrific catcher...made me hit the corners. I pitched beautifully that day. There was a runner at first base

with Joe Tinker coaching and I picked him off. That was a big deal. Anyway, Mungo wasn't around very much, not in my area. He was probably instructing a group of other pitchers. The only other notable person I remember was Jimmy Jordan, an infielder with the Brooklyn Dodgers, who took care of the infielding group.

5. What was the daily regiment like at the school?

We just went through the routine...the program set up there at Tinker Field. Be there at 9 o'clock in the morning. They put us through calisthenics and exercises to start off, and then divided us into groups. We played catch back and forth or pepper games. The instructors would come around, talk to us and give us advice. Of course there were batting practices, classes on how to steal bases and on how to bunt. Classes in all the different things. Later on, after a week or so, they started to have games. We finished the day running a loop around the field.

6. Describe the transition from the baseball school to the Palatka Azaleas. Was the competition a lot tougher?

Joe Stripp told me that he had arranged for me to go with Palatka class-D in the Florida State League. And that to go up there and meet with the Palatka officials on a certain date, which I did. I went up there on that date and signed up a contract to play for Palatka at their office in town. The owner of the Palatka team was there. I forget his name. And that was it. I went into spring training with the Palatka baseball team in Azalea Park. There were older players there, fellas that had experience. Some of them had been up in the upper grade minor leagues and were older now, and just playing to keep playing, you know. It was less personal in nature [compared to the school]. The competition was tough because the Palatka manager did not have the patience to deal with someone like me and stuck to his familiar veterans. He was prone to favor the older players.



Bert Moser (left) with Ben Cantwell at the Joe Stripp School of Baseball in 1938.

7. According to minor league historian Ray Nemeč, the first professional game you appeared in was on May 19, 1938 when you pinch ran in the 10th inning of a 9-7 loss to Sanford. What do you remember from that?

It is a blur now. I remember that it was a night game and they had the flood lights on, which were very weak. Terrible lighting. I was sitting there on the bench and the manager told me to warm up, that he was going to put me into the game. Then he told me to go pinch-run for a somebody, which I thought was pretty odd if he was going to have me pitch. It was a tight game. I ran into the third baseman, I think on a fielder's choice, who I knocked flat. He came up boiling and so was everybody on his team. They were really sore at me because I was the rookie. Then I was put into pitch after that incident. I was upset about one thing or another and I really didn't have control so I was pulled out. I don't know how long I lasted, I can't remember. But that's about the way it was. I remember that I was really upset that they would put me in to pinch run before going in to pitch. What manager would do that?

8. Also according to Mr. Nemeč, your next appearance was on May 21st as a relief pitcher where you pitched 1/3 of an inning. Was that the last game you played for Palatka?

Yeah, that was. I don't remember much about that. I think I was let go the next morning. The manager told me I was released and to check out at the office. I decided to try and stay in the game but it didn't work out. I went back home in the car and it didn't have any brakes left by the time I got up to New York. I didn't have a proper registration any more either. But I made it home. Shortly after that I sold it for \$50. My family and friends were happy to see me and sorry that I didn't make out. My brother was successful in the radio and appliance business and I went to work for him. That was okay with me and I pitched semi-pro ball in the area. I did pretty well and enjoyed it. Then I got with a team for a short while that was in the Queens Alliance. I pitched for them. That was the same team that Phil Rizzuto had played for. It was a pretty fair semi-pro league considering the area.

9. What are some of the more positive things you took from your brief stint in the minor leagues during that era?

It made me feel more mature...not so innocent. I saw a little of the seamier side of life and learned how to handle myself under all conditions. It made me a more rounded, complete person. I found out you had to be bigger and stronger than I was to make it professionally, but it didn't take away my desire for the sport having not made out. I went to a Dodger tryout at the old Ebbets Field but got lost in the big turnout. I really liked the game and pitched semi-pro until I was drafted into the army in 1942. I appreciated having my chances. I followed the war with a career as a regional sales manager for Magnavox and Phillips Electronic Co. Now I am retired, enjoying life and the spring training games in Scottsdale, Arizona.

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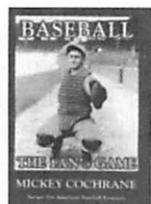
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2005 SABR Voter's Guide and Ballot

Thank you for reading the 2005 SABR Voter's Guide.

On the following pages you will find the statements of the candidates for the office of President, Treasurer, and Director (3 slots). In the pages following the candidates' statements are the candidates' responses to the two questions posed by the Nominating Committee that attempts to allow the SABR membership to get a better idea of who the candidates are and what each stands for. These are grouped by question and by office so you can easily compare the candidates and make a more informed decision. You are also encouraged to contact the candidates directly to ask them any questions that will help you decide your vote. To facilitate this, an e-mail address is given for each candidate at the top of his biographical section.

Printed below are the functions of each office according to the current SABR By-laws.

ARTICLE III — OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES

3.1. Officers and Directors. SABR's elected officers shall consist of a President, a Vice President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer, who along with four Directors shall collectively comprise the Board of Directors. All elected officers and directors shall have been individual members of the Society continuously for four years prior to taking office. No person may hold more than one seat on the SABR Board. Any incumbent officer or director elected or appointed to a second office or director's position shall be deemed to have resigned the first office immediately upon assuming the second position.

3.2. President. The duties of the President, who shall be elected in odd-numbered years to a two-year term, shall include:

- (a) Presiding over the annual business meeting and chairing the Board of Directors.
- (b) Working with the Executive Director to ensure that the organization maintains positive and productive relationships with media, funders, donors, and other organizations.
- (c) Signing contracts and letters of agreement approved by the Board of Directors. The President may delegate signatory power, as appropriate.
- (d) Ensuring that the Board of Directors and its members: 1) are aware of and fulfill their governance responsibilities; 2) comply with applicable laws and bylaws; 3) conduct board business effectively and efficiently; and 4) are accountable for their performance.
- (e) Such additional duties as may from time to time be assigned by the Board of Directors.
- (f) Except as otherwise provided by the Bylaws or explicitly delegated by the Board of Directors, the President shall have no greater authority than any other member of that body.

3.5. Treasurer. The duties of the Treasurer, who starting in 2005 shall be elected to a three-year term, shall include:

- (a) Enforcing policies and procedures to ensure that SABR's assets are protected, and that SABR's financial practices comply with applicable laws and bylaws, as well as Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) and other appropriate standards.
- (b) Ensuring that SABR's financial accounts and procedures are reviewed by an independent auditor, and that the auditor's report and recommendations are presented to the Board of Directors.
- (c) Working with the Executive Director to prepare an annual budget for the Board's approval which (1) represents the best possible current estimates of annual income and expenditures, and (2) links organizational income and expenditures to SABR's mission and priorities.
- (d) Advising the Board of Directors at each meeting, and the membership at the annual business meeting, of SABR's financial condition.
- (e) Monitoring and reviewing SABR's financial policies and procedures, and recommending an allocation of human and financial resources sufficient to meet these responsibilities.
- (f) Such additional duties as may from time to time be assigned by the Board of Directors.

Section 3.6. Directors. The four Directors, who starting in 2004 shall be elected to three-year terms, shall serve on the Board of Directors and perform such duties as may from time to time be assigned by the Board of Directors.

On the last page of this Voter's Guide is the ballot. Vote for or against by-laws changes by making a mark next to the appropriate vote. SABR now uses preferential voting. You are to rank the candidates by checking off the circle corresponding with your first choice for each office, then your second choice, etc. You are provided with a space to cast any write-in vote you wish.

The deadline for your vote to be received is June 7, 2005.

For President

Richard Beverage

Member Since: 1980

E-mail: RBeverage@aol.com

SABR Experience: Vice President, 1994-97; Secretary, 1998-2002; President, 2003-present; President, Allen Roth Chapter, 1989-95; Member of the Minor League, Umpire and Rules, Deadball and Ballparks Committees; Contributor to the Baseball Research Journal, The National Pastime, SABR Review of Books; SABR Guide to Minor League Statistics; Member of several SABR *ad hoc* committees. Have attended every national convention since 1984.

Other Relevant Experience: Secretary-Treasurer and Chief Operating Officer of the Association of Professional Ballplayers of America, a non-profit organization which assists former players who are in need; Founder and President of the Pacific Coast League Historical Society; Editor and Publisher of the *Pacific Coast League Potpourri*, a bimonthly newsletter on Pacific Coast League history; Contributor to *Nine* and *Baseball America*, *Encyclopedia of Major League Teams* (California Angels) and several Pacific Coast League scorecard-magazines. Author of two books on the Pacific Coast League—*The Angels-Los Angeles in the Pacific Coast League 1919-57* and *The Hollywood Stars-Baseball in Movieland 1926-57*. Chairman of the Pacific Coast League Hall of Fame Selection Committee.

Education: B. A., History, Colgate University. M. B. A., Financial Management, Golden Gate University.

Occupation: Secretary-Treasurer of the Association of Professional Ballplayers of America. Previous experience as a Chief Financial Officer in industry, public accounting and consultant in office management and human relations

Candidate Statement

Two years ago I ran for President with the goal of improving the SABR publication program and the restoration of a financial equilibrium for the organization. We've achieved those goals through the efforts of a strong Executive Board working as a team with the Executive Director and his staff. The publications are being delivered on a more timely basis, and the quality of the work is better. SABR has operated with a surplus the last two years after a period which saw several years of negative results. Along with these results we've created a more collegial approach to problem solving within the Board, one which focuses our efforts and attention on the important tasks ahead.

Much has been accomplished during my term. We've created a fundraising committee that has led to a significant increase in our donations and the number of donors. Our Web presence has been expanded with the creation of the SABR Encyclopedia and the accompanying Home Run Log, Biographical Committee and Scouts databases. We've added Pro Quest and Heritage Quest as additional benefits for our members. There is a greater emphasis on strategic planning, which has led us to carefully examine our publications program and our conventions and project the future requirements for our staff.

What does the future hold for SABR? A major priority in the coming years is to continue to develop and expand our online research resources. The future for web based information is now; in the coming years we want SABR to become the premier source of baseball research material on the Web. This isn't an unrealistic objective. We've made giant strides to improve our Web presence with more enhancements sure to come. Membership in SABR is going to be a necessity for the serious researcher in order to gain access to these wonderful resources that have been developed and those that will be in place in the future.

It has been a privilege to have been a part of the leadership team as your President for the past two years, during which time we have moved our organization on to greater things. I look forward to the challenge of continuing the progress we have made and once again, I respectfully ask for your vote.

For Treasurer

F. X. Flinn

Member Since: 1984

E-mail: F.X.Flinn@mindspring.com

SABR Experience: Treasurer since July 2001; Chair, Internet Committee since Nov 1999; SABR-L moderator 1998-1999; member of Audit and Risk committees; served on or participated in various ad-hoc committees such as those concerning bylaw changes and convention matters.

Other Relevant Experience: First career out of college was in the trade book business and culminated with a 5 year stint as Bantam's managing editor. I know the publishing business inside out.

Education: B.S. Industrial & Labor Relations, Cornell University 1976; MBA program Univ. of Connecticut 1985/86 (partial, dropped out after wife became ill)

Occupation: Since 1985 have been providing information technology consulting services. Currently President of Expert Systems Development Corp. which specializes in developing real-time data reporting solutions for manufacturing firms and other transaction-intensive businesses. We also develop and sell several small stand-alone software packages.

Candidate Statement

Given the sometimes fractious politics of SABR, I am honored to run unopposed and take it as a great vote of confidence from the several hundred members who take a continuing and active interest in how SABR is run. I sincerely hope that you will cast a ballot for me in this election and signal that the wider membership shares this confidence in my work as your Treasurer.

When I first ran in 2001, in this space I wrote: "Clearly SABR has suffered from a lack of direction in its 30 year history. The list of missed opportunities [listed earlier] is merely illustrative and not exhaustive....SABR has barely scratched the surface of its potential. It's time for a change...I ... propose to provide ... clearly articulated strategies that help SABR reach goals that the membership supports. Our publications must be first-rate. Our web presence must be substantial and attractive. We need leadership that thinks in big-picture terms and provides its executive staff with the encouragement and freedom to move the organization forward."

Four years later, I am happy to report that we do now have a board that operates at the policy level and an executive staff that does have the freedom and flexibility to respond to opportunities that present themselves. The ProQuest subscription is a classic example of an opportunity seized. The Deadball Committee's two volume work, published by Potomac Books as member benefits in 2003 and 2005, show our willingness to commit resources in support of first-rate publications. Transparency in SABR's operations and policy development is a given, with extensive materials available on our members-only site and a board that willingly participates in online debate when important issues come to the fore.

We have made a lot a good progress during the past few years, and more is on the horizon. Please signal your encouragement by voting in this election.

For Director

Paul Hirsch

Member Since: 1983
E-mail: plhirsch30@aol.com

SABR Experience: Regional Leader, Lefty O'Doul Chapter, 2001-2003; Board Member Lefty O'Doul Chapter 1997-present; Committee Member, 1998 National Convention. Member, Umpire and Rules Committee, 1994-2002. Originator of current SABR Fund Raising Program resulting in significant revenue increases.

Other Relevant Experience: Ballboy and ticket office employee for California Angels, 1974-1980.

Education: Bachelor of Arts in Communications, California State University, Fullerton, 1979.

Occupation: Principal, Marketing/PR Agency in SF Bay Area. Communications professional since 1983

Frederick Ivor-Campbell

Member Since: 1982
E-mail: fredivorc@hotmail.com

SABR Experience: Vice-President, 1998-2002; director, 1992-96; chair, Nineteenth Century Committee, 1992-98; compiler, Nineteenth Century Notes, 1991-99; service on judging committees for Seymour Medal, McFarland-SABR Baseball Research Award, Bob Davids Award; contributor to numerous SABR publications, general editor, Baseball's First Stars; presentations at regional meetings and the national convention.

Other Relevant Experience: Publishing house editor/writer; college public information officer; college English professor; writer on baseball for several reference works (including Total Baseball and American National Biography) and other baseball publications.

Education: BA, Biblical Studies; MA, adult learning; MA English

Occupation: Baseball researcher/writer

Candidate Statement

My goals for SABR are straightforward:

- Financial independence
- Higher profile within baseball industry and the media that covers it
- Publications that are on point and above reproach
- Leadership in contributing to the knowledge and understanding of baseball
- Generosity in sharing our discoveries, knowledge and understanding with the broader baseball community.

We are well on the way in many of these areas. Our publications are excellent and contribute to greater understanding of the game, its history, its strategies and contribute to the future direction of baseball. Approaches to the analysis of player effectiveness originated within SABR are becoming commonplace within organized baseball. Our higher profile members seem very generous with their time and insights when the media calls, and our gift and sponsorship programs are reducing our year-in, year-out dependence on dues.

As a marketing professional, I can contribute to the board with specialized skills and contacts likely to help raise SABR's profile. I understand what journalists see as news and what is fluff. I can foresee what might lead us down a rabbit hole, and I can see areas where our input would be uniquely valuable. As a Director, I would be contributing to decisions about the direction of the society and able to offer input as to what the external ramifications might be. More practically, I would be able to see the news value of our initiatives and publications and contribute to greater awareness of the contributions we make to increasing baseball knowledge and insights.

My own membership application came from a back page of an early *Bill James Baseball Abstract*, and I attended my first convention in 1985. I helped organize the 1998 National Convention, and I have been on the board of my local chapter since 1997. Our image has evolved from something akin to Trekkies to real-life contributors to the product on the field. Thinking originated within our society contributed to the recent success of the Boston Red Sox and Oakland A's, among others. We should make sure our contribution is noted, and I intend to make that effort the hallmark of my service to the SABR board.

Candidate Statement

SABR in recent years has achieved a strength and stability that gives it a platform for launching impressive new initiatives. One that in particular concerns me is the recovery and preservation of baseball's "paper trail" (see question #2), and there are others already in the works and in the minds of SABR members. I believe that SABR is poised for a new spurt of growth in relevance and value to the baseball world, and that there are opportunities for all of us to take part in it. The Internet has opened a vast new venue for enabling and spreading baseball research, and will play an increasing role in SABR's growth. I believe that my former service on SABR's Board and my understanding of the needs of SABR and of the world of baseball research could prove valuable in helping guide SABR into this future.

But the brilliance of SABR's Internet future must not lure us away from our traditional strengths: our print publications, our research committees, and our regional chapters. So far, both past and future have merged in a present of unprecedented vitality--SABR has never been stronger. The challenge is to preserve that balance--to continue efforts to improve the working of the research committees, the liveliness of chapters, and the quality of our print publications. As a relic of SABR's past with a vision for its bright future, I believe I can provide effective service as a Director.

For Director

Kevin Reichard

Member Since: 2001

E-mail: kevinreichard@ballparkwatch.com

SABR Experience: Member, spring-training committee; participant in online discussion groups

Other Relevant Experience: I run several baseball- and ballpark-related Web sites: Ballpark Digest (www.ballparkdigest.com), Spring Training Online (www.springtrainingonline.com) and NWLfan.com (www.nwlfan.com). I formerly was executive editor at Jupitermedia (2000-2003), where my job duties included overseeing several successful conferences and trade shows, including the WiFiPlanet and Instant Messaging conferences.

Education: B.A., English, Hamline University, St. Paul (MN), 1983

Occupation: President, August Publications.

Candidate Statement

As a director, I would:

- a) work to bring down costs, increase sponsorships and raise attendance at the annual convention by bringing my professional experience to the mix;
- b) continue and expand the excellent publications work;
- c) work with pro leagues and organizations to raise SABR's profile, and
- d) expand SABR's profile in the baseball/Web worlds by reaching out to more casual fans via an expanded Web site.

Jamie Selko

Member Since: 1976

E-mail: jinselko@comcast.net

SABR Experience: Member: Minor League Committee, Ballparks Committee, Deadball Era Committee, Pictorial History Committee, Biographical Research Committee, Baseball Records Committee.

Education: MA, International Relations, Boston University

Occupation: Stay-at-home dad, writer

Candidate Statement

When I was stationed in Berlin, the high point of every year for me was flying back to the U.S. to go to the SABR convention. I managed to do this five times in the seven years I was there. No mail was more eagerly received than SABR publications and bulletins and letters from friends I had made during my trips and through my correspondence.

In all my years in SABR, I have met so many people whose company I enjoy that any attempt at naming them would sound like a bad Academy Award acceptance speech. SABR has had a positive impact on my life. I would like a chance to pay some of that back.

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SABR has traditionally wrestled with the issues of being better-known and increasing the size of the organization. Do you believe that these should be priorities for SABR? How do you envision the use of marketing and publicity to meet these and/or other needs of the organization?

Richard Beverage

It is important to increase the size of the SABR membership, but it shouldn't be necessary to allocate a lot of our resources to do so. The success of SABR is measured by how well we fulfill our mission, not the number of members we have.. Our first priority is to build a stronger organization, one that gives increased satisfaction to our members.. We do that by offering better publications delivered on a timely basis, providing additional resources to help the dedicated researcher, creating a website that is continuously adding material that isn't available elsewhere. All of this is being done in a user friendly environment that recognizes and encourages the researcher as well as the avid consumer of his product. This is a continuing process and if we're successful in our efforts to make SABR an even more enjoyable and worthwhile experience, our members will serve as our messengers to the outside world, and we'll continue to attract new people to the Society.

In recent years SABR has become more widely known, and more importantly, we've become more respected. We've accomplished that by placing more emphasis on who we are—SABR, The Baseball Research Society. We're a group of dedicated members who produce baseball research, consume it, critique it and publicize it. Our members are guided by the principles of truth and accuracy. I like the vision of SABR as a baseball think tank, the place where more and more the national media goes when they want up to the minute accurate information about the game. These contacts will increasingly raise SABR's profile, leading to more awareness of our organization and a greater desire to become a part of it.

We must concentrate on the Baseball Research portion of our name, use the full name, The Society for American Baseball Research, wherever possible and identify our members who have created fine research by using that name. There is much left unsaid by using only the restricted term, SABR, and we miss an opportunity to state our message more clearly. That is especially important as we continue to increase our fund raising activities. We are what we are, and that is the Baseball Research Society.

Describe the one MOST important thing that needs to be implemented now and why it is the most important. What skills and experience do you have to support the activity.

Richard Beverage

The most important thing that SABR needs to implement at the present time is the development of an effective electronic publishing program. We are well served by the Publications Director in planning and creating a program of paper publications, and it is now time to create a parallel program that includes material for the electronic world. Developing an effective strategy and execution plan is essential if SABR is to continue to fulfill its mission in the electronic age we live in.

A well planned electronic publishing program will provide new opportunities for our members to contribute to baseball research. There will be greater visibility for the Society, more participation by the members, and more meaningful recognition of their efforts. All of this will lead to a stronger and more satisfactory organization.

A strategic plan for the program should include a statement which defines what will be published, where the material will come from and the necessary resources which should be provided for researchers. In formulating this plan the input from a broad spectrum of researchers and technicians who specialize in electronic publishing should be included. We can anticipate that additional staffing and funding will be necessary to build this program.

One of the major skills that I have that will be useful in this implementation is an ability to build a consensus that leads to productive decisions. Creation of such a program that is outlined here will be the product of a team effort with all responsible parties working together and not acting as independent entities with their own agendas. That effort doesn't take place by accident, and I can provide the necessary leadership to make this task a success.

In my professional life I've been closely involved with office organization and management for many years, and that skill and training will be of some benefit should an increase in staff be necessary. I'll look forward to that challenge when it happens.

Development of an electronic publishing program will be an exciting event in SABR history, one which further enhance our standing as the premier baseball research organization.

SABR has traditionally wrestled with the issues of being better-known and increasing the size of the organization. Do you believe that these should be priorities for SABR? How do you envision the use of marketing and publicity to meet these and/or other needs of the organization?

F. X. Flinn

When I first began working as a Board member, I thought that it would be possible to create publicity vehicles for SABR such as a "New Century Baseball Awards" program (which you can dig out on the SABR Forums or find in the archives of SABR-L and the BRSP Yahoo e-group), but very quickly came to see that we would be publicizing a fractured, worn-out and mismanaged organization. Our word-of-mouth reputation was in decline. We had trouble holding on to new members. Publicizing the organization, I realized during the first three or four months in office, was the last thing we needed. We needed to get basics right and then see where we stood.

The period from late 2001 through 2003 was a difficult one for SABR, but we emerged from that time with a re-engineered membership system that put our directory online, dramatically enhanced the ability of chapters and committees to circulate material, and freed up staff time to focus on less mundane matters. We also forged a new process for our publications program and doubled the number of submissions to our journals with a concomitant improvement in the quality of our publications. In making John Zajc our Executive Director, we signaled that our first priority was to serve our existing membership.

Now that we have repaired our foundation and spruced the place up, we're starting to see a change in our reputation, starting to see more frequent mentions of SABR in the media, a greater willingness on the part of SABR members to make a point of mentioning SABR or asking for SABR to be mentioned – and this is gold-standard publicity.

I have come to believe that if we build it, they will come. If we build an organization that provides the resources and encouragement baseball researchers need, they will come home, they will bring their projects with them, and those who are presently just 'consumers' of the research will come along. We simply need to execute our mission and let the world come to us. Some day there will be national attention focused on us, and we'll shine in that light.

How important is fund-raising and how would you encourage it? Are there any other steps you would recommend we take to help build up SABR's endowment?"

F. X. Flinn

Last year was tremendous for SABR's fund-raising efforts, and I anticipate a year-end report that will show that every dollar donated to SABR in 2004 went into our savings and that not a single dollar was used to support day-to-day operations.

As I remarked at our annual business meeting in Cincinnati this year, we have about \$125,000 in our rainy-day fund. While sizeable, this is not enough to generate the kind of annual income that would, for example, fund another staffer in the office. A half-million is more like it, I said, and expressed the hope that the Society would eventually be able to use donations to grow its endowment, rather than subsidizing its operations. That time appears to have arrived.

So with this in mind, I'd like to ask each of you to consider making a donation to SABR today, this time with the knowledge that every dollar is going into building the future of the Society. It's a future that is going to deliver high-quality member publications, bring more and more research resources online, provide more help in the office for researchers and chapter organizers, and continue to facilitate the fellowship and friendships that are at the core of our community.

That's how we encourage fund-raising: we ask for donations backed with a great message of accomplishment and clear strategies for putting the money to work on SABR's behalf. We have a solid track record we can point to, and there are a few projects being discussed, such as a ProQuest-type digitization of *The Sporting Life*, that we can put price tags on and discuss with donors in a position to make very large contributions.

As a practical matter, we've established a formal fund-raising committee, we have rationalized our investments and developed a written strategy used by our E.D. and bankers to manage our holdings, and we will implement a more sophisticated cash management process during 2005, when we will also be revisiting the question of how our holdings are managed.

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Paul Hirsch

Becoming better known could only benefit SABR. This does not necessarily mean that our size has to grow. We should remain inclusive, and we should invite guests to our events and offer them the opportunity to join if they enjoy their experience. We may need to update our brochure, and we probably need to make sure that local chapters have an adequate supply. Very few things in marketing are more effective than a point-of-sale approach. However, the argument can be made that there is a limited market for SABR memberships, and we should not measure the success of our organization by its membership numbers.

That said, we should absolutely strive to raise our profile. Every publication should be accompanied by a press release describing the scope and purpose of that publication, where/how non-members can buy it, how it fits into SABR's overall mission, and the unique thinking/historical contribution of that publication. Every convention should be heavily publicized in the local media, and we should leverage our media coverage on our website. We should ask members like John Thorn, David Vincent and Bill James to allow themselves to be identified as SABR members whenever they are interviewed.

As someone with more than twenty years in marketing and public relations I am uniquely qualified to capitalize on opportunities in the marketplace of ideas. It is my strong belief that the more we can get our high-profile members in the public eye, the higher our positive public profile will become. We should publicize the value and scope of the members-only sections of our website as not only a draw to future (younger) members, but as evidence of what we have to offer and the seriousness with which we take our mission. As part of that publicity campaign, we could consider certain weeks of open access much like HBO and Showtime do on cable systems to encourage subscribers. We would not only encourage subscribers, we would offer guided tours to influential members of the media in order to create buzz and validate the society in the eyes of the baseball public.

Frederick Ivor-Campbell

SABR's promotional goals have always been to alert the baseball public to the existence and nature of SABR and to enroll those who would enjoy SABR membership. Size for size's sake has not been – and, in my view, should not be – a SABR goal, but we all know that there are many baseball devotees out there – thousands, probably – who would love SABR if they knew about it. So I see it as SABR's promotional mission to communicate full and accurate information about the society to the whole of baseball fandom. Two methods that have proven effective are word of mouth – satisfied members telling others about SABR -- and mention in the media of research efforts and findings by SABR's members. These methods cost SABR little more than the price of informational brochures and the effort of preparing news releases. There is a fine new flyer, but I think SABR could do more with press releases, monitoring more closely the newsworthy things SABR's members are doing and spreading the news more vigorously to the media. Two further means of conveying SABR to the baseball world deserve attention: drawing people to the SABR web site, and advertising in print media. We increasingly see SABR mentioned on other baseball sites and linked by these sites to sabr.org; SABR should continue to nurture this development. And while, in this age of the Internet, print advertising isn't as crucial as it used to be, I believe that the judicious placement of sharply crafted informative ads for SABR could draw the attention of that still sizeable number of persons for whom the Internet is still not a major fact of life.

Recruitment is of course only one source of a healthy membership; retention is the other, perhaps more important, source. To retain the members it has, SABR needs to be everything it promises to prospective members. Its member services – and this includes the research committees and regional chapters – need continual monitoring and upgrading. SABR has come far since I joined over two decades ago, but more can be done.

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Kevin Reichard

If an organization does not grow, it will die: there will be nothing to attract new members and current members will lose interest. So growth should always be a priority. SABR has done an excellent job attracting hardcore baseball historians, it has done a lesser job of attracting casual observers fans whose interest is limited to specific teams, venues or players. The Website should expand to attract those fans.

Jamie Selko

I have two suggestions for increasing exposure to SABR.

1. ESPN shows eating contests, Scrabble contests, rock-paper-scissors contests (really!) and etc. I think we should put forth the idea to that network to tape the Trivia Finals to show at some later date (perhaps before or after the Hall of Fame induction program). That would put us more squarely into the public limelight than any amount of mentions in sports columns. (I say that this is unfortunate, because I am a reader rather than a watcher. Nevertheless, it is true.)

2. I also believe that a yearly poll of the membership be taken on which player passed over by the Veterans Committee of the Hall of Fame most deserve membership in that same Hall. (My own candidates would be Gil Hodges, Ron Santo and Minnie Minoso). The candidate who receives the most votes from the membership in a given year should receive in turn the full support of our marvelous researchers and writers. These good folks would then have a specific length of time to work up a packet which we then, as a body and under the SABR banner, would ensure reaches every voter on said Veterans Committee before the vote takes place. We should let the candidate (or his closest surviving relative) know that we are making this effort on his behalf. Should our efforts be successful, I am sure that we would receive appropriate thanks during the new Hall of Famers acceptance speech.

I can think of no other projects which would garner more publicity for our organization.

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Paul Hirsch

The guiding spirit of the Internet is openness. In the next five to ten years SABR should figure out how to balance openness with providing extra value to members. I envision the great reference works of baseball online. I envision online versions of *The Sporting Life*, *The Reach Baseball Guide*, *The Sporting News*, *Baseball America* and other publications dedicated to baseball organized and available on our site. I envision SABR's site as a gathering place for knowledge dedicated to baseball history and thought.

I envision financing this through sponsorships and a fundraising program dedicated to the website. If we are successful in raising our profile and gaining greater public acceptance, fundraising for this kind of effort would be possible.

Frederick Ivor-Campbell

SABR.org should expand its current research services, adding access to pertinent newspapers and other baseball publications to its resources, adding research articles by SABR's members, and encouraging additional innovative projects like *The Baseball Index* and the *Baseball BioProject*. One such project needs to be the collection, organization and publication of unique documents currently unavailable – especially documents at risk of being lost forever to the researcher. The need is urgent.

Baseball's "paper trail," like most paper trails, is fragmented and scattered – with much of it hidden in private collections or lost completely. SABR should commit itself to rooting out publications, letters, contracts, diaries, scorebooks – everything baseball – and publishing as many texts as possible that are not readily available elsewhere.

SABR doesn't have to do everything itself. Much is already being done cooperatively with other baseball web sites, especially in the realms of statistics and data compilation; SABR should continue to encourage and support these ventures.

Publishing on the Internet is not without expense, but with its huge capacity and small cost compared to print publication it has readily become one of SABR's basic services. As such, the bulk of its cost should be built into the annual budget. For the costs of initiating new projects, therefore, I would appeal to SABR's members for designated gifts. One of the most inspiring developments in recent years had been the generosity of the membership in supporting SABR's growth and improvement. Everyone loves a challenge, and rescuing and preserving baseball's data provides just that.

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Kevin Reichard

Working with The National Pastime on an online database of minor leaguers should be a priority: this genealogy project would connect SABR with tens of thousands of baseball fans looking for information on family members or favorite players. Financing could come through contributions from minor leagues, MiLB, MLB (now overseeing MiLB stats) and charitable organizations, but money isn't the issue: expertise is.

Jamie Selko

Asking someone to be a silicon-based Nostradamus is a tough one. How many of us, other than the "true believers" out there, knew ten years ago where *the Internet* would be today? Given the medium's tendency to double in memory and speed approximately every 18 months, prognostication is hit or miss at best.

Having generalized enough, let me give some specific examples of the kind of data which I would like to see made available in the area of statistics:

1. Fielding games started
2. Fielding complete games
3. Fielding innings
4. Double-plays started
5. Team fielding errors (for example, when a pop-up falls untouched between three fielders)
6. Base running errors (for example, out by a mile trying to take an extra base; standing at home admiring your hit and winding up with a 390-foot single; trying to score from third on a grounder hit to the third baseman, and suchlike)
7. OBOE (On Base On Error) line in the batting stats.

B. There are folks in our group out there who keep the stats mentioned above. I think we (SABR) can afford a year's free membership to the three (or five) of those dedicated researchers who supply the most/best data not available elsewhere (read: to the general public). That would serve to both encourage dissemination of the material and provide a reward for gathering the material.

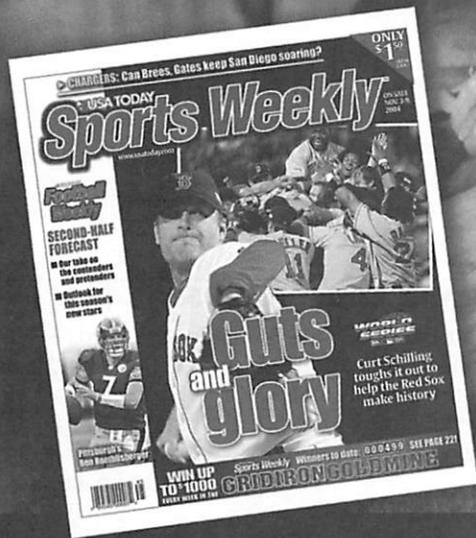
C. I believe a concerted effort should be made to encourage any college or university which has either a Sports Marketing or Sports History course to either enroll in SABR as a distinct entity or at a school discount (10%?) and receive only the BRJ and TNP.

I also believe that every Minor League team in America should be a member, again as a distinct entity. The fact that people who make their living from baseball either don't know about us or don't see how SABR applies to them is just a shame. We need to educate these folks. Our product is excellent and the above mentioned institutions need to be made aware of that.

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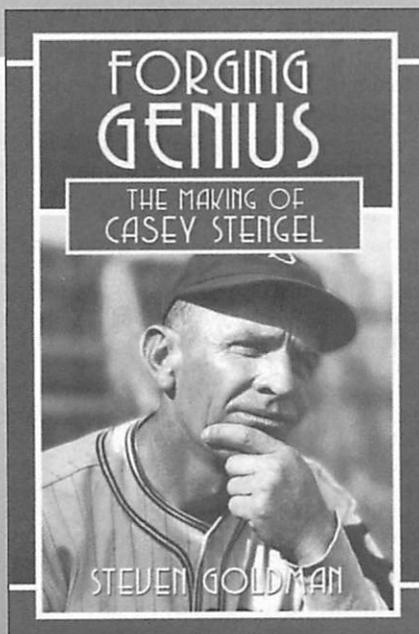
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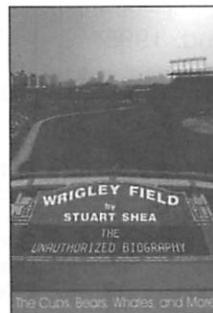
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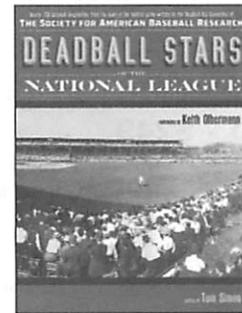
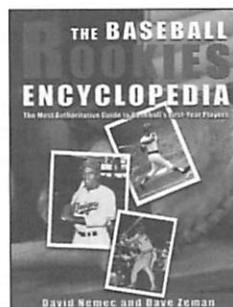


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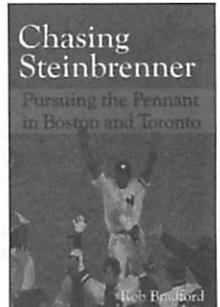
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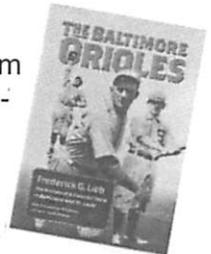
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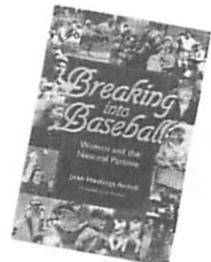


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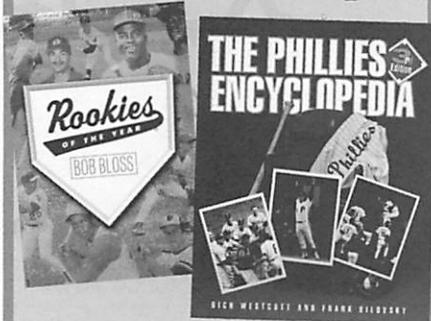
SABR members and their guests gathered recently in Hot Springs to hear three great speakers: Dr. Dee White and Ms. Mary Lou Caden, former players of the All-American Girls' Professional Baseball League (AAGPBL) and former Negro League player Bill McCrary. The format was a relaxed, informal, round table discussion with Ms. White and Ms. Caden sharing stories and experiences from their playing days as well as talking about the history of the AAPGBL. They each brought scrapbooks, photos and other mementos and passed them around the room for our viewing pleasure. Of particular interest to many was a full-page, hand-written letter to Ms. Caden from Hall-of-Famer Rogers Hornsby. Mr. McCrary also shared memories of his playing career including how Satchel Paige befriended him and taught him to shoot pool when they were with the 1946 Kansas City Monarchs.

Following their round table discussion, Ms. Caden and Mr. McCrary joined the SABR group for lunch and more baseball chatter. From there they ventured to the site of the old Whittington Grounds, former spring training home of the Red Sox and Pirates, and to the former site of Fogel Field. SABR member and Hot Springs native Mike Dugan gave a brief history of these two sites before they adjourned for the day.

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Leading the chapter initiative were eight SABR members; five representatives from **Encore Baseball Montreal** (mandate: to give an official and structured voice to baseball fans, and to facilitate the revival of Major League Baseball in Montreal); authors **William Brown** and **Marc Robitaille**; and the voice of the Expos on French radio for 33 years, **Jacques Doucet**.

"We in the Province of Quebec are fortunate that our SABR membership lists overflow with a cadre of passionate, knowledgeable and determined baseball researchers and aficionados. When the suggestion was put forth in late 2004 that maybe we should all get together to share information, ideas and concerns, there was virtually unanimous support," wrote chapter coordinators **Daniel Papillon** and **Bill Young** in a recent announcement.

"Now that the province and the city of Montreal are no longer present on the baseball scene at the major league level, we strongly fear that much of this rich heritage will begin to disappear unless something is done to preserve it, and soon."

There will be another meeting of SABR-Quebec and guests in April, at which point one of the items for consideration will be to give the chapter a distinctive name.

SABR members interested in finding out more about chapter initiatives and upcoming meetings please contact Daniel Papillon: hbolieu@mediom.qc.ca (416-626-1210) or Bill Young (450-458-7349): williamyoung@videotron.ca.

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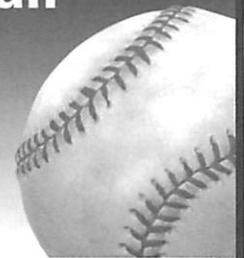
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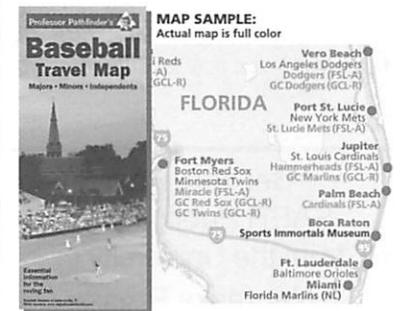
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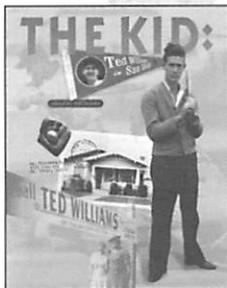
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IN MEMORIAM

WILLIAM B. JAMES

William B. (Bill) James, of Sacramento, CA passed away on November 13, 2004. He was 73.

A lifelong bachelor, Bill was an avid baseball fan and had season tickets to the SF Giants for many years. A SABR member since 1992, Bill enjoyed meeting baseball greats of the past, which he did on numerous occasions. He also developed a love of history of the San Francisco Seals and the PCL

JACK KEELEY

Jack Keeley of Saugerties, NY, passed away on February 4. He was 69.

Known as "Mr. Baseball" in Saugerties, he was an avid follower of Saugerties sports. He was an active member of the Saugerties Sports Hall of Fame Committee, director for 18 years of the Saugerties Athletic Association, and a driving force in successfully reviving the Saugerties Dutchmen. SABR members may remember his article "Just Someone's Old Worn-Out Pasture" that appeared in the 2002 issue of *The National Pastime*.

MARK LATTERMAN

Mark Latterman was 63 years old, hailed from Pittsburgh and a very successful and well-known local attorney and lobbyist. He passed away on Christmas Eve 2004.

A SABR member since 1994, he was fascinated with baseball and football of the past and hailed by many as a sports aficionado. According to his wife, Joey Latterman, "No one could ever stump

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him when it came to knowing facts about 'those older guys'—their records, their height, weight, schools, etc...He definitely made a difference in the lives of his family and his community."

ROBERT MACK

Robert E. Mack of Indianapolis, IN passed away on January 14. He was 71.

He is survived by his sisters Marcella Navis, Rose Marie Worley, Norma Bell and brother Richard G. Mack, of Cleveland. Richard is a former SABR member and asked that any contributions in Robert's name be made to SABR.

JAMES MCALLISTER

James Grant McAllistar passed away on December 22, 2004. A Philadelphia resident, he had been a SABR member since 1971.

According to his friend **Bill Guhl**, "He was a great Phillies fan and autograph collector. We traveled to many games and shows together. He will be greatly missed."

FREDERICK NICHOLS

Frederick E. Nichols, 77, of Madisonville, KY, passed away on August 17, 2004.

A SABR member since 1985, Nichols was actively involved in legal and political affairs in the state of Kentucky.

RON REPLOGLE

Ron Replogle of Hopkins, MN passed away on January 11 of a heart attack. He was 71.

Ron joined SABR in 1992 and was

highly active in the Halsey Hall Chapter and several committees including the Baseball Records Committee, the Biographical Research Committee, and the Bibliography Committee.

RICHARD SCARAN

Richard Scaran of Langhorne, PA passed away on September 1, 2004. He was 53.

A member of the Ballparks Committee, Richard was a high school English teacher for 28 years and an active member of the Bucks County Community College Alumni Council. He was also employed by the Trenton Thunder.

RALPH WINNIE

Ralph Winnie of Shoreline, WA, passed away on February 8 of lung disease. He was 77.

A long-time SABR member and former electrical engineer at Boeing, Ralph had a passion for collecting baseball autographs. In addition to this passion, Ralph wrote a book entitled, "What If?", which centered around the careers of 100 major-leaguers who served in World War II. He also was a member of the National Baseball Hall of Fame Research Committee, the Pacific Northwest Baseball Hall of Fame Committee and was one of the founders of the Washington State Sports Collectors Association.

Our condolences go out to the family and friends of each of these members.

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Contact Madison McEntire, 501-847-1734

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August 4 - 7

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Frequently Asked Questions

WHEN WILL CONVENTION REGISTRATION BE AVAILABLE?

Convention registration is scheduled to be available online in the SABR Store near the end of March. Those who do not wish to register online will receive registration information in the May/June convention special sent to all members.

WHY HAVEN'T I RECEIVED A NEW MEMBERSHIP CARD?

Due to a lack of demand and as a way to cut cost, it was decided in 2003 that membership cards would be issued only upon request.

WHEN IS THE NEXT MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY GOING TO BE PRINTED?

Because of the addition of our online membership directory in the members-only section of SABR's website (www.sabr.org), it was decided in 2003 that a printed version of the membership directory would no longer be produced for all members. Those members without internet access can request one printed version of our electronic directory per calendar year.

Editor's note: PAGE 15 will be your place to find SABR information, such as upcoming regional meetings, quickly. We will try to rotate lists of contacts throughout the year.

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SPIRIT OF SABR SALUTE

In each *Bulletin*, this space will be devoted to recognizing SABR members who, on their own initiative or on request, have assisted other members in their research projects - what SABR is all about. The only source of names will be you, the membership. There will be no judges, no committees, no competition. All names submitted will be printed; their nominators will not be identified.

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4) Keep SABR in mind when doing your estate plans

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A gift of appreciated stock can generate both a deduction for you, as well as the avoidance of paying capital gains on that portion of stock. Talk to your tax advisor.

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Report from the National Baseball Hall of Fame

During the Cooperstown chapter meeting on January 29 at the National Baseball Hall of Fame, SABR member and HOF representative **Jim Gates** announced some great things on deck for 2005 that may be of interest to all SABR members.

The construction work is progressing nicely. Actual construction work is expected to finish soon. An exhibit installation will follow with a grand-reopening set for late spring, early summer. More information on this will be posted on www.baseballhalloffame.org as it becomes available.

As most know, Wade Boggs and Ryne Sandberg have been selected for induction. The date for the ceremony is July 31. The HOF exhibition game is scheduled for May 23 and features a match-up between Detroit and Boston. Ticket information may be found at the website.

The annual Cooperstown Symposium is set for June 8-10. The keynote speaker will be **Jonathan Eig** of the *Wall Street Journal*, who will be discussing his new book *Luckiest Man: The Life and Death of Lou Gehrig*. Other authors/speakers include **David Block**, Alan Levy and Ed Rice, with 24 concurrent sessions yet to be determined as that date. A registration packet is scheduled to be mailed in March. Contact Leatherstocking Chapter vice-chair **Gene Carney** (carneya6@borg.com) if you wish to be placed onto their mailing list for this. Cost of the three-day program is \$165 and includes dinner and town ball game.

It was also reported that the African American baseball study is in its final stages. Project coordinators have been in touch with publishers and are hoping to begin proceeding on work to make this material available to researchers soon.

Also of note, the HOF is scheduled to begin processing the August Herrman Papers and Lou Gehrig scrapbooks.

---Contributed by **Gene Carney**.

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Bajenaru, ChiSox Pitcher, Joins SABR; Membership Numbers on Pace

Jeff Bajenaru of the Chicago White Sox organization became the first active MLB player to join SABR when Roland Hemond convinced him to join SABR this spring.

A right-handed relief pitcher who played collegiately at Oklahoma, Bajenaru, 27, made his major league debut on September 4, 2004. He opened the 2005 season at Charlotte.

Bajenaru is one of over 500 new members for the 2005 membership year, more than 40 more than at the same point in 2004. We welcome each and every new member to SABR and encourage them to get involved however they can.

This higher than expected number of new members is key to SABR membership outpacing its goal of 6,950 members for 2005.

Texan Wins Member-Get-A-Member Campaign

Bob Baillargeon of Plano, Texas, was the winner of the random drawing at the culmination of the Member-Get-A-Member Campaign. Bob gets his choice of all convention registration and events paid for at SABR 35 in Toronto, or a three-year extension to his membership.

Once again, the campaign was successful, with 52 new members referred by 45 existing members. A special thanks goes to Maxwell Kates, who referred the most new members, 5.

Thank you to all who participated in the member-get-a-member campaign!

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SABR 35 Registration Materials Enclosed

In the center section of this *Bulletin* is information about the upcoming Annual Convention, August 4 to 7 in Toronto. The registration form is on the second to last page of this special pull-out section of *The SABR Bulletin*.

Highlighting the convention events will be the keynote address by Blue Jays CEO and President Paul Godfrey, as well as several panels, with panelists including former MLB COO Paul Beeston and longtime Toronto sportswriter Neal MacCarl.

We expect about 450 members from around the world to attend what is shaping up as another excellent convention and incredibly fun baseball experience. We hope you will join us!



AUGUST 4-7, 2005

Author Frommer to Speak at Seymour Medal Conference; Three Chosen as Finalists

The SABR office announced recently that Harvey Frommer was selected to deliver the keynote speech at the Seventh Annual Seymour Conference honoring the best book of baseball history or biography. The conference will be held at the Radisson Gateway in Cleveland on May 13-15 and is sponsored by the Cleveland Indians.

"Harvey Frommer is an accomplished writer of sports, and brings a vast amount of experience in the art of the oral history, one of the many tools at the disposal of the historian. From his Shoeless Joe and Ragtime Baseball to his latest work on the Red Sox-Yankees rivalry, Frommer shows that he is a baseball writer and historian of repute," said SABR executive director John Zajc.

The registration form for the conference was included in the last issue of *The SABR Bulletin*. You can also register online at <http://store.sabr.org>. The first fifty registrants receive a copy of *The Inside Pitch...And More: Baseball's Business and the Public Trust* by Gene A. Budig.

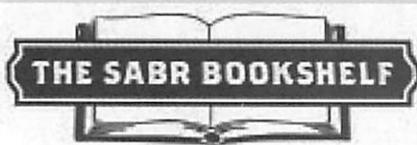
Three books were named as finalists for the Seymour Medal. They are (in no particular order):

The Golden Game: The Story of California Baseball by Kevin Nelson and Hank Greenwald (Heyday Books);

Negro League Baseball: The Rise and the Ruin of a Black Institution by Neil Lanctot; (University of Pennsylvania Press); and

The Numbers Game: Baseball's Lifelong Fascination with Statistics by Alan Schwarz (Thomas Dunne).

The Seymour Medal recognizes the author(s) of the best book of baseball history or biography first published during the preceding calendar year. To be considered for the medal, a work must be the product of original research or analysis. The winning book shall significantly advance our knowledge of baseball and shall be characterized by understanding, factual accuracy, profound insight and distinguished writing. The winner of The Seymour Medal will be announced in the next issue.



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The 2005 ESPN Baseball Encyclopedia	Pete Palmer & Gary Gillette	Sterling	1-4027-2568-x	\$24.95, sftcvr	
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2005 ESPN Baseball Encyclopedia edited by Pete Palmer and Gary Gillette. New for this year: Complete games at position for every player, Days on the DL, Year-By-Year and Career, and a section on black baseball.

Ebbets Field: Brooklyn's Baseball Shrine by Joseph McCauley contains many classic images and contributions from baseball notables such as Ernie Harwell, NY Times Dave Anderson and ex NY Met GM Joe McDonald (who started out as a ticket taker at Gate 19) among others.

Jerome Holtzman on Baseball: A History of Baseball Scribes by Jerome Holtzman details the lives and careers of such legendary scribes as Grantland Rice, Red Smith, Jimmy Cannon Shirley Povich, and many others.

Crowning the Kansas City Royals: Remembering the 1985 World Series Champs by Jeffrey Spivak revisits one of the great sporting events in KC history, when the Royals rallied from a 3-1 deficit in games against cross-state rivals St. Louis.

More Tales from the Tribe Dug-out by Russell Schneider explores the highs and lows of the Indians franchise. Dennis Eckersley's tearful reaction to being traded to Boston and Del Crandell's opinion of just how good a pitcher Sam McDowell was are just

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Crosley Field by Irwin J. Cohen chronicles the Reds historic stadium with many unique and rarely seen images. Part of Arcadia's Images of Baseball series.

A Timeline History of Baseball by Don Jensen is an illustrated and colorfully designed book that includes a 14-page fold-out timeline spanning 400 years of baseball history among hundreds of photographs.

Can a Dead Man Strike Out?: Off-beat Baseball Questions and their Improbable Answers by Mark S. Halfon is a collection of vignettes that provide the true accounts behind baseball's most unbelievable circumstances.

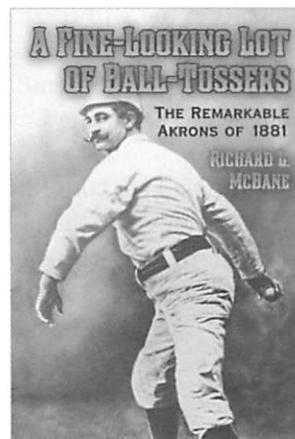
Guys, Dolls, and Curveballs: Damon Runyon on Baseball edited by Jim Reisler showcases one of the most distinctive, unpredictable writers in the history of the game. One of the first-ever collections of Runyan's classic baseball reporting that he did for the Hearst News Service.

Best Baseball Writing of 2005 edited by Matthew Silverman and Greg Spira is culled from a wide array of newspapers, books, and magazines examining the major events and happenings of the season. Includes contributions from many SABR members including a reprint of Richard J. Puerzer's "The Kansas City Royals' Baseball Academy" featured previously in *The National Pastime*.

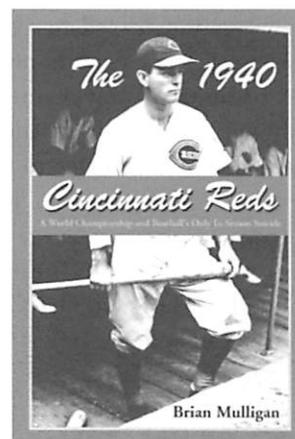
If They Hadn't Gone: How World War II Affected Major League Baseball by Thomas E. Allen is a culmination of several years of data-compiling that puts together a statistical analysis of players during wartime eras as a foundation for predictions of what things might have been.

The Kid: Ted Williams in San Diego edited by Bill Nowlin is inspired

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BALLPARKS

The February 2005 Ballparks committee reported that it will take \$18.3 million to bring RFK Stadium up to speed. The dimensions will be close to the original ones: 336 (one foot longer than original) to both LF and RF, 380 to the alleys and 410 to CF. Foul ground behind home plate will be reduced from 60 feet to 53 feet/2 inches by two new rows of seats. Extensive repairs and renovations must be finished by early April. According to the newsletter, the National League will recreate history at RFK for three years and then move into a \$440-\$600 million facility about a mile from the Capitol in SE Washington.

RFK will be "fair" to both hitter and pitcher. In the ten years the old Senators played there, they averaged 3.61 runs—and they managed 3.63 on the road.

BIOPROJECT

Recent updates on the BioProject website (<http://bioproj.sabr.org/>) include "Al Burris" by **Marty Payne**. According to Payne, Burris' contributions to his community and local baseball are largely forgotten. Various, and respectfully referred to as "Pop," "Doc," or "Prof.," Burris was probably the most prominent player, manager, and organizer in baseball on the Eastern Shore of Maryland prior to the beginning of the Class D minor leagues in the 1920s.

Other recent bios include "Tom Glass" and "Dan Driscoll" by **Charlie Bevis**, and "Alexander Cartwright" by **Monica Nucciarone**

BUSINESS OF BASEBALL

The winter edition of *Outside the Lines* contains great articles including "Are Baseball Arbitrators Biased?" by **Steve Walters**; "Business of Baseball in Small Towns," by **Marty Payne**; "73--and No Asterisk!" by **Gary Gillette** and an interview with former Dodger GM Fred Claire by **Maury Brown**. This issue also includes an update on the GM project and another installment of a

"View from Japan," by **Yoshihiro Koda**.

Don't forget to check out the regular updates on their webpage found www.businessofbaseball.com.

DEADBALL

The March 2005 edition of the Inside Game features the article "Ichiro as a Deadballer" by **R. Boehme**. In his article he writes that of the many great achievements of the 2004 baseball season, one of the most discussed was Ichiro Suzuki of the Seattle Mariners breaking the single season hits record of quasi-Deadballer, George Sisler. Suzuki collected 262 base hits in 2004, eclipsing the mark of 257 hits that Sisler set in 1920 with the St. Louis Browns. According to Boehme, it is not often that single season records that have stood for 84 years are broken.

MINOR LEAGUE

The Spring 2005 Minor League committee newsletter included an informative overview of various Independent Leagues. According to the newsletter, there will be a new independent league operating in California in 2005—The Golden League. The eight team league will include Tijuana, MX (to share a stadium with the Mexican League team) and will play mostly in college venues. Check their website for schedules and other information. The teams (except Tijuana) are owned and operated by the league.

In the Frontier League (FL) there will be a new stadium in Rockford, IL and major renovations in Richmond, IN.

Springfield/Ozark in the FL dropped out of the League without playing a game, and the team's slot in the league will be a road team known as the Ohio Valley Redcoats for the 2005 season.

City council recently approved financing for the upgrading of Smith-Wills Stadium for Jackson MS' entry in the Central League. This is needed to compete with the new SL team in the area.

Wayne Terwilliger, long-ago short-stop for Washington, is managing Ft. Worth (CL). At eighty years old, he second only to Connie Mack in age as an

active manager.

El Paso, recently of the Texas League, replaces Amarillo in the Central League in 2005.

The Lancaster, (PA) Barnstormers replace the Pennsylvania Road Warriors (who never had a home) in the Atlantic League for 2005. Their new facility is Clipper Magazine Stadium and their first manager is Tom Herr, a native of Lancaster.

The Northeast League has changed its name to the CanAm League, and as Allentown has dropped out of the league, Worcester, MA was added and will play their games at Fitton Field on the College of the Holy Cross campus. The Bangor Lumberjacks have changed sites and now play at Husson College Campus.

ORAL HISTORY

The Oral History Committee has received 4 videos: Ned Garvey, Art Richman, Roy Sievers, and J.W. Porter.

Some of our new audio tapes that are very informative include: Stan Brand (VP of Minor League baseball), Marvin Miller, Lester Rodney (Sports Editor of the *Daily Worker*) and Kevin Uhlich (business manager of the Washington Nationals).

The Committee hopes to once again conduct a "live" interview at the Toronto Convention. The Tim Naehring interview in Cincinnati was very favorably received.

STATISTICAL ANALYSIS

The November issue of *By the Numbers* features an article by **Charlie Pavitt** entitled, "Academic Research: Even More On Competitive Balance." This is one of a series of reviews of sabermetric articles published in academic journals.

Other articles include "Well Excuuuuuse Me" by **Bill James**, which is a rebuttal to criticism of how leadoff hitters were treated in his recent book, and "Catcher ERA—Once More with Feeling" by **Tom Hanrahan**, which looks closely at specific pitcher/catcher pairs.

Upcoming Events

MAY 13-15

CLEVELAND, OH

Join baseball writers and researchers for the Seventh Annual Seymour Medal Conference. For more information contact SABR office.

MAY 14

LITTLE ROCK, AR

The Robinson-Kell Chapter will meet May 14. Time and place Y TBD. Contact **Madison McEntire** at madcris@sbcglobal.net or 501-847-1734.

MAY 21

MINNEAPOLIS, MN

The Halsey Hall chapter will have Daron Sutton as their special guest for their spring regional on May 21, 2005. Time and place TBD. Call **Howard Luloff** 952-922-5036 for more info.

DAYTON, OH

The Dayton chapter will meet Saturday afternoon May 21, 2005 followed by game. Contact **John Schleppe** John.Schleppe@notes.udayton.edu or (937.294.1137) for more info.

MAY 28

TOLEDO, OH

The Roger Bresnahan/Mud Hens chapter will meet May 28 followed by a game. Time and place Y TBD. For info contact **Steve Lauer** (419) 883-1301.

JUNE 17-19

CHICAGO, IL

The Jerry Malloy Negro Leagues Conference will be held in Chicago on June 17-19. Contact **Eddie Bedford** for info at eddie.bedford@emich.edu or 708-355-9535.

JUNE 18

PAWTUCKET, RI

The spring 2005 meeting of the Southern NE (Lajoie-Start) Chapter will be held on June 18, at McCoy Stadium, Pawtucket, R.I. Contact **Len Levin** at LenLevin5@hotmail.com

AUGUST 4-7

TORONTO, CANADA

See insert.

Boxscores of Past Meetings

Sacramento, November 4

Chapter: Sacramento Chapter.
 Guests: Former Giants Jim Barr and Don Carrithers, who played together on the 1971 National League Western Division Championship team.
 Presenters: **Kevin Nelson**, author of *The Golden Game: The Story of California Baseball*.
 Trivia Winner: **Ray Anselmo**.
 Award: **Richard Macaluso** was honored with the 3rd annual Woody Wilson Award.
 Event: 10th anniversary meeting.
 Place: Café Milazzo.

Kansas City, February 5

Chapter: Kansas City Chapter Meeting
 Guests: Former Royal player and manager John Wathan, spoke and answered questions for 90 minutes.
 Presenters: **Jeff Spivak** spoke about his new book *Crowning the Kansas City Royals*.
 Trivia Winner: **Bill Carle**.
 Place: Central Resource Library in Overland Park, KS.

Perrysburg, February 12

Chapter: Bresnahan/Mud Hens.
 Presenters: **Rich Adler**, "Lee Cunningham;" **Ron Weaver**, "Joe Gordon;" and **Peter Morris**, "Dan Fletcher."
 Event: Tour of the "Hinkle Baseball Museum."
 Place: Residence of **Shirley** and **Lowell Hinkle** of Perrysburg, OH.

Fishers, February 19

Chapter: Oscar Charleston Chapter.
 Presenters: **Pete Cava**, "History of the Chicago Cubs in the 1950s"; **Bill Madden**, "History of the College World Series, 1950s."
 Guests: **Russ Kemmerer**, former MLB player (1950s-1960s); **Dick Contos**, former minor league player (1950s).
 Event: 2nd Annual Hot Stove Baseball Symposium.
 Donation: The chapter raised \$50 for ALS.
 Place: Conner Prairie Museum.

Portland, February 19

Chapter: Northwest SABR Chapter.
 Presenters: **Maury Brown** presentation on the Business of Baseball Committee. **Monica Nucciarone** on BioProject biography of Alexander Cartwright. **Dan Schlewitz** on the "Golden Age" of each of the 8 non-pitching (and non-DH) positions.

Trivia Winner: **Adam Ulrey**.
 Place: Oregon Sports Hall of Fame.

Toronto, February 20

Chapter: Hanlan's Point Chapter.
 Guests: **Fergie Jenkins** and **Carl Kovacs** of the Fergie Jenkins Foundation. **Warren Sawkiw** (broadcaster, Sportsnet).
 Presenters: **Owen Ricker**, Canada's 1st SABR member.
 Trivia Winner: **John Robertson**, **Peter Whyte**, **Owen Ricker**.
 Place: Duke of Richmond Pub and Restaurant.

Dallas, February 22

Chapter: Hall Ruggles Chapter.
 Guests: **Ray Crone**, pitcher with the Milwaukee Braves and San Francisco Giants in late 1950s and early 1960s. **Jamey Newberg**, author of the very popular Newburg Report, spoke about the prospects for the Texas Rangers for 2005.
 Presenters: **Grant Smith** exhibited his award-winning baseball artwork (www.grant9smith.com). **Mark Presswood** signed copies of his new books, *Baseball in Ft. Worth*, both by Arcadia Press.
 Place: Legends Museum Auditorium at AmeriQuest Field in Arlington.

Sacramento, February 26

Chapter: Sacramento Chapter.
 Guests: Former outfielder and Oakland native **Terrell Lowry** (Cubs; Devil Rays; Giants).
 Trivia Winner: **Ken Adams**.
 Place: Café Milazzo.

Boston, March 26

Chapter: Boston Chapter.
 Presenters: **Joanne Hulbert**, "Boston's original opening day"; **Bill Nowlin**, "The Kid"; **Leigh Grossman**, "Red Sox Fan Handbook"; **Cecilia Tan**, "Measuring Greatness"; **Mickey "The Lip" Tangel**, "Treasures of a vintage base ballist."
 Emcee: **Seamus Kearney**.
 Trivia Winner: **Joe Benedetti**.
 Place: Cambridge Friends Meeting House.

SABR NINE QUESTIONS

By Ryan Chamberlain

For 33 years, Jacques Doucet was the radio voice of the Expos, handling play-by-play duties on the French network. From Jarry Park to Olympic Stadium, Doucet witnessed most of the highs and lows spanning the existence of the Expos franchise. In recognition of his remarkable career, in 2004 he received the Jack Graney Award presented by the Canadian Baseball Hall of Fame (an award parallel to Cooperstown's Ford Frick award). And, as his career as a major league announcer began with the Expos, so did it end when the Expos left Montreal and he officially retired.

But as many SABR members know, "retirement" does not necessarily mean "rest." In March of 2005 Doucet became the official spokesperson of Encore Baseball Montreal (<http://encorebaseballmontreal.com>), an organization that works to promote and help develop baseball, amateur and professional, while allowing baseball fans to discover the rich baseball heritage of North America. As a SABR member, he has been part of the new Quebec chapter formed in February 2005. But it's not all work in his retirement. "My second passion after baseball is fishing...I've got four grand kids now and they all love fishing," said Doucet. As many members prepare to head north in the coming months to experience Canadian baseball culture at the annual convention, it is only fitting that this month we feature one of the great voices of Canadian baseball in this edition of the SABR Nine.

1. How did you get your start in baseball broadcasting?

About halfway through the first season in '69, the Expos were looking for somebody to pinch-hit for one of the two announcers who was leaving the radio booth to go to the TV booth. And they had tried a couple of guys and it didn't seem to be working...and I was traveling with the ball club...and one of the two members of the broadcast suggested that I pinch-hit. I had announced just briefly in 1964 while I was at *La Presse*...the newspaper was on strike.

And during the six-month layoff I did radio broadcast for football with one of the local stations. But that was my only experience, really. I had worked as a script writer for French CBC, so people around the business knew that my French was pretty good. At first I did not do any play-by-play...I was the [color] analyst. At one point after three or four broadcasts, the guy who was doing the play-by-play says after the third inning, "For the next three innings, here's Jacques Doucet." I said, "What!?" He never talked to me about it [beforehand]. He was also a sportswriter, so he was doubling up. He was working for a morning newspaper, I was working for an afternoon newspaper, so he did have to write a little bit. So maybe it was a chore for him to do the whole nine innings of broadcasting. What helped me was that I was working for an afternoon newspaper so I didn't have a deadline breathing down my neck after each game. So doing the broadcast once a week did not really impair on my ability to do my newspaper or sportswriter's work.

2. Who was your biggest influence?

I had hoped to get a job in hockey but it did not materialize. But there was talk in Montreal of the possibility of major-league baseball coming to the city. I told my boss, "If this happens, baseball is mine." So in the spring of 1968, I was covering a six-day bike race at one of the local arenas, when the guy that was announcing said, "Ladies and Gentlemen, we just heard out of Chicago that the National Baseball League has awarded two franchises, one to San Diego and the other to Montreal!" Obviously, the bikers were competing on that track...and the fans just went wild...and the bikers had no idea what the hell was going on because most of them were from Europe. So they started pedaling like crazy because they thought the fans wanted some action. I left the arena in a hurry and drove to the newspaper at *La Presse* and

I walked into the sports department and I told my editor, "This beat is mine." And I got it. I played baseball and football when I was in school. But my dad, when I was growing up in the eastern townships, was a teacher and moonlighted as a sportswriter. He took me every Sunday during the summer to the local stadium where they had some decent baseball. Although I only realized after I got the offer from the Expos that my dad did at one point announce some hockey and baseball on the local station in the little city where I grew up in Granby, Quebec.

3. Does translating an American baseball game to a different language and culture present any unique problems?

Well a lot of people forget that there was baseball in Quebec before the Expos. For a long, long time the Montreal Royals were a farm team of the Dodgers. They were very, very popular in Montreal and were one of the top franchises in International League history. [In terms of translating the game into French] We did improve on the language over the years. I can recall, in maybe 1969, that the local brewery that was our main sponsor with the Expos...O'Keefe Brewery...had a kind of symposium of sportswriters all across the province and we all sat down, everybody, and established a kind of French vocabulary for most of the American terms. But, over the years, we did polish on that...but that [the symposium] was the stepping stone, if I may use the expression. The national network, the French CBC, they carried the World Series games in 1952. I remember watching the World Series with my dad every Fall. The only problem I had is that my dad was a Yankee fan and I was a Dodger fan.

4. Early in the Expos history, you were the official scorer for Expos, what were some of the challenges you faced during that period?

I enjoyed it. I had a pretty good teacher, he was from Chicago...James

Enright, he's dead now. He was working at the *Chicago Tribune*. I remember chit-chatting with him and he gave me some pretty good pointers on how to be efficient as an outfield scorer. I was always open to suggestions. But also, if I felt that my ruling on the play was correct, I stood by it no matter if a player or a manager would try to influence my decision, which did happen from time to time. My first year we [the Expos] had a third baseman by the name of Coco LaBoy...he was 29 years old and a rookie...he hit the ball to left field...and I can't remember who was playing left field for the Padres, but the guy mishandled the ball. I mean he ran in and the ball went over his head or something like that and I called it "E7." Coco was in the running for the rookie of the year award and after the game [Expos manager] Gene Mauch got me in his office and said, "Jacques, you know, that left fielder is not a hall of famer..." and I said, "Hey, listen, that ball was catchable...does he play in the majors?" And he said, "Yes, why?" And I said, "A major leaguer should have caught that ball."

5. You were involved in almost every Expos game since the team's inception, what were some memorable moments for you?

As a sportswriter, of course, the first game ever at Shea Stadium...that was an unbelievable emotion. And then the first game in Montreal against the Cards. I remember my boss was next to me in the press box and he was crying! It was the first time ever that major league baseball had crossed the border. I was lucky enough that after only ten days as a beat writer for major league baseball I witnessed my first "no hit, no run" game by Bill Stoneman in Philadelphia at old Connie Mack stadium. My boss was waiting for me when I got back to the office and said, "You lucky, son-of-bi***." Then as a broadcaster, I had the privilege to broadcast two perfect games...the one by Dennis Martinez and the one by David Cone of the Yankees against the Expos. I also broadcasted another perfect game that was taken off the record book by Pedro

Martinez against the Padres. I don't know how many no-hitters...I'd have to look it up. Those games were unbelievable. Naturally, the 1981 championship series between the Expos and the Dodgers for the national league eastern division championship...That was quite an experience.

6. Do you get asked about the infamous "Blue Monday" game much?

Yes I do, and my answer is always the same: Yes, Steve Rogers gave up that home run but they forget that he beat Steve Carlton twice just the week before...I know it's tough to bring in a starter as a reliever, but I mean he was the ace of the staff.

7. Is it true that you taught French lessons to some of the Expos players and coaches?

Yes, for awhile the Expos management asked me if I would give French lessons to the players when we were on the road and it was fun. I used to teach it phonetically because you didn't have time to do it too extensive grammatically. A lot of the Latin boys like Dennis Martinez and others really enjoyed it...they were regulars. We used to have about a one hour course per city we were visiting. They would lease a suite or a ball room or something like that and supply me with a blackboard...stuff like that. We used to get seven or eight guys who would show up on a fairly regular basis and I would teach them words to get along if they went to a gas station, or a supermarket...or something like that. It was basic.

8. You called games in both Jarry Park and Olympic Stadium. What memories do you have of both and which ballpark did you prefer?

Well, I would say Jarry Park was the most fun on account of the closeness of the fans. We were close to the action the action and everything but it was not really suited for major league baseball. It was a minor league park that was upgraded and the salaries were pretty low at the beginning so it was fun. But we only had about 27,000 seats, I remember...7,000 of those were bleachers. And, if you were seated be-

yond third base or first base you could develop a stiff neck watching the game. Of course, moving to Olympic Stadium gave us larger crowds, but we were far from the action broadcasting-wise...fan-wise also. And although they spent millions on trying to upgrade the situation...bring the action closer to the fans...it was never really a baseball stadium. It's too bad...especially because the roof was not installed in the beginning. When it was installed, the roof had already begun to rot because it was in storage for about ten years. It's a pity, because for the few times that it did work it was quite an experience seeing the roof get up and get down. But Olympic Stadium was never really a true major league baseball stadium. The slopes of the seating was not conducive for the fan to be close to the action. I know Mayor Jean Drapeau at that time applied a lot of pressure on our then owner Charles Bronfman to move to Olympic Stadium...although there had been talk just before we did move that Mr. Bronfman could build his own stadium...but it did not materialize.

9. In your experience, have you seen any difference in the way Canadians respond to baseball in contrast to Americans?

Not really. Maybe in Montreal the fans are more interested in a winner. They don't look at the sport event as a big happening as much as they do in the States. Maybe because at Olympic Stadium there was no outdoor parking spaces where everyone has a tailgate party like they have in the States. I remember being in San Diego in '84...the Tigers played the Padres for the World Series and some fans in San Diego spent a week in the parking lot without even getting into the stadium. In Montreal you could not get that kind of activity prior or after a ball game because there was no outdoor parking lots because everything was indoors or in side streets.

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Attend SABR 35 This August 4 to 7 in Toronto

Jays President/CEO Godfrey to Speak at Awards Luncheon

Paul Godfrey, president and CEO of the Toronto Blue Jays, will deliver the awards luncheon keynote speech on Saturday, August 6 at Holiday Inn on King in Toronto.

"Paul Godfrey is a major historical figure in the development of Major League baseball in Toronto," said SABR executive director **John Zajc**. "Between his work in the media and his efforts in building the Blue Jays franchise, his life experiences will give attendees a unique perspective."

Born in Toronto and a University of Toronto graduate, Mr. Godfrey played an integral part in bringing an MLB franchise to the city in 1977. In 1984, he was appointed by the Ontario Premier to the Crown Corporation to oversee the selection, design and construction of a domed stadium for Toronto. Prior to being named president and CEO of the Blue Jays on September 1, 2000, Mr. Godfrey was president and CEO of the Toronto Sun Publishing company (later known as Sun Media Corporation).

"Godfrey's whole career seems to be geared around the Blue Jays organization and is so closely linked with the team that it's hard to imagine it without him," said **Jane Dorward**, chair of SABR's Toronto convention committee. "He only took over as team president in 2000, but he's been there since the beginning."

The Awards Luncheon also features the presentation of The McFarland-SABR Baseball Research Award, The *Sporting News*-SABR Baseball Research Award, The Doug Pappas Memorial Award, presented by *USA Today Sports Weekly*, and SABR's highest honor, The Bob Davids Award.

The Program -- Panel Preview

The Local Planning Committee has some great ideas for making your convention experience enjoyable. Tentatively scheduled are several panels, including the Domed or Doomed Stadiums Panel, Business of Baseball in Canada Panel, a Canadian Baseball Literature Panel, and a Toronto Baseball Media Panel.

Richard Griffin from the *Toronto Star* and formerly of the Montreal Expos will be one of several panelists on the **Domed, Or Doomed? Stadium Panel**. We hope to have someone from Buffalo on the panel since Dunn Tire Park can be called the first of the "retro" ballparks that begat Camden Yards.



AUGUST 4-7, 2005

Where Do I Stay?

The convention hotel is the Holiday Inn on King (HIOK), which is conveniently located less than 1 kilometer from Rogers Centre and on the edge of Toronto's Entertainment District, home to dozens of theaters, restaurants, and nightclubs.

Make Reservations by July 6

Call in your reservation directly to the hotel (1-800-263-6364) prior to the cut-off date of **July 6, 2005**. Identify yourself as being a part of Society for American Baseball Research, by using the following code: **BASES** to ensure you receive the SABR group rate.

The group rate is \$157 Canadian (CDN) a night (single/double), and are subject to Provincial Sales Tax, Goods and Services Tax, Destination Marketing Fee, and any other applicable taxes, fees or levies that may arise (at presstime, a total of 15%). These rates are good three days before and after the convention dates. If you would like to share your room to save money, fill out the form at the bottom of the registration form.

It is necessary that payment for the first night's stay be guaranteed by a certified check, money order, or credit card. Guaranteed reservations will be honored until noon the following day.

Notice of cancellation must be received by the hotel 72 hours prior to the date of arrival, otherwise the first night's accommodation (room and tax) will be charged to your credit card. A cancellation number is provided for each reservation. Please retain this for your records.

Make your reservations early to ensure a room.

At presstime, one Canadian dollar was worth approximately 82.015 cents US. For more information on exchange rates, see www.xe.com.

How Do I Get There?

From the Airport to the Hotel

Pacific Western Airport Express runs a shuttle to downtown hotels every 20 minutes during peak periods and every 30 minutes during off-peak. You can purchase your tickets online in advance for \$15.50 CDN one-way and \$26.75 CDN roundtrip. Expect about an hour, especially during peak periods, to get from the airport to the hotel. It is possible, although not simple, to take public transportation from the hotel to the HIOK.

Thursday, August 4

You can pick up your registration packet and goody bag beginning at 8:15am on Thursday.

The convention officially starts at 9am with an opening orientation session which will include updates on any last minute changes. Research presentations then take center stage, and Cory Schwartz of MLB.com will be on hand to talk about some of the features of MLB.com.

Panels on Thursday include *Domed, or Doomed? Stadiums* at 2:30pm and *Business of Baseball in Canada*.

Thursday evening at 7pm, members who are doing poster presentations will be at their posters to take questions. The best Poster Presentation at the SABR Convention is awarded the *USA Today Sports Weekly* Award for Best Poster Presentation.

Also at 7pm, members who want to test their knowledge of baseball trivia can participate in the annual SABR trivia contest written preliminary test.

At 9pm, the SABR Annual Business Meeting takes place. Get reports from the Executive Director, Treasurer, President and the Nominating Committee to learn more about SABR's achievements in the past year and where SABR is headed in the coming year.

One lucky early registrant will receive a complimentary room night at the Holiday Inn on King. Everyone registered for SABR 35 by July 7 with a reservation on file at the Holiday Inn on King will be entered into a random drawing for one free room night. The winner will be notified on July 12.

Committee Meetings

Thursday, August 4

Track One

11:00am Statistical Analysis
Noon Minor Leagues
6:00pm Baseball Records

Track Two

Women in Baseball
Baseball/Armed Forces
Negro Leagues

Friday, August 5

Track One

10:00am Origins of BB
4:00pm Spring Training
5:00pm Oral History

Track Two

Asian BB
Umpire & Rules
Pictorial History

Saturday, August 6

Track One

9:00am Ballparks
10:00am 19th C
11:00am Deadball
3:00pm Bibliography
4:00pm BioProject
5:00pm Bio Research

Track Two

Latin America
Science & Baseball
Collegiate
Scouts
Business of Baseball
Music & Poetry

Sunday, August 7

11:00am Youth/Education

Schedule Subject to Change

Friday, August 5

The second day of the convention kicks off early with a special breakfast for all donors of \$100 or more. Donors will hear a report from Executive Director **John Zajc** regarding SABR and its future, and will have the opportunity to ask questions. For more information on the SABR Donor Program, contact John Zajc at jzajc@sabr.org or 1-800-969-7227.

In addition to more research presentations (competing for the Doug Pappas Memorial Award, presented by *USA Today Sports Weekly*), convention-goers can attend panels on Canadian Baseball Literature, Canadian Baseball Players, and Toronto Baseball Media (see pages 1 and 5 for more information).

In the evening, it is a short walk to Rogers Centre to see the Toronto Blue Jays host the New York Yankees at 7:07pm. Past convention attendees have given lots of feedback stating that good seats are much preferred for this all important game when hundreds of members attend together, and the Blue Jays have provided two excellent options (see below).

After the ballgame, members are invited to gather in a portion of the Regency Ballroom on the mezzanine level to meet with each other to discuss the game, their convention experiences, or whatever comes to mind. A cash bar will be available.

A Word About the Jays Tickets

SABR has purchased a total of 560 tickets for the Yankees v. Jays game on Friday, August 5 at 7:07pm.

We have 440 tickets in the Field Level bases (Section 130A; lower bowl along the left field line; regular price, \$40 CDN), and 120 tickets in the Club 200 Infield (Sections 221-222; first base side of home plate; regular price \$65 CDN). When completing the registration form on page 7, you should choose which ticket you want. **We recommend you pay by credit card**, so if your ticket choice is not available, we can properly adjust the amount you need to pay.

When you pick up your convention goody bag, you will have a perforated cardboard cut-out that shows how many and which type of ballgame tickets you ordered. You must exchange those for actual tickets **no later than 5:07pm on Friday**. The purpose of doing tickets this way is so that members can get tickets together with other members they want to sit with.

If you would like to attend Jays games on Saturday through the following Thursday, the Blue Jays are offering a discount to SABR members ranging from 30% to 40% off face value, depending on seat location. Contact Mark Palmer by email mark.palmer@bluejays.ca or by phone at 416-341-1126 and indicate that you are a SABR member.

Get your Saturday and Sunday orders in early because these are Yankee games and there will be large crowds. The Detroit Tigers visit Rogers Centre Monday, August 8 through Thursday, August 11, with Thursday's game being an afternoon game.

Saturday, August 6

Saturday's schedule is packed with research committee meetings, including the Ballparks meeting at 9am which will feature a presentation by **Tom Sheiber** of the Hall of Fame on a project to virtually re-create ballparks that no longer exist. They plan to begin with the Grand Pavilion of the South End Grounds (Boston). All are invited to attend to learn more.

All members are invited to attend any committee meeting they are interested in; you do not need to be an official committee member to attend. Indeed, this is your opportunity to learn more about what the committee does, and whether you would like to participate more fully.

The early afternoon is a highlight of the weekend, as hundreds of members gather to honor the best in baseball research and to hear a talk by Blue Jays President and CEO Paul Godfrey (see page 1). Prior to Godfrey's talk, SABR will present The *Sporting News*-SABR Baseball Research Awards, The McFarland-SABR Baseball Research Awards, The Doug Pappas Memorial Award (presented by *USA Today Sports Weekly*), The *USA Today Sports Weekly* Award for Best Poster Presentation, The Roland Hemond Award (to honor a person who has promoted the work of Scouts in baseball), and SABR's highest honor, The Bob Davids Award.

The luncheon menu will consist of salad, your choice of Oven Roasted Chicken or Atlantic Salmon Filet, and chocolate mousse.

At 6 pm, there will be a roundtable discussion on baseball research. Learn tricks of the trade from other SABR members and share some of your experiences and knowledge.

Later that night, you can watch the SABR Trivia Semi-Finals and Finals.

A Call for Judges

Here's a way you can help SABR while at the convention: participate as a judge for the Doug Pappas Memorial Award, presented by *USA Today Sports Weekly*, given to the best oral presentation; and for the *USA Today Sports Weekly* Award for the best poster presentation at SABR 35.

We are seeking about 18 persons to judge 3-5 presentations throughout the conference.

It's not hard at all. Volunteer judges will be sent a guideline sheet prior to the convention. Guideline scoring sheets with specific sessions for each individual to evaluate will be picked up at the time of the registration at the convention.

Evaluations will be returned to the registration table after each evaluation by the judge.

Potential judges, please contact **John Matthew IV** by June 30 at the following e-mail: john.matthew@rogers.com to let him know of your willingness to help out.

Sunday, August 7

You'll want to make sure you schedule your trip home late enough to take in the Sunday morning schedule, which includes a special breakfast with Sam Holman, founder and owner of Sam Bats, which makes the bats of dozens of major league players. His bats have been used by Albert Pujols in his Rookie of the Year season of 2001, and by Barry Bonds during his 73-home-run season.

Sam's bats are made of maple, and so the breakfast at Windows Restaurant at Rogers Centre will feature maple syrup on pancakes of all types (griddled golden triple berry or whole wheat; as well as fluffy scrambled eggs served in a pancake nest. Coffee and tea will also be served; juice will be available individually at additional cost). Enjoy having a breakfast learning more about bat technology in a restaurant that has been dinged by the some of the longest home runs hit in Toronto.

The Youth/Education Committee will meet at 11am to review its progress in the past year and to plan for the coming year.

At noon, we will gather one more time for a Convention finale.



The 2006 Convention will be held in Seattle, Washington, dates to be determined after the MLB schedule is set

The convention site for 2007 will be set later this year.

Information on how your city can be considered to host a future convention can be requested from the SABR Office



Paul Snyder (left) accepting the Roland Hemond Award from Roland Hemond (right) at the SABR 34 Awards banquet. Emcee Kevin Grace is in the foreground. (photo by F. X. Flinn).

Frequently Asked Questions

Should I exchange US \$ to Canadian \$ before I leave home?

Yes, at your local bank before you leave to get the best exchange rate possible. If you choose to convert dollars in Canada, do so at any Canadian bank. Currency exchange kiosks at the airport and other locations are not recommended as they do not always provide the best exchange rate.

When exchanging your money, get Canadian currency in \$5, \$10 and \$20 denominations as many vendors do not accept \$50 and \$100 bills. Many vendors will accept American currency but will provide change in Canadian currency and each vendor can set their own exchange rate, if any. This option is not recommended. Most stores and restaurants accept major credit cards. There are numerous ATMs where you can use your bank card to get Canadian money.

What are loonies and toonies?

Canada no longer produces one and two dollar bills, having replaced them with coins. A one-dollar coin is commonly referred to as a loonie (there is a loon on the back of the coin) and a two-dollar coin is a commonly referred to as a toonie.

Is it true visitors are eligible for a refund of some sales taxes paid?

Yes, the federal Goods and Services Tax, identified as GST on receipts, is eligible for refund. Pamphlets will be provided to convention guests that explain the refund process. Keep your receipts.

Must I pre-register for the convention?

You do not *have* to pre-register, but it is a really good idea. First, you save some money if you register before July 7. Second, it is the most probable way for you to get into all the events you want. Third, not registering saves time on-site, allowing you to have more fun. Lastly, if you don't pre-register, your name badge won't look nearly as nice as everyone else's.

Do I get a confirmation of my registration?

While an attempt will be made to send confirmations to everyone who has an email address on file, the only way to guarantee a confirmation of your registration is to send a SASE with your registration.

What do I do when I get to the hotel?

After you have checked into the Holiday Inn on King, you should head to the SABR Registration Desk (when it is open). Once there, find the proper alphabetical line (A-K, L-R, etc.) and tell the person working the desk your name. He or she will give you your SABR 35 name badge (don't lose it!), your tickets for the luncheon and chits for game tickets (assuming you have ordered them), and goody bag (which contains your convention program, convention publication and other "goodies," many donated by baseball clubs and baseball organizations throughout the country). You are now ready to have fun!

Is there a dress code?

The SABR convention is an eclectic, mostly casual affair and has no dress code. For Research Presentations, Player Panels and general scouting of the convention, wear something comfortable. Shorts, jeans, slacks, polo shirts, T-shirts, whatever you are most comfortable in. At the Awards Luncheon, you will find members dressed from a suit and tie down to a t-shirt and shorts, although the majority of members at the food functions wear either "dress-casual" or suit and tie.

What about autographs?

Many of our guests in the past have been kind enough to stick around after their talk to sign autographs. There is never any guarantee of autographs made by anyone and the key is to *remember to respect the player or panelist as well as other members*. Many conventioners use their convention program for an impromptu autograph book.

Are there exhibitors?

There is a Vendors Area at every SABR convention, so be sure to budget some spending money. Exhibitors include baseball book publishers and book dealers/sellers. SABR also has a limited number of hours at its table where you can pick up your favorite SABR merchandise.

The vendor area is a good place to hang out during the convention; lots of good conversation and networking take place. Plus, many vendors sell at a discount.

One travel tip is to bring an empty suitcase with you to fill and bring home with you.

How do I enter the trivia contest?

Show up for the preliminaries on Thursday at 7:00pm in the proper room and follow the directions given to you by trivia master, Al Blumkin.

My spouse only wants to come to the ballgame; must she/he register?

Spouses, children, or friends who will attend only fee events that are NOT included in registration (ballgames, awards luncheon) may pay for those events only and need not register for the convention. If they will attend any programming included in the registration, they must register.

TIPS FROM MEMBERS:

Hang out. While the formal affairs are usually wonderful, make sure you spend plenty of time wandering around listening and talking to people. The informal gabfests are always the most fun and the most interesting, and sitting in your room looking at your goody bag is a drag.

Attend as many presentations and committee meetings as possible. It is amazing what people have discovered.

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The Program, continued from page 1

Scheduled to appear on the **Canadian Players Panel** are Hall of Fame pitcher Fergie Jenkins, Ron Taylor (member of the 1969 World Champions, and currently the Blue Jays team doctor) and Warren Sawkiw (a longtime minor leaguer with international experience, and Jays radio analyst).

The **Business of Baseball in Canada Panel** features Paul Beeston, former President and Chief Operating Officer of Major League Baseball. We also hope to have Blue Jays lawyer Gord Kirk and Ottawa Lynx General Manager Kyle Bostwick.

On the **Toronto Baseball Media Panel** will be longtime SABR member Neil McCarl, who has been a sportswriter (*Toronto Star*) since the 1940s.

The **Canadian Baseball Literature Panel** will include Jerry Amernic, author of *Gift of the Bambino*; longtime SABR member William Humber, author of *Diamonds of the North* and co-editor of *All I Thought About Was Baseball*; along with *Globe & Mail* books editor, Martin Levin.

Rogers Centre Tours

Tours run daily, event schedule permitting. Call (416) 341-2770 for specific tour times.

SABR members will get \$2.00 off the regular prices which are: \$12.50 for adults; \$7.00 for children (ages 5-11); \$8.50 for youths (ages 12-17); \$8.50 for seniors (*All prices in Canadian dollars*). Details on how members will get the discount will be provided via email before the convention and in the goody bag at the convention.

From the Airport, continued from page 1

Driving

See page 6 for driving directions.

Parking

The Holiday Inn on King has covered parking at the cost of \$18 CDN per day with in/out privileges. There are several surface lots nearby, and some of the less expensive lots are located at Metro Centre, and Toronto City Hall. More parking information will be emailed to registrants closer to the convention dates.

Parking on most downtown streets is limited to specific times of day, and often requires you to purchase and display a ticket from one of the parking machines located along the street. Be sure to check and obey the signs posted along the street to make sure your vehicle doesn't get ticketed or, worse yet, towed away.

There are also a variety of public parking lots throughout the city. City-owned lots are indicated by the 'Green P' logo – a large 'P' in a green circle.

Things to Do in Toronto Before, During, or After SABR 35

A cosmopolitan city like Toronto always has many interesting things for the entire family to enjoy.

Within walking distance of the HIOK is the Hockey Hall of Fame, CN Tower, The Princess of Wales Theatre and Royal Alexandra Theatres, comedy clubs The Laugh Resort, Second City, and Yuk Yuk's Comedy Cabaret, and shopping at Toronto Eaton Centre, Queen's Quay Terminal, and the World's Biggest Bookstore.

Accessible by public transportation are many cultural attractions including the Ontario Science Centre, the Art Gallery of Ontario, the Royal Ontario Museum, Casa Loma, Ontario Place, and the Bloor/Yorkville Area. Centreville Amusement Park and Medieval Times Dinner and Tournament are also accessible via public transit.

Accessible by car are the Toronto Zoo, Paramount Canada's Wonderland, Niagara Falls and the Shaw Festival (approximately 1½ hours), and The Stratford Festival (approximately 2 hours). An excellent annotated list of attractions in Toronto and vicinity can be found online at: <http://tinyurl.com/5glwtw>

Spouses can meet each morning at 8:30 in the coffee shop connected to the hotel. Local members Chris Tait and Edith Grader will be on hand to provide maps and information to help make your day more enjoyable.

The local committee will be working on making it as easy as possible for spouses and families to enjoy Toronto while the SABR member in the family enjoys the convention. More details will be posted at the convention page of the SABR web site as they become available. Details will also be sent via e-mail to those who have already registered.

Another Great Reason to Visit Toronto

From 1904 to 1942, American photographer Charles Martin Conlon captured some of baseball's most legendary images on film. He was renowned for photographing everyone involved with the game - the baseball heroes, umpires, managers, coaches and fans.

Between Monday, July 25 and Friday, August 12, 2005, during the hours of 11am to 2pm, the FCP Gallery, in association with Wellington-Cooke Gallery, will be showing classic photos of Ty Cobb, Joe DiMaggio, Babe Ruth, Lou Gehrig and other boys of summer.

The FCP Gallery is located at First Canadian Place, located near the HIOK. Directions to the Gallery will be included in your goody bag).



Photo of Joe DiMaggio from the Conlon Collection

Holiday Inn on King

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From the South

Crossing at Lewiston, take 405 west to QEW Toronto. Crossing at Buffalo, take QEW Toronto. When you get to Toronto, the QEW becomes the Gardiner Expressway. At the Spadina exit, turn left on Spadina, at third traffic light (King Street) turn right. The Holiday Inn is 2 blocks along on the left hand side.

Border Crossings

From Michigan (Detroit and Port Huron); from New York State-Buffalo and Lewiston. Traffic flow is lower at Port Huron and Lewiston.

From the East

Take 401 west to Toronto. Exit Don Valley Parkway south, to Gardiner Expressway west, exit at Spadina, turning right. At third traffic light (King Street) turn right. The Holiday Inn is 2 blocks along on the left hand side.

Driving Instructions

From the West

Crossing at Port Huron, follow 402 east to 401 east to Toronto. Crossing at Detroit, follow 401 east to Toronto. When you get to Toronto, take 427 south to Gardiner Expressway east to the Spadina exit. Turn left on Spadina; at third traffic light (King Street) turn right. The Holiday Inn is 2 blocks along on the left hand side.

From the North

Take 400 south to Toronto. Exit 401 west to 427 south to Gardiner Expressway east, to the Spadina exit. Turn left on Spadina, at third traffic light (King Street) turn right. The Holiday Inn is 2 blocks along on the left hand side.

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= SABR 35 Events at Additional Cost

	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	
7:30 AM		Donor Breakfast			7:30 AM
8:00 AM		Research Presentations		Religious Services	8:00 AM
8:30 AM					8:30 AM
9:00 AM	Opening Session	Canadian Baseball Lit Panel		Maple Bats & Breakfast at Windows	9:00 AM
9:30 AM					9:30 AM
10:00 AM	Research Presentations	Committee Meetings	Committee Meetings		10:00 AM
10:30 AM					10:30 AM
11:00 AM		Research Presentations		Youth/Education Committee	11:00 AM
11:30 AM	Committee Meetings				11:30 AM
12:00 PM		Canadian Baseball Players Panel		Closing Session	12:00 PM
12:30 PM					12:30 PM
1:00 PM		Research Presentations	Awards Banquet w/Paul Godfrey		1:00 PM
1:30 PM	Research Presentations				1:30 PM
2:00 PM		Toronto Baseball Media Panel			2:00 PM
2:30 PM	Dome or Doomed Stadiums Panel				2:30 PM
3:00 PM		Research Presentations			3:00 PM
3:30 PM					3:30 PM
4:00 PM	Research Presentations		Committee Meetings		4:00 PM
4:30 PM		Committee Meetings			4:30 PM
5:00 PM	Business of Baseball in Canada Panel				5:00 PM
5:30 PM					5:30 PM
6:00 PM	Committee Meetings		Chapter Leaders	How to Do Research	6:00 PM
6:30 PM					6:30 PM
7:00 PM				Committee Chairs	7:00 PM
7:30 PM	Trivia Prelims	Poster Presentations			7:30 PM
8:00 PM		Yankees at Blue Jays, Rogers Centre, 7:07pm		Trivia Semifinals	8:00 PM
8:30 PM					8:30 PM
9:00 PM					9:00 PM
9:30 PM	Business Meeting				9:30 PM
10:00 PM				Trivia Finals	10:00 PM
10:30 PM					10:30 PM
11:00 PM					11:00 PM

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Hotel Information

Holiday Inn on King
1-800-263-6364

Call in your reservation directly to the hotel (1-800-263-6364) **prior to** the cut-off date of **July 6, 2005**. Identify yourself as being a part of Society for American Baseball Research, and use the following code: **BASES** to ensure you receive the SABR group rate.

The group rate is \$157 CDN a night (single/double), and is subject to Provincial Sales Tax, Goods and Services Tax, Destination Marketing Fee, and any other applicable taxes, fees or levies that may arise (currently 15%). These rates are good 3 days before and after the convention.

It is necessary that payment for the first night's stay be guaranteed by a certified check, money order, or credit card.

Guaranteed reservations will be honored until noon the following day.

Notice of cancellation must be received by the hotel 72 hours prior to the date of arrival, otherwise the first night's accommodation (room and tax) will be charged to your credit card. A cancellation number is provided for each reservation. Please retain this for your records.

Make your reservations early to ensure a room.

Check-in is 4pm; check-out is noon.

Additional Information

1) Complete the form to the right. Make checks payable to: "SABR" and mail to SABR 35, 812 Huron Rd E #719, Cleveland OH 44115. **Photocopies are acceptable.**

2) Registration must be postmarked by July 7, 2005, to receive the early registration discount.

Registration includes: SABR 35 Convention packet (printed program; convention publication; & other "goodies," including "John Dewan's State of the Week Baseball Scorebook" [ACTA]), access to panels, trivia contests, committee meetings, and research presentations.

3) To **ensure** a confirmation, you **MUST** send us a **SASE**.

4) **Cancellations & Refunds:** A full refund is available if cancellation is received by July 7, 2005; 50% if received between July 8 and July 22. No refunds will be given if cancellation is made after July 22.

To cancel registration, call SABR at 1-800-969-7227 or email execdir@sabr.org.

5) On-Site registration will be offered August 4 to 6 at the "after July 7 rate."

6) Register before July 7 and be entered into a random drawing for one night free at the HIOK (restrictions apply).

SABR 35 (August 4-7, 2005) Registration

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Full Registration

	Before July 7	After July 7	
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Names of others registered on this form: _____

SABR Blue Jays Tickets, Friday, August 5

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Other Convention Events

___ Awards Luncheon (Saturday, 12 noon - 3pm)	\$29.95	\$ _____
___ Oven Roasted Chicken, salad, chocolate mousse		
___ Atlantic Salmon Filet, salad, chocolate mousse		
___ Special Dietary Needs (such as food allergies or religious needs), please specify:		
___ Maple Pancake Breakfast with Sam Holman (Sunday, 9am to 11am) at Windows Restaurant at Rogers Centre	\$14.95	\$ _____

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Please Tell Us

Will SABR 35 be your first SABR Convention? Yes No
 Method of Transportation to SABR 35 Air Car Other Airline/other: _____
 If Car, are you car or van-pooling? Yes No
 Renting a Car? Yes No Rental Car Company: _____
 Are you planning to stay in the area before or after the convention? Yes No If yes, how long: _____

Payment Information

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Signature _____

Mail to: SABR 35, 812 Huron Rd E #719, Cleveland OH 44115

* -- If you buy the \$47 tickets and none remain and paid by credit card you will receive the \$25 tickets and be charged the correct amount, if you paid by check, you will receive the \$25 tickets and the difference will be donated to SABR.

Need A Roommate?

Fill out the form below completely and mail to the SABR office with a SASE, so it arrives no later than July 10. We will share this information with others who have completed this form. **SABR cannot guarantee anyone a roommate and is not responsible for any problems you may encounter.**

Please check one: ___ I have a room that I am willing to share

___ I have no room, but would like to share with someone who does.

Any preferences (smoking, non-smoking, night-owl, early riser, etc.)? _____

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Itinerary

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Sat, July 30	Ana @ NYY
Sun, July 31	Ana @ NYY
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Tue, Aug 2	Mil @ NYM
Wed, Aug 3	Cooperstown
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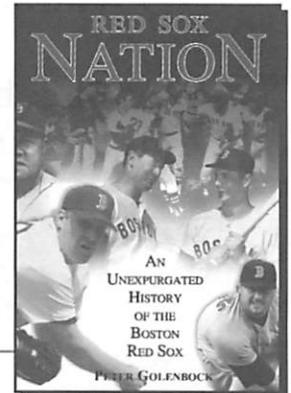
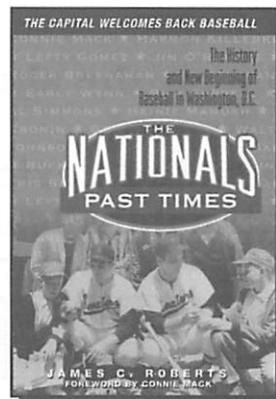
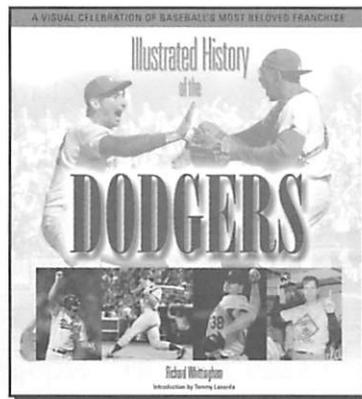
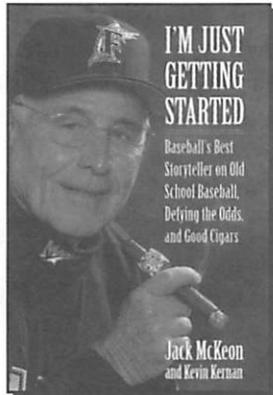
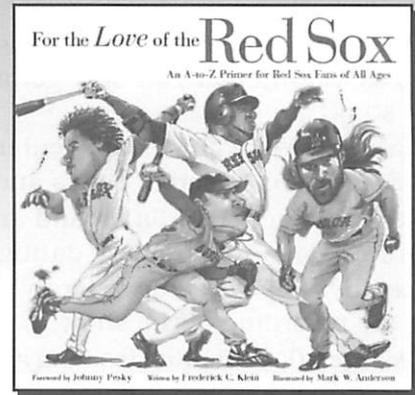
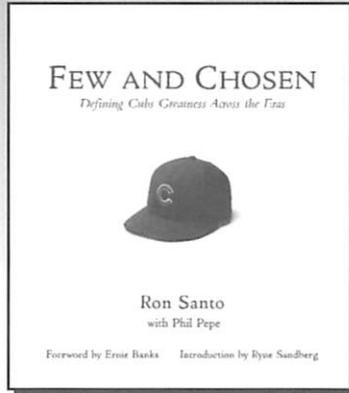
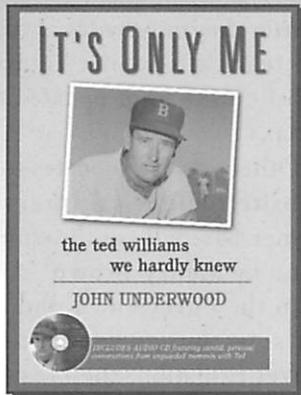


Notice of Annual Business Meeting

The annual business meeting of the Society for American Baseball Research, an Illinois not-for-profit corporation, will be held Thursday, August 4, 2005, at 9pm in the Regency Ballroom of the Holiday Inn on King, 370 King Street West, Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

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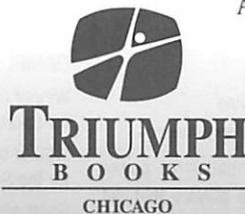
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Business of Baseball Website Updated

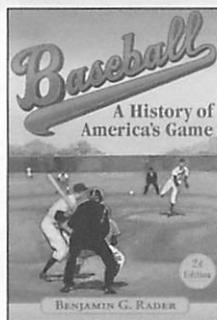
Thanks to the help of a college student named Aaron Schwartz the business of baseball website now has team-by-team payroll going back to 1977. This is a considerable increase in data as prior they only had back to 1997. Also the team attendance figures on the website have been updated to include 2004.

Other exciting updates to the B.O.B website include an interview with former baseball commissioner Bowie Kuhn by **Maury Brown**.

In the interview, Kuhn reflects on his selection as commissioner, the Braves litigation, the breaking of the Reserve Clause with the Seitz ruling, DC's loss of the Senators and the Pilots move from Seattle to Milwaukee. He shares thoughts on Marvin Miller, Charlie Finley's aborted trades, the little known negotiations that took place in 1975 to bring an exhibition game to Cuba, the political dynamic that comes with the position of commissioner, and much more.

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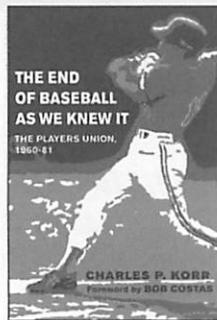


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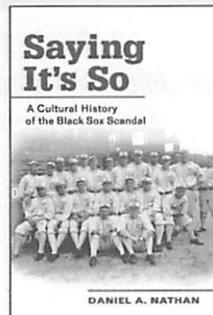
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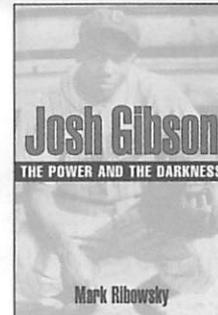


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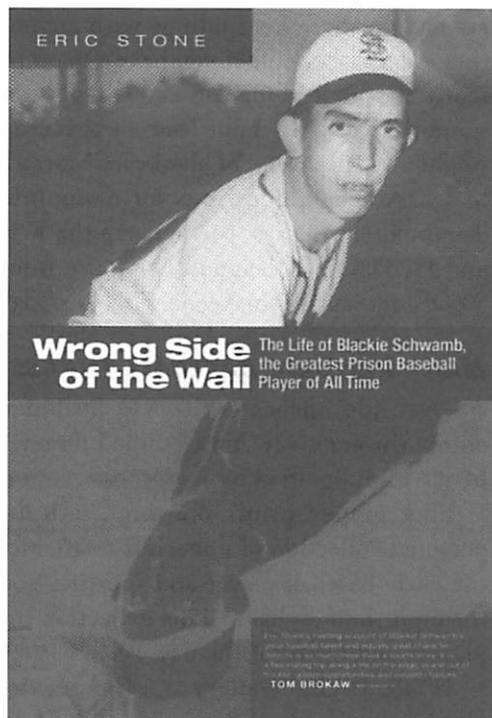
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—**Peter Gammons**, ESPN Baseball Tonight studio analyst.

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Rudy Marzano, 1233 Woods End Rd., Point Pleasant, NJ 08742, (732) 899-9352, rymarzano@msn.com, seeks the origin of the following quote by Charlie Dressen while managing the Brooklyn Dodgers: "Hold'em for a few innings fellas until I think of something." Also a quote from Branch Rickey to Ralph Kiner: "We finished last with you and we can finish last without you." Date and source needed.

Dennis Auger, 1199 Hathaway Lane, Uxbridge MA 01569, 508-278-3437, dennisauger@charter.net seeks information on Chick Stahl. Looking for documented comments by his peers, managers, et al about his playing abilities, personality and suicide.

Chuck Ailsworth, 4516 Cherokee Ln, Bloomfield Hills, MD 48301, mlacea@comcast.net, seeks

information on how to identify Pittsburgh Pirate ticket stubs from the 1930's and 1940's. Looking to identify what the different colors and set numbers mean. Also what the ticket prices are for each section. Also looking to get ticket prices for all other major league teams for the 1939 and 1940 season. Any pricing information would be appreciated regardless of team and section.

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Carey, Benedict: The culture of the Yankees' clubhouse. 5 pages. Copy of article in the New York Times, March 7, 2005.

Carreno, Sesar, and Andre Coleman: The game remains the same. 5 pages. Text of an article in the Pasadena Weekly, Oct. 28, 2004, about some of the great black baseball teams of the Los Angeles area, in particular the Los Angeles Trilbys.

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Gilbert, Bill: Win shares and the Hall of Fame, 2005 update. 4 pages. Looks at Hall of Fame credentials of current players based on Bill James' Win Share system. Update of a 2004 study.

Gilbert, Bill: When baseball helped us win the war. 5 pages. Photocopy of article in Diamond, June 1993, about baseball in World War II.

Gordon, Jim: The curse of the acquisition. 22 pages. Asserts, on the basis of OPS numbers, that players the Dodger acquire through trade or free agency in recent years, generally do worse in the first LA season that they did in their last season with their old team.

Joyner, Ronnie: Virgil Fire Trucks. 7 pages. A profile. Photocopy of article in the newsletter of the Philadelphia Athletics Historical Society, Volume VIII, No. 2, 2004.

Morong, Cyril: Ranking hitters by their performance above a .600 offensive winning percentage. 14 pages.

Morong, Cyril: Players ranked by their average rank in total win shares and win shares per plate appearance. 20 pages.

Schwarz, Alan: When a game saved was a game earned. 2 pages. Photocopy of article in New York Times, Jan. 2, 2005, about relievers who pitched longer than one inning.

Stone, Larry: Edo Vanni is the dean of Seattle baseball. 7 pages. Text of article in the Seattle Times, Feb. 13, 2005, about a longtime player, manager and general manager of the Seattle Rainiers of the Pacific Coast League.

Warrington, Bob: The Phillies' inaugural opening day. 2 pages. Photocopy of article in the newsletter of the Philadelphia Athletics Historical Society, Volume VIII, No. 3, 2004.

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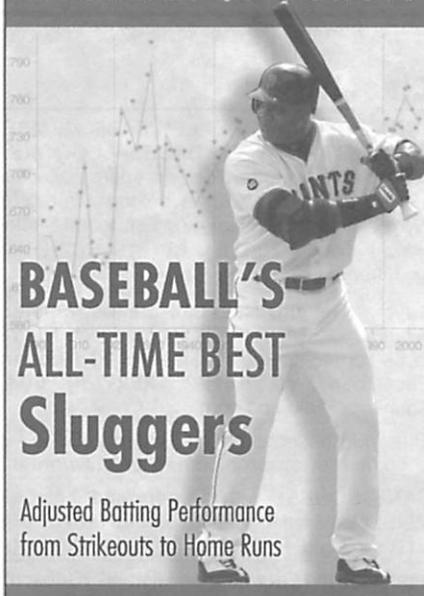
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Scott Nelson of Mankato, MN died of a heart attack on May 27, 2004. He was 76 years old.

A SABR member since 1996, Scott was a member of the Baseball Records, Oral History and Statistical Analysis committees. He also served as the sports editor for the Mankato Free Press from 1952 to 1963, and was a Journalism and English teacher during this 26 year tenure at Mankato West High School.

Scott is survived by his wife, Marge, four children and their spouses, twelve grandchildren, a brother and his spouse, and numerous nephews, nieces and cousins.

TIM OTHEOS

Tim Otheos of Torrance, CA passed away at the age of 50. Tim was a SABR member since 1987 and was part of several committees including the Baseball Records, Collegiate, Negro Leagues and Minor Leagues committees.

STEVE CHARAK

Steve Charak, a long-time Olympia, WA resident died at his home surrounded by family. He was 51.

Steve was founder and publisher of *Young Voices* magazine and conducted

children's writing workshops. He enjoyed the Mariners, his music, Starbucks, marathon running, reading, and his book club.

Steve was also the author of "Twenty-Game Losers" featured in *The Baseball Research Journal*, Number 28

CHUCK BENEDICT

Chuck Benedict, of Glendale, CA died at his home on November 9, 2002. A SABR member since 1983, Chuck was also a charter member of the Southern California Sports Broadcasters Association and a two-time president of the organization. He was 83.

Benedict once said of himself, "I never got to be great, but I sure was fortunate to have worked with great people!"

Since 1990 Chuck had a twice-weekly column for the *Glendale News-Press*. According to those who knew him, he was a master storyteller who always seemed to be in the right place. Chuck was in the underground Summa headquarters the day Howard Hughes died. "Hughes died on an airplane between Acapulco and Houston. A recluse, he never had been in his own underground Summa office." Chuck broke the story.

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The March/April Bulletin contained an insert with all the materials you needed to cast your ballot in the SABR election. If you are designated a 2005 member, then you are eligible to vote.

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Dave Frishberg on "Van Lingle Mungo"

With the recent passing of Danny Gardella, who was one of the players featured in the classic song "Van Lingle Mungo," a discussion was started on SABR-L, the members-only email listserv, as to which players mentioned in the song were still alive. To much delight, legendary jazz artist Dave Frishberg, who penned the tune, shared his experiences with the email group. Here is a small excerpt of his SABR-L Post which is available in full in the SABR-L archives:

The only other guy [besides Eddie Basinski] from the song I ever met was Mungo himself, who arrived from Pageland, South Carolina, to be on the Dick Cavett show and listen to me sing the song. This was 1969, when Cavett had a nightly show in New York. Backstage, Mungo asked me when he would see some remuneration for the song. When he heard my explanation about how there was unlikely to be any remuneration for anyone connected with the song, least of all him, he was genuinely downcast. "But it's my name," he said. I told him, "The only way you can get even is to go home and write a song called "Dave Frishberg." He laughed, and when we said goodbye he said, "I'm gonna do it! I'm gonna do it!"

Mr. Frishberg, a SABR member for over 20 years, noted that of the original thirty-eight names mentioned in the song, only Joost, Sain, Pesky, and Basinski are still alive.

There are two versions of the song "Van Lingle Mungo." According to Mr. Frishberg, after the song was released he revised the original, which was written in a hurry, and took out certain names and replaced them with baseball personalities from an earlier era so the nostalgic focus would be sharper. The revised version of the song is available on the Concord CD "Dave Frishberg Classics."

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SABR Elections Return Three to the Board

Congratulations to **Dick Beverage**, **F. X. Flinn**, and **Frederick Ivor-Campbell**, who were elected in the just concluded SABR Elections.

Beverage, who ran unopposed, returns to serve as SABR President for two more years. Also having run unopposed, Flinn serves three more years as Treasurer. Ivor-Campbell, who served on the board previously in 1992-1995 and 1998-2001, returns to a Director post for three years.

The bylaws revision passed by an overwhelming majority (318-7), while the non-binding resolution on changing SABR's name garnered support of 52% of voters, leaving it well short of the 2/3rds majority needed to move forward.

Ivor-Campbell joins the Board at the conclusion of the Annual Business Meeting, to be held Thursday, August 4, at 9pm in the Regency Ballroom of the Holiday Inn on King. An agenda will be distributed at the venue.

SABR would like to thank **Dan Ginsburg** for his service as Director for the past three years. A big thank you also goes out to all the candidates (those mentioned as well as **Paul Hirsch**, **Kevin Reichard**, and **Jamie Selko**) for their commitment to SABR, and to the Tellers Committee of **Joe Simenic**, **Jim Hanson** and **Fred Schuld** for counting the ballots.

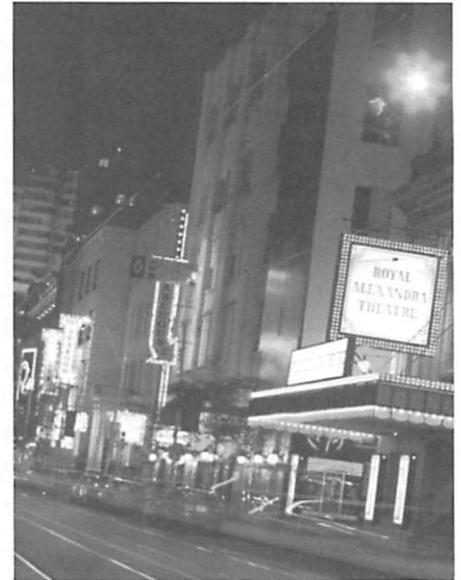
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Don't wait any longer--make your plans today to attend the Annual SABR Convention at the Holiday Inn on King in downtown Toronto, Ontario, August 4 to 7, 2005. Because if you don't, you could miss out on having a blast learning more about the game you love so much.

Over 30 research presentations have been slotted for the Thursday and Friday. Among the topics to be presented are: "The Evolution of Japanese Baseball Strategy" (**Rob Fitts**), "1994 Montreal Expos" (**Phil Birnbaum**), "Bert Collyer: Baseball's Conscience in 1919" (**Gene Carney**), "Yankees of the '20s" (**Dan Levitt**), "Baseball Explains Canada and Vice Versa" (**Bill Humber**), "A Tale of Two Eras: The World Champion Dodgers of 1995 and 1965" (**David W. Smith**), "The Majors Plot to Stop Wrigley Field" (**Stu Shea**), and "Assessing Pitchers' Impact on the Results of Balls in Play: An Extreme View" (**Mike Emeigh**). These members and others will be vying for The Doug Pappas Memorial Award, presented by *USA Today Sports Weekly*.

The convention program and a list of registrants will be posted on the convention pages at www.sabr.org.



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SABR Launches First Ever Baseball Research Grants Program

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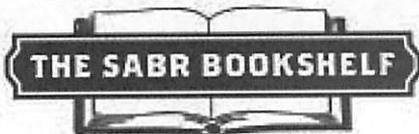
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While not a prerequisite, it is hoped that the grants will help younger and/or less-established baseball researchers make their mark. The two main requirements for the grant is that the researcher be a SABR member, and that the end product of the research be published first by SABR. **The application deadline for the first year of the grants is August 20, 2005.**

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Breaking into Baseball: Women in the National Pastime by Jean Ardell devotes a detailed chapter to each of the ways women participate in the game as fans, players, umpires, executives, reporters, and as Baseball Annie's.

Cleveland Indians Encyclopedia

(3rd ed.) and **More Tales from the Tribe Dugout** by Russell Schneider look at the ins and outs of Cleveland baseball through the skill of the long-time *Plain Dealer* columnist.

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There will soon be a Ballparks committee website for your research purposes. **Maury Brown** is currently designing a website for the committee that will house data on past and present ballpark facilities. If you have information on any current or past ballparks (dimensions, seating, pricing, funding, etc.), please send it to Maury so he can add this information to the site.

He has also set up an email list group for the Ballparks committee that can be used to discuss the site, and any other committee related matters.

To subscribe to the list, simply send an email to the following address (all one line):

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For those that wish to bookmark the new committee website location, it can be found here: <http://ballparks.sabr.org>.

Any questions about the new site please direct them to Maury at maurybaseballcrazy@yahoo.com.

BASEBALL RECORDS

According to the June issue of the Baseball Records Committee newsletter, **Ray Gonzalez**, one of SABR's founding members, discovered an additional stolen base for Yankees Hall of Fame catcher, Bill Dickey. The encyclopedias show Dickey with four stolen bases in 1929, his first full season, but Ray found five games where Dickey had a stolen base. Ray supplied the dates and committee chair **Lyle Spatz** went digging to confirm them.

Here's what he found (source included):

April 30 vs. Washington: Dickey stole second in the seventh inning, with Garland Braxton pitching and Roy Spencer catching. (*Retrosheet*).

May 30 at Washington (second game): Dickey stole second in the seventh inning, with Bump Hadley pitching and Bennie Tate catching. (*NY Times*).

July 31 vs. Chicago: Dickey stole second in the eighth inning, with Hal McKain pitching and Moe Berg catching. (*Retrosheet*).

August 16 at Detroit: Dickey stole second in the seventh inning, with Augie Prudhomme pitching and Merv Shea catching. (*Retrosheet*).

September 25 at Boston: Dickey stole second in the ninth inning, with Milt Gaston pitching and Johnnie Heving catching. (*Retrosheet*).

BIOPROJECT

Many new bios have been added to the committee's website:

<http://bioproj.sabr.org>

New bios include: Cy Williams, Fred Toney, Bill Doak, Orval Overall, Ed Reulbach, Red Murray, Dots Miller, Hank Gowdy, Cupid Childs, Bumpus Jones, Dummy Taylor, Heinie Groh, Joe Connolly, John Tener, Ginger Beaumont, Bugs Raymond, Jack Taylor, Harry Pulliam, Dave Bancroft, Mickey Doolan, Jim Thorpe, John McGraw, Dan McGann, Roy Thomas.

DEADBALL

Ever wondered where the term the term "Inside Game" came from? The May edition of the Deadball Committee's newsletter, "The Inside Game," features an article by **Mark Halfon** entitled, appropriately enough, "A Primer on the Inside Game." The following is an excerpt:

Deadball Era hitters struggled mightily at the plate. Runs were at a premium and batting averages plummeted. Home runs were a rarity and .300 hitters a luxury. Batters adapted to the changing environment by choking up on the bat or using a split-hand grip, allowing for greater control but reducing one's power. Hitters took shortened swings, and slapped, poked, or punched at the ball. Ballplayers were loath to take hard cuts and swing for the fences, and those that did might incur the wrath of their teammates.

A style of play evolved that came to be known as "Inside Baseball." It was a "scientific" game. It was a thinking man's game. The best of ballplayers strategized to gain an edge - any edge. They were tacticians who dissected their opponents every move, paying attention to subtleties that might provide an advantage.

To read the rest of this article, check out May, 2005 Deadball Research Committee newsletter, "The Inside Game."

NEGRO LEAGUES

The June 2005 contained the tentative schedule for the 8th Annual Jerry Mallow Negro League Research Conference held June 17-19th.

The newsletter also announce the 10th Annual Judy Johnson night scheduled to be held August 20, in Wilmington, Delaware. For more information contact **Gregg Truitt** at gregg.truitt@astrazeneca.com

PICTORIAL

The June 2005 Pictorial History committee newsletter announced that **Tom Shieber**, who founded the Pictorial History Committee, will make a presentation on virtual reality techniques for portraying Boston's South End Grounds as the ballpark looked in 1888. The Committee meeting will be held at 5 pm on Friday at SABR 35 in Toronto.

The committee's Missing Players List now stands at slightly fewer than 870 players. The committee's rate of finding missing players has slowed down, but they continue to make progress.

SCOUTS

Jim Sandoval has joined **Rod Nelson** as co-chair of the committee.

The 2005 recipient of the Roland Hemond award this year goes to Paul Beeston, former Major League Baseball President. This award is given annually to the major league executive that has been a contributor to both the history of baseball and scouting.

Upcoming Events

AUGUST 3

TORONTO, CANADA

Board of Directors Meeting

AUGUST 4-7

TORONTO, CANADA

SABR 35 at Holiday on King in Toronto. Contact the SABR Office, 1-800-969-7227.

AUGUST 20

QUEBEC, CANADA

Quebec Chapter Meeting. Contact **Bill Young**, 450-458-7349.

SAN DIEGO

San Diego Ted Williams Chapter will meet at the San Diego State University Aztec Athletic Center Auditorium and Tony Gwynn Stadium. Contact **Tom Larwin**, 619-287-6474.

AKRON, OHIO

Jack Graney Chapter outing at Akron Aeros Game. Contact **Steve Johnson**, 440-775-0567.

SEPTEMBER 16

CLEVELAND, OHIO

Jack Graney Chapter outing at Cleveland Indians Game. Contact **Steve Johnson**, 440-775-0567.

SEPTEMBER 17

COLCHESTER, VERMONT

Gardner-Waterman Chapter Meeting, Vermont. Contact **Tom Simon**, 802-860-6638.

OCTOBER 15

CLEVELAND, OH

Jack Graney Chapter Meeting, Cleveland. Contact **Steve Johnson**, 440-775-0567.

OCTOBER 22

TOLEDO, OH

Bresnahan/Mud Hens Chapter Meeting, Toledo, OH. Contact **Steve Lauer**, (419) 882-1301.

NOVEMBER 5

BOSTON, MA

Boston Chapter Meeting. Contact **David Southwick**, 617-306-8966, cell.

Boxscores of Past Meetings

New Britain, April 16

Chapter: Connecticut Chapter.
Presenters: **Cecilia Tan**, "50 Greatest Yankee games." **Bernard Crowley** on the Orator O'Rourke project in Bridgeport, **Jon Daly** on rating the most exciting pennant races and **Pat Malloy** and his WPI friends on their Retrosheet data.

Event: Rock Cats Ballgame.
Place: Rock Cats Ballpark.

Shibuya, April 23

Chapter: Tokyo Chapter.
Presenters: **Tomotada Yamamoto**, "Does Ichiro Suzuki get .400 in 2005?" **Haruko Hasumi**, "Curse: Boston, Cubs and 'The Sleeping Beauty.'"

Cleveland, May 7

Chapter: Jack Graney Chapter.
Guests: **Bob Addis** (Boston Braves, Chicago Cubs, Pittsburgh).
Presenters: **Ike Brooks**, with **Eugene Bremer, Jr.**, and **Glenn Byers** "1945 Cleveland Buckeyes;" **Steve Dills** "Fort Worth in the Texas League;" **Scott Longert** spoke on the Sports Archives at Western Reserve Historical Society and **Fred Schuld** highlighted the holding at Cleveland Public Library.

Trivia: **Pat Cicozzi** won the quiz administered by Harvey Cohen on category leaders, followed by **Dominick Denaro** and **Dave Van Gaasbeek**.
Place: Cuyahoga Public Library, Parma-Snow Branch.

Place: 5/3 Field.

Quebec, April 9th

Chapter: Quebec Chapter
Presenters: **Daniel Papillon**, Acting Chairman, recognized the founding meeting for the group and reviewed the appropriate principles, objectives and guidelines that SABR has set for chapters. There was also a discussion on SABR 35 and a name for the chapter.

Website: Check out the new chapter website via www.sabr.org (In the chapter section).
Location: Offices of Innovium Co.

Milwaukee, May 7

Chapter: Ken Keltner Badger State Chapter.
Guests: **Felix Mantilla** (Former Milwaukee Braves, Boston Red Sox, and Houston Astro).
Presenters: **Merle Branner** about her experiences with the Chicago Cubs at Disneyworld. **Dennis Degenhardt** about his experi-

ences at the Milwaukee Brewers Fantasy Camp. Long Wong's Sportsbar.

Place:

Toronto, May 15

Chapter: Hanlan's Point Chapter.
Guests: **Chris Sabo** (former Cincinnati Reds third baseman and present Dayton Dragons hitting coach), **Zach Stott**, (Dragon's pitcher from Logan Utah).

Presenters: **Allen Tait** provided an update on SABR 35 with a call for volunteers. **Alan Kaplan**, "CEO's and Superstar Athletes: Variable Compensation in Professional Sports."

Trivia: **Richard Voldimer**, Gold, **Neil Munro**, Silver, and **John Robertson**, Bronze.

Event: Memorabilia Auction.
Place: Duke of Richmond Pub.

Dayton, May 21

Chapter: Dayton Chapter.
Guests: **Chris Sabo** (former Cincinnati Reds third baseman and present Dayton Dragons hitting coach), **Zach Stott**, (Dragon's pitcher from Logan Utah).

Presenters: **Dave Petreman** of Wright State University discussed Latin American players in the game.

Event: Group watched Dragons vs. Peoria game.

Place: 5/3 Field.

Toledo, May 28

Chapter: Bresnahan/Mud Hens Chapter.
Guest: **Pat Eaken**, gave a report on the summer collegiate baseball league tournament being held in Toledo and surrounding cities in early August.

Presenters: **Ralph Spelbring**, brought a videotape of a PBS program showing the problems of maintaining a franchise in the Single-A midwest. **Craig Lammers**, "Death in the Ohio State League" and **Dave Fleitz**, "Adrian 'Cap' Anson," based on his upcoming book.

Event: The meeting was followed by a Mud Hens game.

Place: Toledo-Lucas County Library.

Washington, D.C., June 4

Chapter: Bob Davids Chapter.
Guests: **Jamey Carroll** (Nationals utility infielder). **Jeff Nelson** (major league umpire) and **Tony Tavares** (Nationals president)

Presenters: **Phil Wood**, "History of RFK Stadium"

Emcee: **David Vincent**

Event: Group stayed to watch the Nationals game

Place: RFK Stadium.

SABR NINE QUESTIONS

By Ryan Chamberlain

In a May 22, 1953 Sporting News article, John Hoffman wrote that, "Life has had many uncertainties for Joe Stanka." But even he could not predict that Stanka's professional career as a pitcher would take him from a decade-long stint in the minors all the way to Japan to become their league's MVP, and the hero of the 1964 Japan Series.

Although he played briefly in the major leagues, if you look in any baseball encyclopedia you'll see that Joe Stanka's major league career consisted of only two pitching appearances with the White Sox in 1959. But that, as they say, is only the tip of the proverbial iceberg. A recent addition to the SABR member ranks, Stanka's professional baseball career has seemingly taken the small-town boy to the four corners of the globe. We're happy to provide a glimpse into his incredible baseball journey in this SABR Nine.

1. During your time in the minor league, majors and Japan, who influenced your baseball career the most?

Well, I would have to say that the only thing that comes to mind was my manager in Macon, Georgia, Nick Cullop. Nick told me, after I'd been there awhile, when Wid Matthews [Cubs director of player personnel] called him after they had just drafted me from the Dodger chain...I think Wid was the guy who personally drafted me...and said, "Joe lands on his heel, but leave him alone and he'll win for you." And Nick said that he told him, "I don't care if he lands on his ear if he wins." That gave me a lot of confidence in Nick...and Nick stayed with me a lot. I was always a slow starter. He had a lot of confidence in me, and that really helped.

2. What were some memorable moments in your minor league career that drove you to succeed early in your career besides, obviously, wanting to make it to the majors?

The only thing that comes to mind—now remember, we're talkin' thirty-five

to forty years ago, so some of these things have gone out into cyberspace. As I mentioned, I was a slow starter—I really had trouble in the first half of most seasons although I was usually one of the best pitchers in the league in the second half. But I got off to a good start in '59 because I was in a lot better shape thanks to winter ball. I was in Sacramento and there were a lot of scouts watching me...I heard rumors all the time about how this club or that club was on the verge of signing me. The White Sox did buy me about the 1st of September. That's the only time I really thought, "Yeah, I'm going to make it to the major leagues." Because I was pitching good...I can't say that there's one game in that ten years that really sticks out.

3. Do you think if you hadn't had such a bad experience when you were first called up to the White Sox, you would have lasted longer in the majors?

First of all, me and a couple of roommates had a going away party the night before [I was called up]...So I got to Chicago extremely tired and as I checked into the hotel where we were all staying, all singles most of them, there was a note there from [Hank] Greenberg saying, "Drop your bags and get to the park when you get here. I want you to start tonight." Of course, [Al] Lopez had a different idea than that and started Billy Pierce, as I remember. And Pierce got into trouble about mid-game and they called for me to warm up. Well, even though I had ten years, I was nervous and I was tired. Warming up, I apparently pulled a groin muscle. I didn't get into that particular game. The second night though I did. And I really aggravated that groin muscle. So I went to the trainer the next day to see what it was...I didn't know anything about a groin muscle. I didn't even know what a groin was. The trainer told me and I said, "What do I do?" And he said, "What do you want to do?" And I said,

"Well, I want to get back in the game, if possible." And he said, "Well then the best thing to do is not run, he said don't even suit up. Do as little as you can, stay off that leg." I don't know whether that's true or not, that's just what he told me. And I said, "Well, I'll have to tell Lopez that I'm not going to show up." And he said, "No, I'll take care of that. I'll tell him." Well, he did not. Nothing was really said and I didn't get into another game and I was kind of wondering why.

When the Series started and tickets were starting to go out, Bob Shaw told everyone in the clubhouse that if you have tickets you don't need he could get you pretty good money for them. And I said, "Well, I don't have that many to use, you can have mine." Later on, when he was passing out money, I said, "Did you get my tickets?" And he said, "You didn't have any." Well that didn't set real well with me. So I hit the steps about ten at a time to see Greenberg and talked to him about that in no uncertain terms. And Greenberg said, "Well I didn't know anything about that. I'll see that you get your tickets." And I said, "While we're at it. What really aggravates me is that I took a pay cut from Sacramento, as far as money, to come up here." He said, "I know what you made...you made such and such." And I said, "No, I made more than that. I had an expense account." He said, "Well that's illegal. That wasn't reported so that's why I didn't know. I'll get that for you, too." Greenberg started walking away and then he turned around and said, "But you got a lot of nerve asking for more money when you refuse to pitch." Apparently, after I returned to the bullpen bench from the trainer, Lopez called down for me to warm up and the bullpen coach said "he doesn't want to pitch." So I told Greenberg that the bullpen coach had it wrong. But I never got back into another game. I think it was a total misunderstanding looking back at it.

So with the problems the team and I had with each other, and my usual slow starts, I figured my ticket was punched

to San Diego, and I wasn't going back to the minors; I had ten years of that. And honestly, even if the misunderstandings had never happened, I don't think I was a major league pitcher at that time. Sure I would have won some games, and I would have had bad games, but I was not a consistent major league pitcher then. I had a major-league fastball, but my control wasn't real good. I had trouble with left-handers. I didn't have a pitch like the one I had the last couple years in Japan—I came up with that on a fluke. If I had had that pitch, then yeah, I could have stuck. But not without it.

4. So you make it to Japan, and you don't know any of the language. Did it help having a bilingual American like Carl Hanta with you there as an interpreter?

Only from the comfort standpoint. As far as helping the baseball career...no, outside of maybe I was a little more comfortable. I enjoyed Carl more as a friend...he's a great guy. It was a comfort to have somebody around all the time that did speak English. At that time, there was only one other American the first year and he was on Nisei also. And then Buddy Peterson came over the second year. It was nice having another American there. Even though I'm partial, having talked to some of the other players I was on one of the better teams as far as friendly goes. There was a couple of guys that didn't like Americans in general, and me in particular, but otherwise most of them were pretty friendly. And the two top pitchers on the Nankai club, very nice, very friendly guys, they spoke just the least little bit of English, we used a lot of hand signs and everything to converse. I was very comfortable with them, that was nice. They assigned an office staff person who spoke a little English to interpret enough that we could communicate. Nankai was super helpful to me. They built us a house that we wanted and got a telephone that we felt we needed. Which was extremely hard to get then.

5. Did you prefer the American style of baseball or the Japanese style and which do you think was better?

Well, the Americans played for the big inning and the Japanese played for one run at a time...and they still do as far as I hear. A lot of times they'll settle for a tie...they still have tie games. The first three years I played there, they would hit a ground ball to short stop or second base, [the runner] would turn right half-way to first base. Or a fly ball to the outfield, the runner wouldn't even try to reach first base. That kind of surprised me that the manager never did say anything. That was happening pretty much on all the other teams. That was the one thing that always particularly aggravated me....They didn't want American advice. They wanted you to do your thing. They would see what you were doing and then they would accept it or reject it or make it Japanese style. Take what they wanted out of it. The first game I pitched, for instance along that line, introduced me to the first Japanese phrase that I learned. There was a base hit to left field and the fielder let it go through his legs and then slowly turned around trotted after it while the runners were circling the bases. I blew my top out there. The manager asked Carl [Hanta], "What's the matter?" So when I came in, Carl said, "He's partly mad because he wasn't pitching well, he thought, and because the guy didn't hustle after the ball. The phrase that Carl told me [that the manager replied with] was the Japanese translation for "I can't help it." That's kind of a good example of the hustle they had during that time. The play was worse than the American style, even they admit that.

6. During the 7th game of the 1964 Japan Series you pitched a shut out after having pitched the day before, in *The National Pastime* #25 article, Carl Hanta described this as an eye-opening moment for many Japanese because they considered the American pitchers "softies" because they needed four days rest. Were you aware that your actions would have

that kind of impact?

I was having a real good year that year, as you know, 26-7. And I think I was the only pitcher the last three weeks of the season that won a game. I've got the records. It shocked me because we just about lost the pennant. I had relieved in a couple of games towards the end. When I heard the phone ring at home, after having pitched the night before [during the Series], I figured it was the team wanting to know if I would relieve that night. When instead of relief, Tsuruoka [the manager] wanted to know if I was willing to start in the game. I kind of laughed and said, "Sure." But I always figured, even to the time the game started, that he'd change his mind. Experience had showed him that I wasn't going to have anything [after having pitched the night before]. I didn't really think about it. It was a laugher to me. I had no question when the phone rang who it was and what they wanted. I pitched probably as good or better as the night before, let's just say it was meant to be.

7. What was your most favorite/hated ballpark?

Well, I always had trouble in the San Diego ballpark...always. My favorite ballpark was one that I was only in one time, and that was Fenway Park. I was always a Red Sox fan. It was my first introduction into baseball, way back when, before I joined pro ball. The worst one was the Duncan [South Carolina] as far as a bad ballpark. It was a joke. The grounds were bad, the lights were horrible, which might've been good if I had had sense enough to use them [to my advantage].

8. In your career, who was the toughest hitter you pitched against?

There's two. One in Japan and one here and both in the minor leagues. Of course you got to remember I didn't pitch much in the big leagues. I pitched against some big-leaguers while they were in the minors. I didn't pay any attention to them in the minor leagues. Later on I found out, hey, I was with

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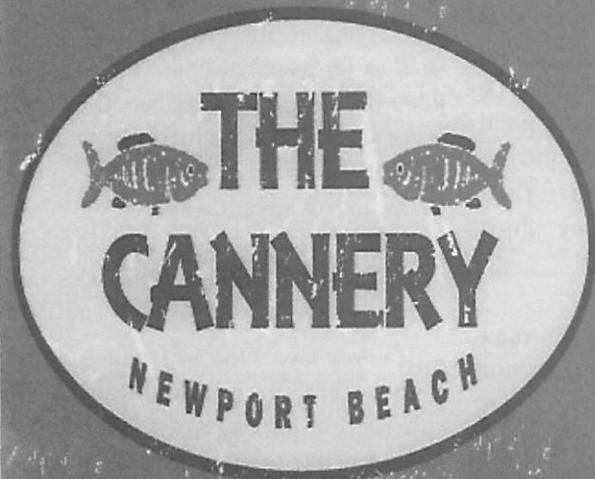
THE INVISIBLE STRING

by Ron Salisbury Owner of the Cannery Restaurant

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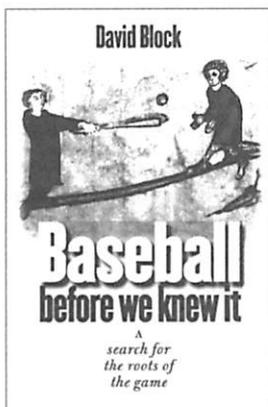
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Baseball before We Knew It,
by David Block, foreword by Tim Wiles
University of Nebraska Press, 2005.
352 pp, cloth, 32 illustrations, \$29.95

David Block's *Baseball before We Knew It* takes readers on an exhilarating journey through the centuries in search of clues to the origins of our National Pastime. Block explores the colorful history of dozens of baseball's forerunners, and unveils startling new discoveries such as a set of long forgotten baseball rules from the 1700s. The book debunks many common misconceptions about baseball's ancestry, such as the notion it derived from the English game of rounders. It also reveals a surprising new explanation for the most notorious myth of all: the Doubleday-Cooperstown story.

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—Professor Richard C. Crepeau, *Sport Literature Association*

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This year's Spring meeting of the Executive Board is one of the best that I have ever attended. We took some steps that are going to benefit the members and SABR for years to come. The Board authorized Executive Director John Zajc to negotiate exclusive licensing rights to the historical baseball database created by Pete Palmer for use on the SABR web site. This will be a tremendous addition to SABR resources. There is general agreement that the Palmer material is the most complete and accurate source of player information that exists, and now it will become available to all SABR members.

After long discussions that originated over a year ago, the Board approved the creation of the position of Research Services Manager and authorized the Executive Director to begin the hiring process. The individual chosen for this position will act as a coordinator of members' research activities with the goal of producing more content for the SABR web site as well as our printed publications. The timetable for the hiring is dependent upon a variety of factors still being investigated, but the position will be funded in the 2006 budget. We anticipate that this addition to our staff will increase its ability to support our members' efforts.

THE PRES BOX

by Dick Beverage

Discussion was held on a proposal to digitize the pages of *Sporting Life*, the sports newspaper that was a rival to *The Sporting News* during the first two decades of the twentieth century. While no decisions were made in this area, it is clear that such a project would further enhance SABR's position as a research center.

These are exciting actions that the Board has taken, and the officers and directors are enthusiastic about the direction we are taking. Other issues were discussed during the meeting that weekend, but one was conspicuous by its absence. There was no talk about developing plans to expand the SABR membership.

I bring this up because it's become something of a SABR tradition during the election season to bring up the need for increasing our membership. Most candidates include this in their position statements, but unfortunately, most of the statements don't explain why they want this growth. Too often it sounds like growth for growth's sake. If the organization is bigger, it must be better, right? That's the underlying assumption.

It is never quite clear how a greatly expanded membership base will benefit our current members. Certainly, more members mean more revenues to SABR. But more members also mean more expense. The new members get four publications, just like the other members, and they cost money. At one time, the margin per member was too close for comfort. That's not the case today, since we recently raised the dues, but it is a reminder that dues money isn't free. Do we want to be bigger because we'll then become more of a factor in the baseball world? That's debatable.

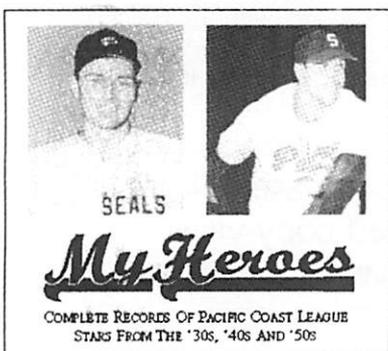
The point here is that if we don't know why we want a bigger organization, then most efforts to expand the membership base are likely to fail. The current Executive Board recognizes this problem. There is no Board member who is opposed to growth, but there is a consensus that we should not devote a lot of time, energy and resources in implementing a growth plan that might not lead to anything. Our membership is better served when we concentrate on building a better organization. If we're successful in those efforts and improve our visibility to the public, then we'll attract a goodly number of new members, individuals who will find that a SABR membership is of benefit to them. That's how we'll grow our membership.

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IN MEMORIAM

ROSS HORNING

Ross Horning, of Omaha, Nebraska, passed away on April 1st at the age of 84. He was a SABR member since 1984.

In addition to being a history professor at Creighton for 41 years, Ross made history himself when as a minor league baseball player he was traded from the Sioux Fall Canaries to the Duluth Cardinals during a game between the two teams.

The incident later triggered a call for Horning to testify before a House subcommittee that was investigating baseball's "reserve clause" and ownership of players.

EDWARD KOSZAREK

Ed Koszarek passed away on March 23. He was 62.

A resident of El Paso, Texas, Ed was the author of *The Players League: History, Clubs, Ballplayers and Statistics* that is scheduled to be published in Fall of 2005 by McFarland.

CHARLES GENTILE

Charles J. Gentile, of Dayton, Ohio, passed away May 25th of cancer. He was 73.

Gentile grew up in Dayton, was a 1950 graduate of Chaminade High School, a 1954 graduate of the University of Dayton, and served in the United States Army from 1955 to 1957. Charlie passionately studied the game of baseball and was part of the Ballparks, Records and Negro Leagues research committees.

He was the second-generation president of Gentile Produce Company in downtown Dayton until 1998, when it closed after 60 years of family ownership and operation.

SABR sends its condolences to the family and friends of these members.

Cast Your Vote for the 2005 Centennial Celebrity

It's that time of the year again for the Centennial Celebrity survey. Since 1976, SABR members have looked back to recognize the outstanding baseball personalities born 100 years earlier.

Consult the list below and rank your top three candidates in order of preference (first to third write-in candidates are also acceptable). Each candidate will be awarded five points as first selection, three points for second, and one point for third. Vote on a separate sheet of paper or postcard and send it to: SABR Centennial Survey, 812 Huron Rd., #719, Cleveland, OH 44115. You can also email your vote to: info@sabr.org or vote online at: <http://tinyurl.com/9mdwo>

Editor's Note: According to Biographical Research Chair Bill Carle, Ruffing and Johnson have recently had their births changed to 1905.

JOHNNY ALLEN

One of the most colorful pitchers of his time, Allen etched a reputation as a pitcher who hated to lose. During his career he played with the Yankees, Indians, Browns, Dodgers and Giants from 1932-1944. The right-hander appeared in 363 games, winning 142 and losing 75.

WALLY BERGER

Wally Berger hit .310 his rookie year for the Braves and established National League rookie records with 38 homers and 119 RBI in 1930. In Boston, where he played for a majority of his career, he batted over .300 in each of his first four seasons. In 1933, he led the Braves into the first division for the first time in 12 years. He hit .313, and though he missed nearly three weeks with illness, had 27 HR, exactly half his team's total, and second in the league to Chuck Klein. He hit 105 home runs in Braves Field, more than any player in history.

DOC CRAMER

Roger Maxwell Cramer led the AL in putouts in 1936 and 1938. Offensively, he was a leadoff hitter who specialized in singles, topping the AL five times and tying for the lead in total hits (200) in 1940. Twice, he collected six hits in a game and in his career, he had 2,705 hits. He led the league in at-bats in seven different seasons, the ML record.

LEO DUROCHER

Leo Durocher played on the 1928 World Champion Yankees, and became New York's starting shortstop in 1929. He moved on to the Reds in 1930, and the Cardinals in 1933, becoming captain of the "Gashouse Gang" in 1934. He topped .260 only five times in 17 years, with a high of .286 in 1936 and led the NL in fielding in 1936 and 1938.

He was player-manager of the Dodgers in 1939-41, 1943, and 1945 and guided the Dodgers to the NL pennant in 1941, and to second-place finishes in 1940, 1942, and 1946.

RICK FERRELL

Rick Ferrell retired having caught more games than any other American Leaguer (1,806), a record that lasted over 40 years. The North Carolina farm boy hit .281 lifetime and better than .300 four times during his 18-year career. Connie Mack's respect for him was so great that Ferrell caught all nine innings of the first All-Star game in 1933.

VIC HARRIS

Vic started playing as a 17-year-old with the Cleveland Tate Stars, and settled in with the Homestead Grays during their strong independent years. Harris managed the Grays during their years in league play, from 1936 through 1948, winning nine consecutive pennants (1937-45) and two Black World Series titles (1943 and 1944). In 1938, when the Grays dominated the league and won the first half with an .813 winning percentage, Harris reportedly hit .380.

DON HURST

In four of his first five years with the Phillies, he batted over .300. In 1932, his best season, he hit .339 with 24 HR, and led the NL with 143 RBI.

INDIAN BOB JOHNSON

An A's regular for a decade, Robert Lee Johnson hit .307 with a career-high 34 HR his second year and batted a peak .338 in 1939. For seven straight seasons, he drove in over 100 runs. He had a 26-game hitting streak in 1934. On June 16, 1934 Johnson went six-for-six with two homers and two doubles, and on

August 29, 1937 he set a ML record with six RBI in one inning on a grand slam and a double. He got the only hit in three one-hitters, once with a home run off Lefty Gomez in 1937.

FREDDIE LINDSTROM

Freddie Lindstrom hit .300 or better in seven of his 13 ML seasons. In 1928 he batted .358 with a league-leading 231 hits; he had 231 hits again in 1930, reaching career highs of .379 and 22 home runs. He drove in more than 100 runs in both seasons.

ALEC RADCLIFFE

Alexander Radcliffe was generally acclaimed the best third baseman in Negro American League history. A 6' 200-lb righthanded hitter, he was a vital cog in the Chicago American Giants' 1932 Negro Southern League pennant (batting .283) and in their disputed 1933 and 1934 NNL claims. From 1933 to 1936 he batted .330.

RED RUFFING

Charles Herbert Ruffing was elected to the Hall of Fame by the BBWAA in 1967. During his career he won seven of nine World Series decisions. His 273 career victories included a four-year stretch when Ruffing won at least 20 games per season between 1936-1939.

PINKY WHITNEY

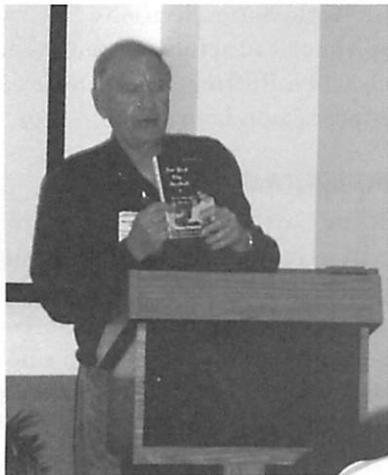
Arthur Carter Whitney batted .301 as a rookie regular for the Phillies in 1928. He had 200 hits and hit .327 for the 1929 Phillies. In four of his first five years, he drove in more than 100 runs. He led NL third baseman in fielding three times. After batting just .264 in 1933, he was traded to the Braves, but went back to the Phillies in 1936. In 1937, his final season as a regular, he hit .341.

Seymour Conference Wrap Up

SABR honored author Neil Lanctot, for his book, *Negro League Baseball: The Rise and Ruin of a Black Institution* at the annual Seymour Medal Conference held May 13-15 in Cleveland. The Seymour Medal celebrates the book judged the best work of baseball history or biography published in the preceding year.

Over 40 members and guests from across the country attended the medal ceremony on Friday night at the Baseball Heritage Museum. In the award citation, **Morris Eckhouse**, the chair of the Seymour Medal Committee noted, "Literature regarding the Negro Leagues has flourished since Robert Peterson's *Only The Ball Was White* and Lanctot's *Negro League Baseball* raises the bar a great distance in its treatment of the subject. Lanctot's book...offers new insights into the rise, fall, highs and lows of the enterprise. As a narrative covering more than 30 years of baseball history, Lanctot's *Negro League Baseball* stands by itself as a scholarly study of the Negro Leagues from the 1930s into the 1960s." The award was presented by SABR Executive Director **John Zajc**.

The Seymour Medal, is named in honor of Dr. Harold Seymour and **Dorothy Jane Mills** (formerly Seymour). The Seymour Medal Conference, held annually, attempts to continue the promotion of baseball scholarship begun by its namesakes, and to celebrate fine baseball writing in all forms.



In his keynote address, Harvey Frommer gave a wonderful overview of his work, concentrating on his oral histories.

SATURDAY'S RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS

The conference reconvened Saturday with a full schedule of research presentations. Zita Carno led off the event with her presentation, "...about pitching coaches..." which was followed by "Charlie Finley Has Soured My Stomach for Baseball: Charlie O. Finley Versus His Players." presented by **G. Michael Greene** and **Roger Launius**. Fred Ivor-Campbell gave his presentation, "How Knickerbocker Baseball became America's National Game" and the conference broke for lunch.

After lunch, the conference took a short walk to the Cleveland Public Library (CPL) where SABR member **Mary Ellen Kollar**, the social sciences department manager, gave conference attendees a hands on look at the Mears and Murdock Baseball Collections, which is highlighted in the recent *National Pastime* article, "The Faces of Baseball" by **Steve Steinberg**.

In 1944, the library acquired the baseball collection of Cleveland advertising executive Charles W. Mears (1874-1942). Mears was a young contributing writer to *The Sporting News* when he began a lifelong enthusiasm for baseball information and statistics. He amassed one of the largest baseball libraries in the country. The Mears Collection contains the daily box scores for a period of approximately 40 years, as well as books on all phases of baseball. Included are long runs of annuals and periodicals (some dating from 1858), league constitutions, and baseball fiction.

In 1992, CPL acquired the collection of Eugene C. Murdock (1921-1992), historian and professor at Marietta College. The Murdock Collection includes minor league material, more biographies, annuals, and 50 scrapbooks covering the years 1910-1976. Oral history tapes of major league players recorded by Dr. Murdock are available for lending. Dr. Murdock authored several books and articles, including a biogra-



Left to right: Dorothy Mills, 2004 Seymour Medal winner Peter Morris, 2005 Medal winner Neil Lanctot, and John Zajc.

phy of Ban Johnson.

After viewing the highlights of the library's collection, conference attendees made their way back to the Radisson to hear **Dave Anderson** presentation, "Baseball Values at a Crossroads: Gambling and Steroids."

Rounding out the day was the keynote address by **Harvey Frommer**. Frommer is the author of more than 33 sports books including the classics *Shoeless Joe Jackson and Ragtime Baseball* and *New York City Baseball*. Honored by the New York State Legislature, cited in the Congressional Record as a sports historian and journalist, Frommer is also the author of *The New York Yankee Encyclopedia* and *A Yankee Century*.

Together with his wife, Myrna Katz Frommer, he authored the critically acclaimed oral histories *It Happened in the Catskills*, *It Happened in Brooklyn* among other books. Frommer is currently a professor in the Master of Arts in Liberal Studies program at Dartmouth College.

After Frommer's address, in which he shared some of his great experiences as a baseball writer/researcher, the conference adjourned with many members attending Sunday's Cleveland Indians' game against the Toronto Blue Jays.

SABR thanks the Cleveland Indians for sponsoring the 2005 Seymour Medal Conference. Thanks also goes to the Radisson Hotel at Gateway and the Baseball Heritage museum for their hospitality.

New Position Highlights Latest Board Meeting

At its April SABR Board Meeting, the SABR Board of Directors took care of several procedural and administrative issues, named Richard Carletti as chair of the Umpire & Rules Committee, thanked William Clark for his service to the Scouts Committee, named Jim Sandoval to co-chair the Scouts Committee, and approved the creation of a SABR Chapter in the Tampa-St. Pete area of Florida. But perhaps the most important business that the Board conducted because it takes great strides toward improving the way it fulfills its mission was authorizing the executive director to begin negotiations to license the most complete and accurate data for its online baseball encyclopedia, and authorizing the creation of a new staff position.

The new position, Research Services Manager (RSM), is being created as the culmination of a year-long study of how SABR fulfills its mission of disseminating baseball research. The committee studying this issue found that SABR had to improve its online content and still needed to improve the quantity and quality of what it receives for its print publications. It was determined that neither existing staff nor the Publications Director had enough time to complete their current tasks and approach improving these processes and products in a systemized way.

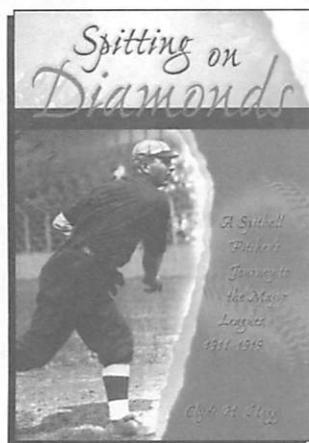
The RSM would be responsible for participating in the envisioning and developing of the Society's research support and publications (both print and electronic) dissemination program, as well as implementing that program. A complete job description, including anticipated salary range can be found on the SABR web site and is available from the SABR office upon request.

To apply for the position, send a cover letter and your resume to SABR, RSM Search, 812 Huron Rd E #719, Cleveland OH 44115. The start date for the position will be between mid-September 2005 and early January 2006.

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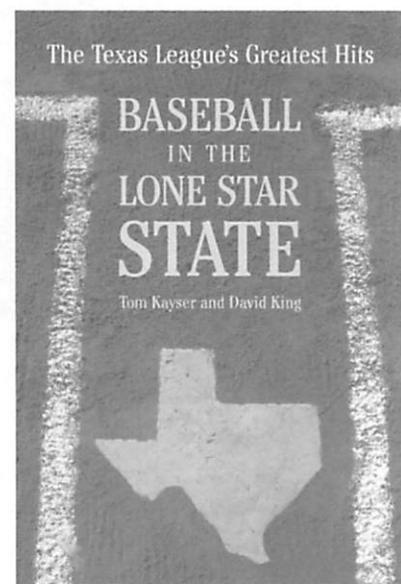
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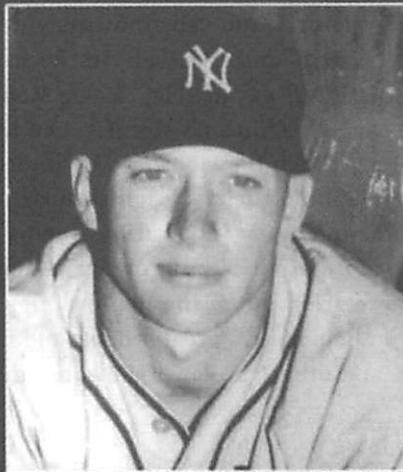
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RESEARCH GRAPEVINE

Great Baseball Research Opportunities at the Internet Archive

In the recent *National Pastime #25*, Robert H. Schaefer recreated some the events of Cap Anson's Broadway exploits in his article, "Anson on Broadway: The Failure of A Runaway Colt." But what if you could actually see film footage from that era? The Internet Archive (www.archive.org) doesn't have footage from "A Runaway Colt," however it does have pregame video footage of Anson catching for "Doraldina," a vaudeville dancer, in the Oakland Oaks 1918 season opener against the San Francisco Seals. This is downloadable for free on your computer by visiting www.archive.org and typing in "Oakland Oaks" in the box labeled "Search."

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In the *TNP #25* article, "La Tropical Park, Then and Now," Bill Nowlin and Kit Krieger explored Cuban baseball history. The Internet Archive has newsreel footage of Fidel Castro pitching the first inning of a baseball game in 1959. (We'll save you the suspense, he struck out all three batters.) Although the footage, is not nearly as exciting as reading about the 1930 all-star game at La Tropical Park, it is interesting to see how baseball was used by Castro as a political rallying point. You can find this video on www.archive.org by typing in the terms, "Castro" and "Baseball" in the search box.

In his *TNP #25* article, "Jackie Robinson on Film," Frank Ardolino wrote about Jackie Robinson's significance in the films "Do The Right Thing" and "Bringing Down the House." The Internet Archive has video footage of another movie detailing the civil rights impact of Jackie Robinson off the field. In the 1960 documentary Integration Report I, available for free from the Internet Archive, it has an account of Jackie Robinson protesting segregation at airports.

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——: **Neinstein v. Dodgers**. 6 pages. Text of a decision by the California Court of Appeals in a suit brought by a woman who contended that she developed breast cancer from being struck by a batted ball at Dodger Stadium. (A lower court threw out her suit and the appeals court upheld the lower court.)

——: **2005 salaries**. 3 pages. The salaries of all players on the major leagues' 2005 Opening Day rosters plus disabled lists, along with an article, *Mound of Money Comes Pitchers' Way*. From USA Today, April 7, 2005.

——: **Big Train won No. 300 as reliever**. 1 page. Copy of article on the Baseball Hall of Fame web site.

Bahill, A. Terry et al.: **Predicting a baseball's path**. 9 pages. Text of article in *The American Scientist*, Vol. 93, No. 3.

Eig, Jonathan: **Damned Yankee: A look at Lou Gehrig's battle with the disease that bears his name**. 4 pages. Photocopy of article in *Men's Health*, April 2005. The article is an excerpt from a recent book.

Frommer, Harvey: **The worst Yankee team**. 2 pages. About the 1990 Yankees.

Fullerton, Hugh: **Why Babe Ruth is greatest home run hitter**. 7 pages. Text of article in a 1921 issue of *Popular Science Monthly*, which did laboratory tests on Babe's brain, eyes, ears and muscles and learned his "secret."

Greenfeld, Karl Taro: **Past imperfect**. 5 pages. Photocopy of article in *Sports Illustrated*, April 11, 2005, about Wally Backman, who was hired as manager of the Diamondbacks but quickly fired when parts of his past were revealed.

Jordan, Pat: **The hardest stuff**. 3 pages. Photocopy of article in the *New York Times Magazine*, Sept. 14, 2003, about the prevalence of hard-throwing pitchers.

Laurila, David: **Interview with a baseball beat writer**. 6 pages. A Q&A with Bob Hohler, Red Sox beat writer for the Boston Globe, about what it's like to cover a major league baseball team. Interview originally appeared on the web site Redsoxnation.net.

Mulligan, Thomas S.: **How the Dodgers' owner got his financial lineup in place**. 5 pages. How Frank McCourt, using little cash, structured his purchase of the Dodgers. Copy of article in the *Los Angeles Times*, April 3, 2005.

St. Martin, Steve: **100 years of AAA fielding statistics**. 20 pages. A survey and analysis.

Sebring, Blake: **Before Lou Gehrig came along, Everett Scott became the first major leaguer to play in 1,000 consecutive games**. 2 pages. Copy of article in the *Fort Wayne (Ind.) News-Sentinel*.

Woestendiek, John: **Last men out**. Thirty-four years later, baseball and the final Senators game still resonate in the lives of the men in Washington's last lineup. 8 pages. Interviews with the players in the last starting lineup of the 1971 Washington Senators. Text of article in the *Baltimore Sun*, April 3, 2005.

The Research Library has received a number of articles from Along the Elephant Trail, the publication of the Philadelphia Athletics Historical Society, thanks to SABR member David Jordan, president of the society. Some of the articles are listed here, and others will appear in the next issue of the SABR Bulletin.

Bozman, Bill: **Gettin' Spooked**. 2 pages. Profile of Spook Jacobs. Issue 29, 2000.

Bozman, Bill: **The Buck should not stop here . . . A man wrongly banished from baseball**. 1 Page. Issue 38, 2002.

Gauthreaux, Jay: **"Hey, don't forget Jimmy Dygert!"** 1 page. Vol. V, No. 2, Issue 35, Winter 2001.

Jordan, David M.: **Nearly a perfect season**. 2 pages. Profile of catcher Buddy Rosar, with emphasis on the 1946 season, when he had a 1.000 fielding average in 117 games. Winter 2001.

Jordan, David M.: **Phil Marchildon of the Royal Canadian Air Force**. 2 pages. Profile with emphasis on his service in World War II, when he was a POW in Germany. Issue 29, 2000.

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Jordan, David M.: **Dick Fowler . . . A pitcher of note**. 1 page. Issue 38, 2002.

Oldring, Rube Jr.: **Rube Oldring, the pride of the left field stands**. 1 page. Photocopy of article in *Along the Elephant Trail*, the publication of the Philadelphia Athletics Historical Society, Vol. V, No. 2, Issue 35, Winter 2001.

Silberman, Max: **Joost to Suder to Fain**. 1 page. Brief article about the 1949 Philadelphia A's record-setting double-play trio.

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that guy in such and such a league. I found that out by reading articles. There was Earl Rapp, he must have hit over a thousand off me. If there's a batting average of eleven hundred...that's what he hit [laughing]. And then there was the first basemen for Daiei, later became Tokyo [Orions]. [Kihachi] Enomoto, a left-hand-hitting first baseman, the outs I got off of him were frozen ropes. Those were two guys that stand out very quickly, very clear. I don't think anyone in the big leagues,

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Beisbol Cubano: A un paso de las Grandes Ligas, 1878-1961 by Jorge S. Figueredo presents large volumes of information about Cuban beisbol. Although the text is in Spanish, the many tables of leaders and standings as wells as over 200 box scores of major games, are easy to understand.

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The Ferrell Brothers of Baseball by Dick Thompson is the product of years of research by a recent Bob Davids Award winner. The book includes not merely Hall of Famers Rick and Wes, but older brother George.

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Blood Feud by Bill Nowlin and Jim Prime draws on historical research, original interviews with players from both sides, and discussions with partisans of each team among the fans.

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Errata

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Johnson will be acknowledged for the research he did to produce his book, *Baseball and the Music of Charles Ives: A Proving Ground*, published by Scarecrow Press. Through intelligent discussion of Ives's musical compositions combined with solid research on the composer's lifelong love of the American pastime, Ives's pioneering spirit and unique creativity are highlighted most clearly.

Neyer and James will be honored for the research they did to produce their book, *The Neyer/James Guide to Pitchers*, published by Fireside Books, a division of Simon and Schuster. A culmination of 12 years of research, the centerpiece of this book, the "Pitcher Census," lists specific information for nearly two thousand pitchers, ranging throughout the history of professional baseball.

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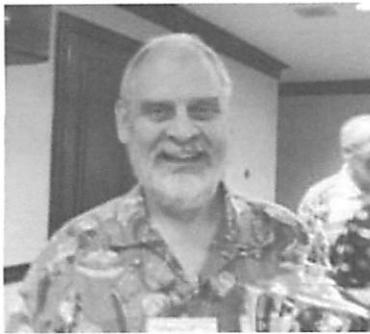
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A SABR member since 1977, Mr. Smith is the founder of Retrosheet (www.Retrosheet.org), a volunteer effort he has chiefly coordinated. Their mission is to collect information from all major league games from 1901 to 1983. Of the estimated 115,000 that were played during that time period, Retrosheet has compiled full play-by-play games.

"David W. Smith is a winner in every sense of the word, certainly according to the qualities our founder, Bob Davids, exemplified," said Evelyn Begley, the 2002 award winner in her introduction speech. "He is generous in sharing freely his knowledge, literally. He is modest...and is described by the media as a man of brilliance and character, whose can-do approach has overcome obstacles toward achieving a so-called impossible quest."

"Every game is important to someone," Smith has been quoted as saying.

In addition to his overwhelming contribution to baseball research, Mr. Smith is an associate professor of biological sciences at the University of Delaware.

SABR 35 Largest International Gathering of Baseball Researchers

From August 4 to August 7, 2005 SABR held its annual convention in Toronto, Ontario. At final count, 461 registrants were in attendance, making the gathering in Toronto the largest international gathering of SABR members.

The festivities commenced on Thursday with a welcome message from local convention chair, **Jane Dorward**, which kicked off a day packed with research presentations and panel discussions.

Two of Thursday's many highlights were the Canadian Baseball Literature Panel and the Canadian Business of Baseball Panel.

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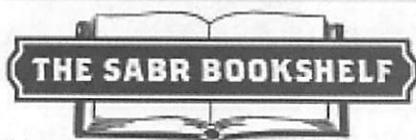
HOF Announces Plans for Negro League Inductions

The National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum's Board of Directors approved holding a special election of Negro leagues and pre-Negro leagues candidates to the Hall of Fame in 2006. The announcement comes on the heels of the completion of a landmark study on the history of African Americans in baseball from 1860-1960. Based on the results of that important study, the Board of Directors felt it was the right time to hold a special election.

Earlier this month, the Board appointed screening and voting committees. Under the guidelines established, a Screening Committee will construct ballots and a Voting Committee will meet to vote on the ballots. Former Major League Baseball Commissioner **Fay Vincent** will serve as the non-voting chairman of both committees. Frank Robinson, a Hall of Famer and Board member, has been asked to offer his advice and assistance to Vincent and both committees. Any candidates elected by the Voting Committee in February 2006 would be inducted in Cooperstown during Hall of Fame Weekend in July 2006.

The five member Screening Committee will meet in November to develop two ballots: One ballot of Negro league players, managers, umpires, executives; and one ballot of candidates who preceded the formation of Negro leagues. The Screening Committee will use the statistics and narrative from the landmark study to determine the ballots. The Screening Committee members include **Adrian Burgos**, **Dick Clark**, **Larry Hogan**, **Larry Lester** and **Jim Overmyer**.

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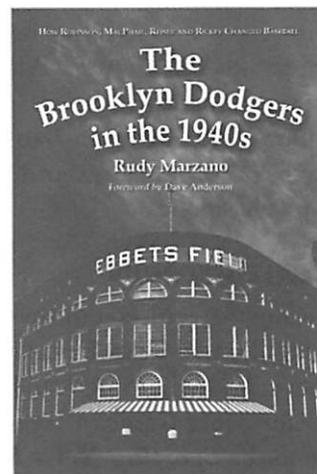
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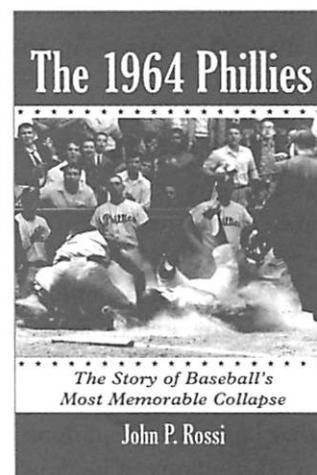
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BALLPARKS

The June issue of the Ballparks Committee newsletter announced that for the first three months of the season (April-June), there were 19 posted crowds under 10,000, with all but one attributed to Tampa Bay, and the lowest of the season anywhere was in Pittsburgh (April 25) against Houston. Even their AAA farm club (Durham) outdrew the Devil Rays on two nights.

According to the newsletter, with Montreal in Washington, they have been seeing fewer of these smaller crowds. Also, the Diamondbacks in April posted their smallest crowds in Bank One Ballpark history: 18,742 and 19,272 against Colorado.

BASEBALL RECORDS

The August 2005 committee newsletter highlighted **Sean Holtz** discovery of an error in the American League record for Most Games Played by a Rookie in the *Sporting News Record Book*. The *Sporting News* lists the record as 162, but Holtz pointed out that Hideki Matsui played 163 games as a rookie in 2003. **Steve Gietschier**, the *TSN Record Book* editor, agreed that the record belonged to Matsui and would make the change in the 2006 edition.

BUSINESS OF BASEBALL

The Summer edition of "Outside the Lines," contains a report that the first version of the GM Project is now ready for vetting and should be available soon for download at the members-only portion of www.sabr.org. As with most projects that attempt to do something that has never been done before, much work remains to be done before it will be complete, so volunteers are still needed.

This edition also features great articles by committee members including "MLB's 2004 Attendance Record or Let's Pat Ourselves On the Back About How Far We've Come and Ignore What Might Been," by **Gary Gillette**; "Purchasing Pennants: The New York Yan-

kees Then and Now (Part I: Yankee Revenues and Expenses)," by **Michael Hauptert** and a "View From Japan" by **Yoshihiro Koda** commenting on the very first interleague games for the Japanese game.

DEADBALL

In the August 2005 edition of "The Inside Game" chair **David Jones** outlined some possible ideas for future committee projects after the forthcoming *Deadball Stars of the American League* is produced.

Some of those ideas include producing a book that would give readers a feel for what it was like to watch and play baseball during the Deadball Era. Other project ideas calls for volunteers to go to the Baseball Hall of Fame Library in Cooperstown to transcribe information on player salaries and transactions which are currently stored on index cards in the Library.

MINOR LEAGUE

The Summer 2005 SABR Minor League Committee newsletter included many minor and independent notes.

The newsletter reports that name changes this year for include the Potomac Nationals (Carolina League), Greensboro Grasshoppers (SAL), Modesto Nuts (CAL), and Southwest Michigan Devil Rays (MWL). The newsletter also indicates that there are a great number of major-minor league affiliation changes this season and to check the committee website for complete updates.

According to the newsletter, the independent leagues continue to send a number of players on to organized baseball, many to the Double-A level. At the same time many experienced players try to extend their careers. Some of the familiar names include Pete Rose, Jr. with the Long Island Ducks of the Atlantic League, Ricky Henderson with the San Diego Surf Dawgs (Golden) games and Dennis "Oil Can" Boyd with the Brockton Rox (Can-Am).

NEGRO LEAGUES

The August 2005 *Negro Leagues Courier* contained a recap of the Jerry Malloy Conference (see page 20) and SABR 35.

This newsletter also announced plans for Hall of Fame Inductions for Negro League players in 2006 (see page one).

The newsletter also had a recap of some negro league events that took place All-Star weekend. On Saturday the 9th, a Negro Leagues Brunch and Conversation was held at the Museum of African American History in Detroit. It was held in conjunction with "Shades of Greatness: Art Inspired by Negro Leagues Baseball." Mel Duncan, Cecil Kaiser and Ron Teasley participated in a panel discussion at the event.

NINETEENTH-CENTURY

The 2005: 1 edition of the Nineteenth-Century Notes contains a detailed recap of the SABR34 convention including the special session "How Was Baseball Played a Very Long Time Ago?"

The newsletter also gives a recap of nineteenth century research done by several other committees in 2004.

PICTORIAL HISTORY

In the June 2005, the Pictorial History committee newsletter reported that even though their rate of finding missing players has slowed down, they continue to make progress. The missing players in their Player Image Index stands at 870.

One success story included a response from Cathy Bowman Parrella to a SABR member requesting a photo of her grandfather, pitcher Sumner Bowman. Her response was so generous that she sent background clippings which included images of Sumner's University of Pennsylvania teammates James "Jack" Darragh and Ellwood "Woody" Wagenhorst. All three of these former major leaguers had been on their Missing Players List.

SABR Chapter formed in New Jersey

NJ SABR held its first organizational meeting in August. Twenty-five members attended and chapter chair **Sam Bernstein** put together a leadership group which includes several committee chairs.

Their first event will be October 1 headlined by Pulitzer-winning author Tom Oliphant who will talk about his book on Gil Hodges. For more information contact **Sam Bernstein** at sammsw@verizon.net or 973-736-4040.

Upcoming Events

OCTOBER 09

HOMESTEAD, IA

Field of Dreams Chapter meeting at Bill Zuber's Dugout in Homestead. Contact **Tim Rask**, 319-351-6537.

OCTOBER 15

CLEVELAND, OH

Jack Graney Chapter Meeting, Cleveland. Contact **Steve Johnson**, 440-775-0567.

OCTOBER 22

TOLEDO, OH

Bresnahan/Mud Hens Chapter Meeting, Toledo, OH. Contact **Steve Lauer**, 419-882-1301.

OCTOBER 24

LOS ANGELES, CA

The Allan Roth Chapter meeting at the Amateur Athletic Foundation Library. Contact **Stephen Roney**, 949-481-7633.

NOVEMBER 5

BOSTON, MA

Boston Chapter Meeting. Contact **David Southwick**, 617-306-8966, cell.

MILWAUKEE, WI

Ken Keltner Badger State Chapter will take place at Long Wong's Sportsbar. Contact **Rick Schabowski**, 414-769-7944.

Boxscores of Past Meetings

Cincinnati, April 16

Chapter: Waite Hoyt-Lee Allen Chapter.
 Presenters: Chapter President **Rich Gibson** provided a recap of SABR 34. **Joe Mercuri** presented research on shortstops appearing in more than 1,000 games for one team, Cincinnati Reds shortstops, and a comparison of Barry Larkin's career stats with HOF shortstops. **Dan Stupp**, Creative Services Manager and Historic Photograph Coordinator for the Cincinnati Reds, conducted the first WhatsHisFace photo trivia contest.

Event: **Chris Eckes**, Visitor Service Manager for the Reds HOF, gave an overview of the museum's collections and exhibited several special items. **Greg Rhodes**, Executive Director for the Reds HOF, led the group on a guided tour of the Reds HOF and Museum, providing history and stories related to some of the significant items on display.

Trivia Winner: **John Snyder**, with 15 out of 15.

Place: Great American Ball Park and Cincinnati Reds Hall of Fame and Museum.

Reading, May 7

Chapter: Connie Mack Chapter.
 Presenters: "The Envelope, Please," by **Steve Glassman**;" Reading's 1911 Championship Season," by **Kevin Tulley**; "Billy Southworth: Overlooked Mgr. Merits Hall of Fame Induction," **Bob Bloss**; "Dick Such's Hardluck 0-16 Season for York," by **Barry Sparks**; "1894, When Tuck Turner Batted .418 to Lead the Phillies HOF Outfield," by **Peter Mancuso**; "100 Yrs. of 'Delco League' Baseball," **Jerry Casway**; "Let's Consider the 1954 World Series by **Jimmy Lindberg**; "Hughie Jennings," by **Ozzie Smiles**; "It Wasn't the 'Dead Ball' Era, It Was the 'Little Ball' Era" by **Michael Gimbel**.

Guests: Player panel including ex-major-leaguers Mickey Vernon, Bob Duliba, Dick Welterroth, Hal Bamberger, Rich De Lucia and minor-leaguer Bill Witmer with Charles Donovan, son of Major League player and manager "Patsy" Donovan.

Event: 18-minute Comcast video pre-

sentation about Mickey Vernon and his home movies of major league parks and players. Introduced by Jim Vankoski.

New Haven, June 25

Chapter: Connecticut Chapter.
 Presenters: **Cliff Blau** on the history of pinch runners, and **Bob McGee** on his book on Ebbets Field.
 Guests: Cutters' GM Marie Webb and co-owners David Boyle and Jonathan Fleisig.
 Place: Yale Field.

San Diego, August 20

Chapter: Ted Williams Chapter.
 Guests: A total of 35 members and guests turned out for this "twilight doubleheader."
 Place: The first part of the program centered around three outstanding authors and was held in SDSU's (San Diego State University) Athletic Administration's auditorium. For the 2nd part of the program they moved next door to Tony Gwynn Stadium.

Presenters: **Andy Strasberg** introduced Arnold Hano, author of numerous articles and several books, notably *A Day in the Bleachers*, a story he recently re-published about his day in the bleachers at the 1954 World Series where he saw Willie Mays make "the catch." Hano kept them in stitches with humorous and blunt talk about his baseball experiences. Next, **Anna Newton** introduced **Jean Ardell**, author of *Breaking into Baseball, Women and the National Pastime*. This book was the result of significant research by Ardell into a subject not very well covered by SABR. Finally, meeting chair **Dan Boyle** introduced **Bill Swank** who recently contributed another publication to the history of baseball in San Diego, *Baseball in San Diego: From the Plaza to the Padres*. At Tony Gwynn Stadium, Jay Walker organized a "meet and greet" session with the managers of two Golden League (Independent League) teams: former major leaguers Terry Kennedy of the Surf Dawgs and Warren Cromartie of the Japan Samurai Bears.

Extra Innings: The final part of the program was a 10-inning game won by the Surf Dawgs, 4-3

SABR NINE QUESTIONS

By Ryan Chamberlain

One need only take a brief look at Dave Chase's career to understand that he is a baseball original.

At age 14, he dreamed of becoming an umpire and began doing umpire clinics for adults, working with baseball academies and umpiring high school games. Eventually, his interests shifted to announcing, which led to his first baseball job in Savannah, Georgia broadcasting with the Double-A team there.

It wasn't long before Chase set his sights on the business end of baseball to become Assistant GM of the Savannah club and then the office manager of the Memphis Chicks in 1979.

By his own account, Chase's association with minor league mogul Miles Wolff has subsequently led to him to work on various baseball projects over the years. One of those projects would come to fruition as Baseball America, to which Chase was named publisher of in 1992, a position he held until 1999.

Today, Chase is President/General Manager for the Triple-A Memphis Redbirds, one of the most successful franchises in the minor leagues. The Redbirds also have the distinction of being the only professional franchise owned and operated by a not-for-profit charitable organization, The Memphis Redbirds Baseball Foundation. As a result, the team gives hundreds of thousands back to the Memphis community each year.

But that is far from the last chapter in Dave Chase's career. In addition to his duties with the team, he is also currently serving as President/Executive Director of The National Pastime: Baseball in American Life. Focusing on the history of minor leagues, the museum will be located adjacent to AutoZone Park, the home of the Redbirds, in downtown Memphis and is officially sanctioned by Minor League Baseball.

Still a work in progress, the museum is a labor of love for Chase. A SABR member for over twenty years, Chase has already worked with many SABRites, to research and create the

player database that when finished will feature the career records of an estimated 250,000 individuals from the major leagues, minor leagues, negro leagues and women's professional league. As an ambassador for all things baseball, we're happy to feature the incomparable Dave Chase in this edition of the SABR Nine.

1. Who has been the biggest influence on your career in professional baseball?

Several people played significant roles in my decision to pursue a career in baseball, but the most influential person once I launched my career is Miles Wolff. Many people know I worked for him in Durham, but I actually met him when I was a rookie in the front office of the Savannah Braves (1978). Miles was living in Savannah Beach working on his novel, *Season of the Owl*. Miles also helped out around the ballpark as our PA announcer. In 1981 I went to work for Miles in Durham - he owned several minor league clubs and I helped oversee the business operations of each club and, a few months later, he purchased *Baseball America* (then *The All-American Baseball News*) and it slowly consumed more and more of my time. Miles has incredible passion for minor league baseball as a business and as history. He's a walking encyclopedia and his enthusiasm is contagious. Through many late night conversations about the game, I knew minor league baseball is where I wanted to spend my professional life. Miles gave me so much freedom and opportunity to serve the game; I will be forever in his debt. Dean Jernigan, Dave Fendrick and Art Clarkson have also played major roles in my career development. I've been blessed by so many others - all willing to share their passion for baseball - for minor league baseball in particular.

2. What are the advantages/dis-

advantages of being president and general manager of America's only not-for-profit professional baseball team?

We are the nation's only not-for-profit charitable organization to own and operate a franchise and ballpark. There are no disadvantages, and many advantages. Cities from all over the nation have come to Memphis to see how we have put together this unique organization and to learn from how we have helped revitalize our downtown. While most visitors do not want to go fully not-for-profit, many have decided to add a not-for-profit component to their business plans. We encourage others to create a foundation to give meaningful dollars back to their communities. For decades many minor league clubs thought giving back meant letting Little Leaguers into the park free when in uniform. Today dozens of clubs and a few leagues are giving back in significant ways. And the Redbirds take a great deal of pride in knowing we've helped educate clubs on how to give back.

3. How does your experience with the Redbirds now compare and contrast with your first management experiences as assistant general manager of the Savannah club in 1978?

In Savannah, the front office staff was 4 people; here in Memphis we have 40 full-timers plus 15 interns. The hours were the same - long days; the ballparks are very different; the fans are very similar; the game is pretty much the same. The biggest daily challenge in Memphis is managing the staff and all of the normal employee/management issues; Savannah didn't have any management issues - the managers were the staff.

4. Why did you leave the minor league front office to become Publisher and President of *Baseball America*?

I'm not sure I ever left the front office. Miles Wolff, who owned *Baseball America*, always had several baseball

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team/league projects going and I had plenty of opportunity to work on them even when I was at *BA*. *Baseball America* made me look at the game through a different pair of glasses - many team operators cannot see beyond their outfield walls and at *BA* we had to look at the game with a national and international perspective. If more club executives took a broader view of events and made decisions in a global way, Minor League Baseball would be more widely respected nationally.

5. How has your experiences at Baseball America shaped your career with the Redbirds?

As your career develops you become a better manager of your time, and your staff. *Baseball America* was a 20-person operation; the Redbirds are a bit larger. *BA* also taught me that baseball - minor league baseball in particular - is important beyond your home town. I've also learned the importance of building a strong network of professionals - people I can call to help with solve a problem or to avoid mistakes others may have made.

6. Throughout your experiences with baseball, you've been an umpire, broadcaster, front office executive, publisher and historian. What is it about the game that has drawn you in so many directions?

Baseball is a game that bridges generations. My maternal Grandmother was the baseball fan in our family and she was my connection to the game. I've seen it time after time in ballparks across America, 2-3-4 generations sitting in the stands of a minor league park talking baseball between innings. It is awesome to witness. Plus the game connects so well to America's history - I believe every other sport would love to have a relationship with its fans as baseball has. Baseball goes to the very root of America. I can't get enough of it.

7. The National Baseball Hall of Fame has been in existence for over

65 years, why do you think it has taken so long to recognize the minor leagues with a permanent museum?

Minor League Baseball has always been local as a result its history is so scattered. Attics and garages all over America hold so many of the important documents and treasures. It is time consuming and expensive to pull it all together. Also, there is no natural city to call home. Now we have a vision and a plan to create a place for all of baseball to celebrate minor league baseball not only as baseball but also as American history. I look forward to the day we will have a facility open and thousands of former players and families coming in to share the glory of playing professional baseball.

8. Do you ever have a desire to work in the major leagues? Why or why not?

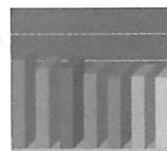
I have very little desire to work in the Majors. In the Minor Leagues, you are so involved in the total operation - it makes each day different. I don't complete my "To Do" list very often - you just can't be sure what will come up next. In the Majors, you work in the same dept. each day and probably have very little knowledge of what everyone else is doing. My job is to know what everyone is working on - not necessarily the details, but the overall mission.

9. In your career associated with professional baseball thus far, what has been the most rewarding experience for you?

Families coming together at the ballpark to enjoy a day outside, talking baseball, remember yesterdays and looking forward to tomorrow's major league stars. Minor League Baseball rewards us daily.

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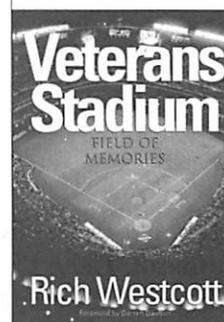
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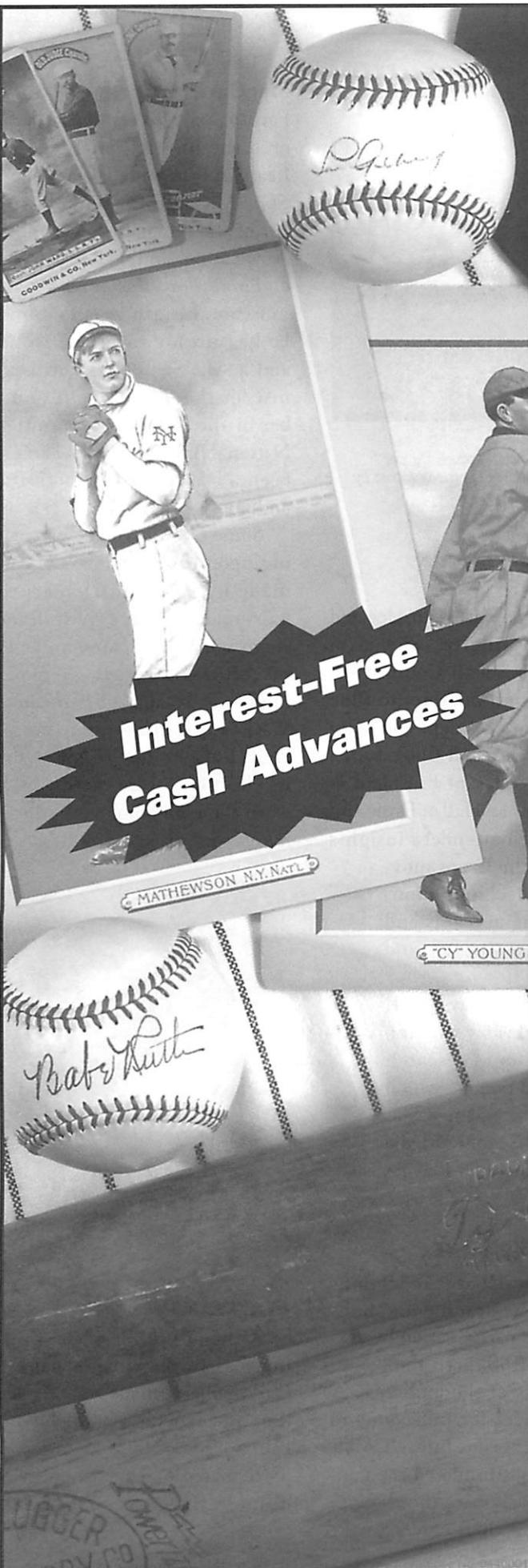
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Convention Recap, continued from page 1

Levin, the books editor of Canada's *The Globe and Mail*, revealed that baseball was around before hockey in Canada. "Canadians are proud of being less violent than Americans" but modern writers try to integrate the two cultures and revel in the "baseball community of theatre, related to each other, and watching the drama unfold."

George Bowering has written more than 70 books, and is the first Canadian Parliamentary Poet Laureate. He twice recited a humorous blend of poetry and baseball, one as an homage to his father (a Cleveland Indians fan).

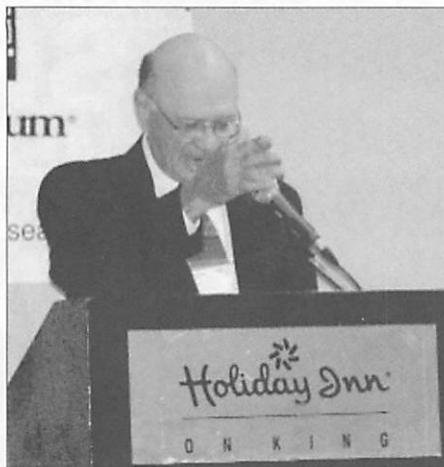
Toronto native Steven Hayward spoke about Cleveland, where he lives now, but the highlight for the assembled was his theatrical rendition of kids batting in the summer of 1933, when an excited citizenry of Toronto dreamed of getting a baseball called a "Bloomberg Special," as he read a descriptive passage from his book *The Secret Mitzvah of Lucio Burke*.

The panel answered questions about whether or not there is a national Canadian theme, a few of them expressing the thought that if so, the likely theme would be Survival, "like surviving the wilderness."

They agreed that, like baseball itself, the novel lends itself to a leisurely rhythm and cadence, a pace which can be determined by the reader/viewer — you can analyze deeply the game's strategy, or simply observe the action of the game. This integration of game and novel, or fiction-writing, is impossible in sports like (and books about) basketball, hockey, or football.



A crowd shot at Rogers Centre (photo by Rick Schabowski)



Longtime Expos' announcer Jacques Doucet served as MC for the Awards Luncheon (photo by Rick Schabowski)

CANADIAN BUSINESS OF BASEBALL

A myriad of issues face teams located in Canada. Gary Gillette, co-chair of the Business of Baseball Committee, Paul Beeston, longtime Toronto Blue Jays executive, and President and CEO of Major League Baseball (1997-2002), and Tom Valcke, current President & CEO of The Canadian Hall of Fame and Museum, provided attendees insights on the impact of the Expos moving out, and the declining number of Minor League teams and the impact it causes owners and fans.

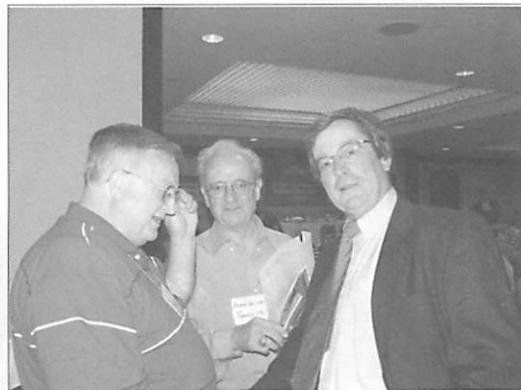
After a busy Thursday, SABR 35 reconvened on Friday with another great line-up of research presentations and panels, which included Domed or Doomed Stadiums panel, the Toronto Media panel and the Canadian Players panel.

TORONTO MEDIA PANEL

John Matthew IV was moderator for this panel, encouraging an abundance of audience participation by asking 37 questions from both the panelists and members of the audience. A marketing producer for mlb.com and formerly in the press box himself, Matthew immediately stimulated the panelists by having each trace the changes over the courses of their career.

The panelists included Neil MacCarl, Larry Milson, Spencer Fordin, and Bob Elliott. MacCarl covered the International League Maple Leafs and the Blue Jays for the *Toronto Star*. Milson is the senior active member of the Baseball Writers of America Association, and writes for *The Globe and Mail*. Fordin is in his 5th year with mlb.com, his 4th year in Toronto, and he has already covered 3 World Series and 4 ALCS! Bob Elliott is a columnist for the *Toronto Sun*, and a member of the Veterans Committee of the National Baseball Hall of Fame who has been a beat writer for both the Expos and Jays.

Some Q&A involved players, touching upon the controversial comments made by Roberto Alomar; the grey hairs on Leon Day's chest in the locker room which indicated an age beyond his "official" 26 years; Gil Hodges edging closer to Hall of Famedom; Larry Walker not quite qualifying for the HOF; Rafael Palmeiro and steroids with its effect on future careers heading toward the Hall among other great comments and discussions.



Fr. Gerald Beirne with Roland Hemond and Paul Beeston (photo by Rick Schabowski)

PLAYER PANEL

Although primarily a reliever during his six-year major league career, Paul Spoljaric made a spot start for Dr. Ron Taylor who was unable to attend. Paul was joined by Warren Sawkiw, who participated on the Canadian National Team in the 1988 Seoul Olympics.

DOMED OR DOOMED STADIUMS?

The short answer to the question of whether or not domed stadia are doomed, appeared to be, "Yes."

Moderated by sportswriter and author **Lou Cauz**, the panel included Richard Griffin of the *Toronto Star* and former Public Relations Director for the Montreal Expos; Mike Buczkowski, the GM of the Buffalo Bisons who first joined the team as an assistant in Public Relations in 1987 (the last year for War Memorial Stadium); Architect



Blue Jays President and CEO Paul Godfrey chatting with SABR founder John Pardon (photo by John Zajc)

Greg Alexander, currently with Rogers Centre Project.

Buczkowski reminded the audience of the importance of location: Buffalo's park was placed in the historical district in a downtown area, where many HOK sites are now situated. Replying to a question about any "mistakes," he conceded that open concourses where you can buy food and still see the field are what Buffalo could use. The open air and transitions from interior spaces to exterior concourses are almost mandatory nowadays!

Alexander agreed that Tropicana Field, with "the last unretractable dome," remains a disappointment in an era when the modern game requires warmth and openness to maintain a steady attendance. One effect of open-air ballparks is that they entice people to come inside. Natural grass is another reason to enter, stay, and return. If there is a trend today, Alexander believed it is to establish relationships with fans inside and outside the park, such as with the large plazas that open

up the city views, and the technology to attract interest for those not closely attuned to the action on the field.

TRIVIA WINNERS

Al Blumkin administered the Team Competition and **Mike Caragliano**, a 4-time winner, ran the Individual Contest. **Ross Adell**, **Steve Krevisky**, **Rob Rafal**, and **Ty Waterman** comprised the Team Winners and the Individual winner was **Joseph Kowal**.

AWARDS BANQUET

Former Expos announcer **Jacques Doucet** was the eloquent emcee of the event which featured Blue Jays President and CEO Paul Godfrey as keynote speaker. Godfrey shared his unique experience of bringing a major league franchise to Toronto.

In the awards portion of the luncheon, The Doug Pappas Research Award, sponsored by *USA Today Sports Weekly*, was presented to **Peter Morris** for his oral research presentation on "The Origin of the Pitching Rotation" and **Larry Lester**, who could not attend, won the *USA Today Sports Weekly* Best Poster Research Presentation for his "The East-West All-Star Classic, 1933-53."

Peter Morris, whose book on baseball firsts is expected out next spring, once again took top honors for sharing his findings about "origins" this time, of the pitching rotation.

Larry Lester's collage of 38 images of Negro League All-Stars was punctuated by a dozen educational facts, like the only man to manage, coach, umpire, and play in the East-West Classic, and information on the Raindrop Rangers.

Also honored at this year's banquet were the recipients of the McFarland-



Paul Spoljaric (right) and Warren Sawkiw share insights from their playing days. (photo by Rick Schabowski)

SABR Baseball Research award: **Richard Bak** for *Bat Out of Hell* and **Ken Fenster** for *Earl Mann, Nat Peeples and the Failed Attempt of Integration in the Southern Association* and The Sporting News-SABR Baseball Research Award: **Peter Bjarkman** for *Diamonds Around the Globe*, **Timothy A Johnson** for *Baseball and the Music of Charles Ives*, and **Rob Neyer** and **Bill James** for *The Neyer/James Guide to Pitchers*. Former President and Chief Executive Officer for the Toronto Blue Jays, Paul Beeston, was honored with the Roland Hemond award, presented by its namesake.

SABR would like to thank the Toronto Blue Jays, McFarland and Company, The Louisville Slugger Museum and Game Day Ritual for their financial support of SABR 35.

SABR also would like to thank all the members of the Local Convention Committee in Toronto for providing such an excellent and memorable convention as well as **Evelyn Begley** and **Rick Schabowski** for contributing to this SABR 35 recap. See you in Seattle next summer!



Bill James looks on as Rob Neyer notes his appreciation for receiving the Sporting News SABR Baseball Research Award (photo by Rick Schabowski).

Another fine convention is now behind us, and for the 461 members and guest who were present at the Toronto, it was time well spent. It didn't start out so well for some of us who had planned to arrive on Tuesday evening. An accident on the Toronto runway that day resulted in some flight cancellations and diversions. I wound up spending the evening in Cleveland before arriving in Toronto around noon on Wednesday, glad to get there under any circumstances. The hulk of the Air France jetliner that went off the runway, but with no casualties, loomed to our left as we taxied down the runway, a grim reminder of what had happened the day before.

Despite the unfortunate beginning, I had a splendid time in Toronto and commend the locals and our office staff for running a very smooth event. There were few glitches along the way, we were treated to a number of exceptional research presentations, the business meeting was short as were the luncheon speeches, the ballgame was fun and the Canadian beer was cold. And best of all, I was able to meet and spend time with so many of my SABR friends. Congratulations to **Jane Dorward, John Matthew IV, Allen and Chris Tait** for the fine job they did in putting the convention together and being so gracious

THE PRES BOX

by Dick Beverage

and hospitable to us foreigners.

Next year the convention will be held in Seattle, and St. Louis will be the host city in 2007. They are both fine cities with two new ballparks to see. Among the candidates for the immediate years after that include Atlanta and Philadelphia, both of them very attractive locations. If your city and chapter are interested in holding the convention, prepare a proposal and submit it to Executive Director **John Zajc**.

Shortly after the convention, a post appeared on BRSP that suggested the convention be lengthened. An additional day or two could allow more research presentations and/or expand those that are given to 45 minutes instead of limiting them to 30. This stimulated a good discussion with many members participating. There seemed to be a consensus that expanding the convention to a week-long affair would not be practical for most people because of the additional costs and time away from work, but maybe an extra day could be added. Begin the convention on Wednesday with a mix of committee meetings and research presentations. What do you think? Let the office know

what your thoughts are. We're always striving to make the convention experience as attractive as it can be for members and their families, and your feedback is important. As an aside, the Board has taken a step to make more it more affordable for families. Beginning in 2006 there will be no registration fee for family members who are 16 and under. Keep that in mind when planning your trip to Seattle next summer.

Every so often events occur that serve to remind us that SABR members should review the guidelines that were established years ago and adhere to them. Respect the rights and feelings of other members and do not use their works without their permission or with appropriate credit. Copyright laws and other legal requirements should be understood and observed. This applies to electronic sources as well as published and unpublished printed material.

The Executive Board will hold its fall meeting on November 5-6 in Seattle. This is usually the most important meeting of the year as the budget for the new year will be reviewed. It's the most important element of the annual planning process and there will be much to discuss that weekend.

Nine Call for Papers

Nine: A Journal of Baseball History and Culture announces a call for papers for their 13th Annual Spring Training Conference on The Historical and Sociological Impact of Baseball.

The conference will be held March 16-19, 2006 at the Clarion Hotel Tucson, Arizona. The keynote speaker is scheduled to be **John Thorn**, co-founder of *Total Baseball* and author of *The Armchair Book of Baseball*.

Original unpublished papers are invited that study all aspects of baseball with a particular emphasis on history and societal implications. Abstracts, not to exceed two pages, should be submitted prior to December 1, 2005 to:

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IN MEMORIAM

JIM KARN

Jim Karn, of Crookston, Minnesota, passed away on August 12 of cancer. He was 62.

A baseball enthusiast, Karn was actively involved in amateur baseball in the St. Cloud area. He spent many years with the Crookston Reds, first as a player, then as a manager, and was inducted into the Minnesota Amateur Baseball Hall of Fame in 2001. He also was assistant baseball coach at St. Cloud Cathedral High School, and would help his brother, **Bob Karn**, with the St. Cloud Fall Area Baseball League.

ROBERT ANDERSON

Robert H. Anderson, of Cincinnati, Ohio, passed away on August 5th. He was 81.

A SABR member since 1983, Bob was a member of the Ballparks, Bibli-

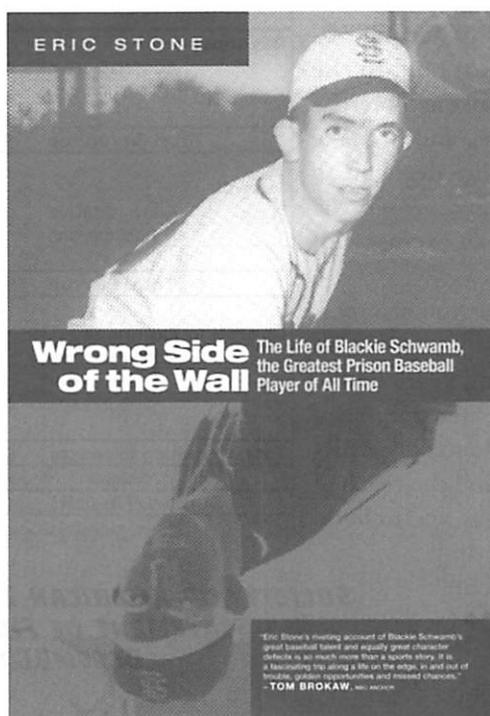
ography and Minor League Committees. He was also a longtime manager of Cincinnati amateur baseball teams, and a longtime employee of the Cincinnati Reds security staff.

In addition to his baseball interest, Anderson was also a member of the Delta Kings Barbershop Chorus, the VFW and the Armor Club of World War II vets.

PAUL GUSTAFSON

Paul Gustafson, of Gig Harbor, Washington, passed away on June 25th. He was 64.

Gustafson was a lifetime resident of Gig Harbor, and an avid baseball and basketball fan. He umpired for amateur ball teams, and for 45 years, was the time keeper for Peninsula High School basketball.



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—**Peter Gammons**, ESPN Baseball Tonight studio analyst.

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Treasurer's Report

Perhaps the most significant financial news to come out of SABR's 2004 membership year is this: Not a single dollar of donations was used to cover operating expenses. We banked every one of those dollars and put them to work in a rising interest rate environment. When you donate to SABR today, you are helping create a foundation for a strong and vibrant Society, not propping up a mismanaged hobby group.

Last year I described how our budgeting and projection process delivers a continuous stream of accurate financial information to the staff and board (and to the membership, who can follow along online), enabling the Society to respond quickly to opportunities and to make long-range decisions with confidence. The decision to move forward with ProQuest illustrated the former; the green-light given to the RSM position is an exemplar of the latter.

As you peruse the balance sheet, I hope you are reassured that the Society is being guided and managed in an informed and responsible manner. Exciting years lie before us: we are working hard to put an extensive set of research tools online; we are endeavoring to make SABR's imprimatur have the heft of a Macmillan and the reach of a McCovey; we are trying to find ways to say yes, to build community and to make your membership indispensable. In turn we ask you to seek out opportunities to work together, to pool resources, to find fellowship.

As baseball's only organization run by researchers, as a non-profit in a sea of ventures that come and go, we occupy a unique position in the baseball economy. Our Society's mission can be restated thus: we are the ultimate preserver of the knowledge generated by our members. As a SABR member, you can now be sure that your work will have a safe harbor to carry on into the future, a safe and accessible future.

Getting the money right was only a first step. Now the real work begins.

Respectfully submitted,
F. X. Flinn, Treasurer

Complete financial statements are available upon request from the SABR office, 812 Huron Rd E #719, Cleveland OH 44115.

The 2004 Year End compilation report was prepared by Skoda, Minotti, & Company.

You can also download the financial statements, 990s, and other historical financial reports from the SABR web site.

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Summary	2005 Projected	2005 Budget	2004 Actuals	2003 Actuals
Revenues				
Administrative	\$431,704	\$417,041	\$391,058	\$369,643
Outreach	\$47,122	\$46,202	\$51,884	\$59,728
Total Revenues	\$478,826	\$463,243	\$442,943	\$429,371
Payroll				
Administrative	\$134,070	\$132,213	\$118,039	\$115,737
Publications	\$36,000	\$36,000	\$36,000	\$36,000
Total Payroll	\$170,070	\$168,213	\$154,039	\$151,737
Operating Expenses				
Administrative	\$88,515	\$87,461	\$104,627	\$93,618
Member	\$56,838	\$58,673	\$51,731	\$43,148
Outreach	\$142,700	\$144,950	\$89,736	\$115,712
Total Operating Expenses	\$288,053	\$291,084	\$246,094	\$252,477
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$20,702	\$3,947	\$42,809	\$25,157

SOCIETY FOR AMERICAN BASEBALL RESEARCH, INC. STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION DECEMBER 31, 2004

ASSETS			
		2004	2003
Current Assets			
Cash and Temporary Investments		461,294	\$ 372,773
Investments		52,256	43,196
Accounts Receivable		1,670	18,238
Publications Inventory		2,353	6,863
Prepaid Expenses		11,076	7,619
	Total Current Assets	\$ 528,649	\$ 448,689
Property and Equipment – AT COST			
Equipment		30,558	28,495
Website		29,523	29,523
	Net Property and Equipment	60,081	58,018
	Less Accumulated depreciation and amortization	(47,398)	(38,862)
		\$ 12,683	\$ 19,156
Other Assets			
Research Collections		26,799	25,051
Trademark		1,927	2,160
Deposits		1,824	1,940
	Total Other Assets	30,550	29,151
		\$ 571,882	\$ 496,996
LIABILITIES			
Current Liabilities			
Accounts Payable		\$ 21,346	\$ 74,948
Deferred Membership Dues – current portion		228,088	176,667
		\$ 249,434	\$ 251,615
DEFERRED MEMBERSHIP DUES			
		67,315	40,206
		\$ 316,749	\$ 291,821
NET ASSETS			
UNRESTRICTED		231,075	188,419
TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED		14,529	10,151
PERMANENTLY RESTRICTED		9,529	6,605
		\$ 255,133	\$ 205,175
		\$ 571,882	\$ 496,996

open discussions over two days, committee members will cast paper ballots and vote "yes" or "no" for each candidate. Any candidate with "yes" votes on at least 75% of ballots cast will earn election to the Hall of Fame.

The Twelve voting committee members and their areas of expertise include: **Todd Bolton**, Latin America; **Greg Bond**, 19th Century; **Adrian Burgos**, Latin America; **Dick Clark**, Negro Leagues; Ray Doswell, overall

knowledge; **Neil Lanctot**, Negro Leagues Eastern teams; **Sammy Miller**, Eastern and Western teams; **Jim Overmyer**, Eastern teams and 19th century; **Larry Lester**, Negro Leagues; Larry Hogan, overall knowledge and **Robert Peterson**, overall knowledge.

Written recommendations for inclusion on the ballots from fans, and historians not a part of the committees, will be accepted through October 31st.

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Donation Report

During the period July 19, 2004 to July 18, 2005, there were 584 donors to the general fund, research committees, endowment or microfilm fund. Those donations totaled \$51,214.69. This is the highest figure ever and a 23% increase over last year. There were five memorial gifts totaling \$770.

Donations of	Renewal Drive	TBI	Memorial Gifts	Other
\$1,000 or more	3 (2)	0 (2)	0	1
\$500 to \$999	15 (11)	0	1 (1)	
\$250 to \$499	42 (21)	0	0	
\$125 to \$249	21 (27)	0 (1)	0 (2)	
\$100 to \$124	126 (110)	0 (1)	1 (1)	
\$51 to \$99	26 (16)	0	1	
\$50 exactly	40 (79)	0	1 (1)	
\$1 to \$49	310 (320)	0	1 (2)	

figures in parentheses are from last year

Donations to the	#	\$\$\$	Avg	2003/4 Total	02/03 Avg
General Fund	539	\$42,363.69	\$ 78.60	\$34,577	\$ 64.87
Research Cmtes	6	\$ 920.00	\$153.33	\$ 462	\$ 33.00
Microfilm	20	\$ 1,835.00	\$ 91.75	\$ 1,745	\$ 79.32
Endowment	18	\$ 3,918.00	\$105.89	\$ 3,918	\$105.89

There were 111 first time donors in this past renewal drive (125 last year; 152 2 years ago). They contributed a total of \$8,063 (\$6,348 last year; \$6,192 2 years ago).

Thank you for your generous support!

Endowment Fund

The SABR Endowment Fund was established in 1997 through donations received during the renewal drives where the donor checked off the "For Endowment" box on the renewal form when giving a donation.

All Memorial Gifts are also placed into the Endowment Fund. Among the Memorial Funds comprising the Endowment are The Bob Davids Memorial Fund and The Doug Pappas Memorial Fund.

Bequests are also placed into the Endowment Fund. Through June 30, 2005, no bequests have been received, although one such gift was in probate at the time.

As of June 30, 2005, the SABR Endowment Fund stood at \$13,422.

On June 30, 2004, the total amount in the endowment funds was \$7,783.

In that 12 month period, \$4,981 in donations were made to the endowment funds, and investment income supplied the remaining gain in value (5.15%).

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Howard Henry, 168 Huntley Road, Buffalo NY 14215, henryhw@buffalostate.edu, seeks 1950s IL ballpark information, particularly for photos, dimensions, insurance map outlines of ball parks in Toronto, Ottawa, Springfield MA, Richmond and Newark. Also, details of Omaha Cardinals 1947 Western League ball park (in Council Bluffs, IA).

Travis Larsen, 1634 N Kansas Street, Russell KS 67665-1314, vonerich2000@hotmail.com, is writing his master's thesis on the National Baseball Congress World Series tournament in Wichita, Kansas. Looking for any old newspaper or magazine articles on the tournament. If you have any information to share with him he would greatly appreciate it.

Pete Gorton, 1227 Washington St NE, Minneapolis MN 55413-1349, 612-325-7815, pwgortonmb@hotmail.com, seeks information on John Wesley Donaldson, a left-handed pitcher and outfielder. Donaldson's career spanned from 1910 to 1934 playing mostly with barnstorming teams. He was known throughout his career as the "Greatest Colored Pitcher in the World". He played in the Negro Leagues, but the prime of his career was before 1920. Has references of him playing in at least 25 states and would like to further substantiate these claims. Any help would be greatly appreciated. Please reply with any information even if it's a single game.

Scott Crawford, Box 2232 89 Maxwell St., ST Marys ON, N4X 1A1, Canada, 519-284-1838, scottsam@quadro.net seeks information about Lou Gehrig's visit to Toronto for an exhibition game between Sept 1936 and June 1938.

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RESEARCH GRAPEVINE

SABR-L Celebrates Ten Years

Ten years ago this summer, SABR-L went public on July 19, 1995, when around 600 SABR members with email addresses were added to the SABR-L list and welcomed by **John Gregory**, the first chair of the Internet Committee.

On the 10-year anniversary of SABR-L, **F. X. Flinn**, current Internet Committee chair, announced that the entire archive of the 1995-2004 list has been parsed into a table and added to the SABR database and is now available on the members-only Research Tools site (along with ProQuest and the Encyclopedia) at:

<http://tinyurl.com/ac64a>

According to Flinn, during the parsing and normalization of the archives from messages to database entries, he reconciled the authors / submitters / posters with the membership database so that contributors with varying email addresses show up as a single author.

The implementation of the archive includes administrative tools that will enable volunteers to further rationalize the subjects / threads. Anyone interested in volunteering to work on this task will find links to a form when visiting the site.

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The Collaborative Digitization Program, the Colorado State Library, and the Colorado Historical Society have partnered on this proposal to create "Colorado's Historical Newspaper Collection." This collection is available for free at <http://www.cdheritage.org>

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——: Four lists relating to the Hall of Fame (HoF membership by position; left-handed pitchers in the Hall of Fame; left-handed pitchers with 200-plus wins not in the HoF; and selected left-handed pitchers with less than 200 wins not in the HoF). 4 pages.

——: National Register of Historic Places Registration Form for Wahconah Park, Pittsfield, Mass. 57 pages. A detailed history and description of the ballpark, part of its nomination to the National Register of Historic Places.

Benjamin, Matthew: Go-To Guy: Agent Scott Boras is changing the business of baseball. 3 pages. A look at Boras from an outside-baseball, business point of view.

Bond, Gregory: The segregation of professional baseball in Kansas, 1895-1899: A case study in the rise of Jim Crow during the Gilded Age. 10 pages (each page contains two pages of original text).

Collins, Tracy J.R.: Women, American society and baseball literature in the high canon. 12 pages. A scholarly look at women's place in baseball literature. Text of an article in "Baseball/Literature/Culture Essays 2004-2005."

Fenster, Kenneth R.: Earl Mann, Nat Peeples, and the failed attempt of integration in the Southern Association. 29 pages. Photocopy of article in *Nine*, Vol. 12, No 2. A winner of the McFarland-SABR Baseball Research Award.

Gawthrop, Philip E.: In the baseball news for 1904. 37 pages. Day-by-day summary of what happened in baseball in 1904, including daily game scores.

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Murphy, Victoria: Seattle's best-kept secret. 5 pages. Copy of article in *Forbes* magazine, April 25, 2005, about the worth of major league teams. (The Secret: The Mariners have been baseball's most profitable team the past five years.)

Musial, Stan: Remembering Sportsman's Park, St. Louis. 6 pages. Photocopy of article in *The Diamond*, July 1993.

St. Martin, Steve: 100 years of Triple-A fielding statistics. 21 pages. Lifetime leaders in all published fielding categories for the three Triple-A minor leagues, 1902-2001.

Saylor, Richard C.: Major league governor John Kinely Tener. 9 pages. Photocopy of article in *Pennsylvania Heritage*, Summer 2005, about the former player, congressman, governor of Pennsylvania and president of the National League.

Selter, Ron: South Side Park (Chicago AL) 1901-10. A look at the configuration of the ballpark.

Sparks, Rebecca L., and David L. Abrahamson: A mathematical model to predict award winners. 5 pages. Photocopy of article in the magazine *Math Horizons* applying mathematical analysis to the Cy Young Award.

Tosches, Nick: A Jazz Age autopsy. 13 pages. Another look at Arnold Rothstein. Photocopy of article in *Vanity Fair*, May 2005.

Tourangeau, Richard: Remembering the Congress Street Grounds. 17 pages. About an 1890s Boston ballpark that is not as well remembered as some of the city's other baseball parks.

The following articles are from Along the Elephant Trail, the publication of the Philadelphia Athletics Historical Society:

- Millikin, Mark R.: A brief look at Jimmie Foxx. 1 page.
- O'Brien, Daniel: Rube Waddell vs. Cy Young. 2 pages. A look at an epic 20-inning battle in 1904.
- Silberman, Max: A baseball man is gone. 1 page. Brief biography of Fred Hatfield.
- Silberman, Max: Athletics trades usually spelled trouble. 1 page.
- Smith, Dale: The Rube and Ossie Show. 2 pages. About Rube Waddell and his catcher, Ossie Schreckengost.
- Smith, Dale: Ted Williams goes 6-for-8 in '41 finale. 1 page.
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Hicks, a student at California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo, was selected as the college division winner. His paper was entitled, "Ted Williams, The Last .400 Hitter...Ever?"

Powers, from LaGrange, IL was named the high school division winner for his paper, "The St. Louis Cardinals of the Sixties and Their Effect on Black/White Relations."

Recipients of the Jack Kavanagh Memorial Youth Baseball Research Award receive a \$200 cash prize and a one year membership in SABR. You can read their prize-winning essays at the SABR web site.

Ruffing Edges Durocher in Centennial Celebrity Voting

In a Hall of Fame match up, Red Ruffing edged out Leo Durocher this year and has been chosen as SABR's 2005 Centennial Celebrity, awarded to the most prominent baseball figure born 100 years earlier.

Ruffing, inducted into the Hall of Fame in 1967, was 273-225 in his 22-year major league career for Boston, New York, and Chicago. He was a pretty good hitting pitcher, with a .269 average and 36 home runs. Signed by Rudy Hulswitt in 1923, he debuted on May 31, 1924, for the Red Sox. In 1930, he was traded by the Red Sox to the Yankees for \$50,000 and Cedric Durst.

Two players who many believe should be in the Hall of Fame, Indian Bob Johnson and Rick Ferrell, finished third and fourth.

Those who voted online were given the opportunity to give from 1 to 100 points to each Centennial Celebrity Candidate, and by that method, Leo Durocher won with 1,473 points to Ruffing's 911 points. Rick Ferrell finished third with 436 points. Although this method gave different results, the official winner is still Ruffing, because the 5-3-1 method was the only method used by all voters.

The online voters also got to re-visit last year's ballot, which was sloppily put together by the SABR office and had a couple players on it not born in 1904, and also overlooked Chuck Klein. Given a fair playing field this year, Klein edged Pepper Martin (148-122 in the traditional voting method and 1,559 to 1,225 in the "new" method).

VOTE TOTALS

<u>Player</u>	<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>3rd</u>	<u>Totals</u>
Red Ruffing	26	33	13	242
Leo Durocher	35	11	18	216
Indian Bob Johnson	6	12	10	76
Rick Ferrell	6	9	16	73
Freddie Lindstrom	3	7	13	49
Wally Berger	4	5	0	44
Doc Cramer	5	3	7	41
Alec Radcliffe	1	2	3	14
Vic Harris	1	1	2	10
Johnny Allen	0	2	3	9
Don Hurst	0	0	0	0
Pinky Whitney	0	0	0	0

Call for Papers for 2006 Seymour Conference

Get your paper ready for the seventh annual Seymour Medal Conference, to be held in late April/early May in Cleveland, Ohio. The Seymour Medal honors the author(s) of the best book of baseball history or biography completed during the preceding calendar year.

Papers can be on any aspect of baseball history. Space is limited, so don't delay. Proposals should include a one-page abstract of the paper, as well as a cover page with your name, address, phone number and e-mail address. The deadline for submissions is February 18, 2006.

Send proposals/questions to **Ryan Chamberlain** by e-mail at info@sabr.org or to SABR, 812 Huron Rd E #719, Cleveland OH 44115. Check SABR's website (www.sabr.org) for continuing updates.

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Due to a lack of demand and as a way to cut cost, it was decided in 2003 that membership cards would be issued only upon request.

WHERE AND WHEN WILL THE 2006 ANNUAL CONVENTION BE HELD?

Seattle is the site of the 2006 SABR Annual Convention. The dates are not chosen until Major League Baseball finalizes its 2006 schedule. Look for an announcement online in October or November.

HOW DO I JOIN A RESEARCH COMMITTEE?

SABR research committees are a challenging and rewarding way to participate in the areas of baseball that interests you. Committee membership is open to all SABR members and there are no limits to the amount of committees you can join. If you are interested in joining a committee, contact the chapter chair and he will add you to the committee list.

WHEN IS THE NEXT MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY GOING TO BE PRINTED?

Because of the addition of our online membership directory in the members-only section of SABR's website (www.sabr.org), it was decided in 2003 that a printed version of the membership directory would no longer be produced for all members. Those members without internet access can request one printed version of our electronic directory per calendar year.

Editor's note: PAGE 15 will be your place to find SABR information, such as upcoming regional meetings, quickly. We will try to rotate lists of contacts throughout the year.

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Jerry Malloy Conference Recap

Nearly 70 people gathered in Chicago from June 16-19, 2005 for the 8th Annual Jerry Malloy Negro League Conference and were treated to a variety of different opportunities to learn and experience the history of the Negro Leagues.

The conference kicked off with a discussion about how to teach the history of the Leagues in the classroom. Following this lively discussion, conference host **Eddie Bedford** welcomed everyone and introduced the first of seven research presentations. These presentations hit on such topics as prison baseball, the west coast and Latin connection, and the early beginnings of Chicago's black teams.

One of the highlights of the conference for many were the two player panels where the audience got to listen to Double Duty Radcliffe, Al Spearman, Charles Johnson, Walt Owens, Ernest Westfield, Johnny Washington, Minnie Minoso and Hank Presswood. Ernest Westfield had the honor of throwing out the first pitch at the Friday night baseball game between the White Sox and the Dodgers. A special event took place on Saturday afternoon as the group traveled to Burr Oak Cemetery to participate in a ceremony to place a headstone on one of the Negro League player's previously unmarked graves. Jeremy Krock planned and organized this special event.

In addition to the main events all those attending had plenty of opportunity to network and visit with vendors and artists (Dane Tilghman, Elise Dodelis and Dominick Denaro) who showed off their Negro League work. **Dick Clark** won the trivia contest and Larry Lester shared a number of excellent displays about the East-West Classic and women in the Negro Leagues. After a banquet on Saturday night things wrapped up on Sunday with an update on the Hall of Fame Project and other Negro League Committee business.

If you missed this year's conference mark your calendars for July 6-9, 2006 in Kansas City for the 9th Annual Conference.

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Deadline for nominations is February 1, 2006. Nominees must prepare a Candidate Statement Form, following guidelines, which will be available from any Nominating Committee member, and must be received by the Nominating Committee chair no later than February 15, 2006.

The offices to be filled are:

- 1) Vice-President (2-year term, currently **Bill Nowlin**);
- 2) Secretary (3-year term, currently **Neal Traven**);
- 3) Director (3-year term, currently **Andy McCue**).

NOMCOMM SEEKS YOUR INPUT

We seek questions that are office-specific for each of the offices open in this election. We also seek input on general questions for every nominee.

Regional Chapter Leaders and Research Committee Chairs are especially encouraged to pass along this request to their respective members, to better address members needs. Self-nominations are welcomed. If you would like to nominate yourself or another candidate or pose a question of the candidates, contact a member of the Nominating Committee.

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SABR Announces Plans for 36th Annual Convention

SABR's 36th annual meeting will be held from Thursday, June 29, 2006 through Saturday, July 1, 2006 in Seattle, Washington, at the Renaissance Hotel in downtown Seattle.

The three-day event will feature former New York Yankee and Seattle Pilot pitcher **Jim Bouton**. The knuckleballer and author of the renowned book, **Ball Four** will deliver the keynote address.

SABR 36 will showcase the rich and illustrious history of baseball in the Pacific Northwest, which spans over 120 years. Convention activities include, but are not limited to, research presentations, panel discussions, poster presentations and memorabilia exhibitions. Related optional events include activities for the entire family, such as day trips to the Cascades, Mt. St. Helens, the area's wine country, whale watching, and much more.

The convention will be hosted by SABR's Pacific Northwest chapter that encompasses Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Alaska and British Columbia.

HOTEL INFORMATION

The host hotel for SABR 36 is the Seattle Renaissance Hotel, located at the corner of 6th Avenue and Madison Street downtown. SABR has arranged for a SABR convention rate of \$99 plus tax (currently 15.6%) for the nights of June 27 to July 4, 2006. Because of the deep discount on these rates, there are a limited number of rooms available. We encourage you to book your rooms ASAP. You can book your room online at www.renaissanceseattle.com/sabr or you can call toll-free 800-266-9432 (International, call 801-832-4532). Mention Society for American Baseball Research Annual Convention when making your phone reservation. While the deadline for reserving your room is May 22, 2006, waiting until then may be too late—when the space is filled, there won't be rooms at this rate any longer.

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Out of the Shadows: African American Baseball from the Cuban Giants to Jackie Robinson edited and with an introduction by Bill Kirwin address many themes important to African Americans in baseball.

Sports Heroes, Fallen Idols by Stanley H. Teitelbaum is a psychological look into how star athletes pursue

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Forging Genius: The Making of Casey Stengel by Steven Goldman gives readers an unprecedented vision of one man's lifelong pursuit of genius on the baseball diamond.

The College World Series by W.C. Madden and John E. Peterson is part of the Images of Baseball Series and chronicles all the excitement of the "Road to Omaha" in pictorial format.

Veterans Stadium: Field of Memories by Rich Westcott is a tribute to the now destroyed home to Philadelphia baseball.

Tales from the Mets Dugout by Bruce Markusen offers a wide range

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2006 Hallowed Ground Calendar by Bill Goff is a newly-reformatted 13 month calendar (December 2005 - December 2006).

2006 American Association Wall Calendar by Rex Hamann features photos from private collections unavailable commercially. Replete with information.

Foul Ball: My Life and Hard Times Trying to Save an Old Ballpark, plus PART II by Jim Bouton. Part II is the further story of what happened after the original *Foul Ball* was self-published.

Karn Bequest Received

The Society for American Baseball Research recently received a gift from the estate of **Jim Karn** of Cookston, Minnesota.

Karn, a SABR member since 1981, died this past summer, leaving behind family (brother **Bob Karn** is a member). His estate gift is the first monetary bequest received by SABR in at least 15 years.

Karn's gift will be added to the SABR Endowment Fund, which totaled \$13,606.89 on September 30, 2005. Per SABR policy, the Endowment will be left untouched to grow to no less than \$50,000 when income derived from the fund may be used as provided by the SABR Board of Directors.

A baseball enthusiast, Karn was actively involved in amateur baseball in the St. Cloud area. He spent many years with the Crookston Reds, first as a player, then as a manager, and was inducted into the Minnesota Amateur Baseball Hall of Fame in 2001. He also was assistant baseball coach at St. Cloud Cathedral High School, and would help his brother, **Bob Karn**, with the St. Cloud Fall Area Baseball League.

Message From Art Schott

Art Schott, a member of SABR since its inaugural year in 1971, is the official baseball historian of Louisiana and has helped many baseball researchers over the years. A longtime resident of New Orleans, he like so many others in his area was displaced from his home as a result of Hurricane Katrina. We received many inquiries in the SABR office about the welfare of Art and all of our New Orleans members. Thankfully, to the best of our knowledge, everyone is okay. Our thoughts are with them in their time of need. Below is a message from Art:

Dear Baseball Fans,

Sorry for the delay in giving you a report of my status. After 5 weeks of living with my son Richard Schott in Virginia, my wife and I are now in Austin, TX with my son Kevin and his family. Thus far, we are unable to return to our home in New Orleans because our electric power has yet to be restored. The insurance adjuster is scheduled to meet with my son Chris on Saturday, 10/15, to appraise the damage. Most of my older baseball books were on the second floor of the house and hopeful were not destroyed. I believe that I have every publication by SABR since I became the 26th member when the group organized.

I have written and circulated hundreds of items of which SABR has copies in its files. I am now 87 years old and limited in my correspondence because of my eyesight. I have the following e-mail address: schottfrombleachers@comcast.net.

My best to all at SABR and hope to return to my library soon.

Art. O. Schott

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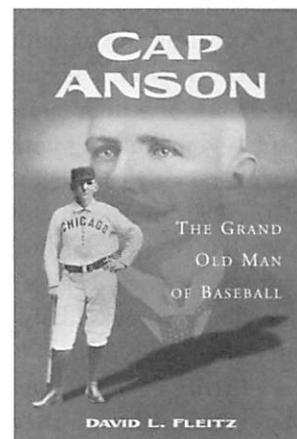
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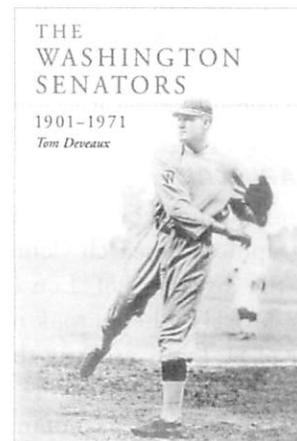
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BASEBALL RECORDS

The October issue of the Baseball Records Committee newsletter features a convention recap and an update on a committee project whose working title is *The SABR Book of Baseball Records and Lists*.

The newsletter also contains a list by **Bob Tiemann** of National League teams that blew leads of seven games or more in the pennant or division race. Also included is a report on **Ron Selter's** fascinating discovery that two Home runs listed in the SABR home Run Log never happened.

According to the report, the phantom home runs, both of which supposedly came in the seventh inning with bases empty, are mistakenly credited to Mike Grady of the Cardinals and Billy Gilbert of the Giants. The date was July 16, 1906, and the site was Robison Field in St. Louis. The error was likely picked up from the *St. Louis Globe-Democrat's* listing of both home runs in their box score, although they make no mention of the in their game account. However, neither the *New York Times* nor the *New York Herald* show home runs for Grady or Gilbert, either in their box score or game account. Instead the *Times* box score has Grady and Gilbert with sacrifice hits rather than home runs. See the October newsletter for the full account.

BIOGRAPHICAL

The July/August 2005 newsletter of the Biographical Research Committee features the discovery of Lou Phelan by **Peter Morris**. Phelan took over as manager of St. Louis midway through the 1895 season. Other players found were St. Louis third baseman, John Ricks, and Detroit's Nathaniel Monroe Kellogg by **Richard Malatzky**.

BIOPROJECT

Visit <http://bioproj.sabr.org> to read the latest additions to the BioProject website. New bios include: Dick Higham, Bill Sweeney, Buddy Myer, Tot Pressnell, Al Autry, Ted Kennedy, **Stan Musial**, Lefty Clarke, Lu Blue, Jack

Taylor, Jake Morse, Dolly Stark, George Earnshaw, Bill Bergen, Joe McGinnity, George McQuillan, Rabbit Maranville, John Titus, Fred Luderus, Kitty Bransfield, Armando Marsans, Dick Rudolph, Zack Wheat, and Nap Rucker.

BUSINESS OF BASEBALL

Be sure to check out the BoB website: www.businessofbaseball.com for a recent interview with **Buzzie Bavasi**, the long-time general manager for the Brooklyn and Los Angeles Dodgers (1951-67), president of the San Diego Padres (1968-77), and executive vice president of the California Angels (1978-99).

NEGRO LEAGUES

According to the October *Negro Leagues Courier*, it was recently announced that the 2007 Jerry Malloy conference will be held in Portsmouth, Virginia. NLC member **Tom Garrett** will be taking care of the arrangements.

While this will mark the first time that the conference was held in a city that was not called home by a major Negro League team, the Portsmouth area has a long and colorful Negro League history in that it was a regular stop on the traveling routes of countless teams.

The October committee newsletter also noted the passing of Ted "Double Duty" Radcliffe, who died in Chicago on August 11, at the age of 103, and Byron "Mex" Johnson, who died September 24, just eight days after his 94th birthday.

ORAL HISTORY

In the July newsletter, it was noted that recent additions to the oral histories on tape include Moe Drabowski, Dutch Fehring, Gus Zernial, **Tony Morante** (Yankee Stadium Tour Director), Ralph Caballero, **Susan Dellinger** (Edd Roush's granddaughter), Tom Browning, Carmine DeRenzo, Ron Menchine (Senators' radio announcer), Lester Rodney (sports editor of the *Daily Worker*), Herb Hash, Dick McAuliffe, Joe Wood, Jr., Walt Dropo, Dick Tettelbach, Don Leppert, Casey Wise, Steve Boros, Mickey Vernon,

Wilmer Fields (Negro League Player), Marvin Miller, Ray Burris, Charlie Brotman (Senators' P.A. announcer), Frank Howard, Anthony Bongiovanni, Nate Oliver, Erik Johnson, Stan Brand (V.P. of Minor League Baseball), Kevin Uhlich (Business Manager of the Nats), Ernie Fazio, Rob Andrews, Chris Haughey, Colin Mills (president of the Nats Fan Club), and George Solomon (former sports editor of the *Washington Post*).

Also, transcripts are now available for interviews with Harry Danning, Joe DiMaggio, Larry Doby, Hub Kittle, Jose Rafael Santiago, and Reggie Cleveland. In addition, we have videos of Ned Garver, Roy Sievers, and Art Richman.

For more information about how to obtain any of these interviews, contact committee chair, **Dave Paulson** at d2244p@yahoo.com or 301-854-2244.

WOMEN IN BASEBALL

The September issue of the committee contained a recap of the Women's Committee meeting at the Toronto convention. They were honored this year to have several female authors speak about their experiences in writing. Those authors were: **Dorothy Jane Mills**, the widow of the noted baseball historian Harold Seymour, speaking about how and why she wrote *A Woman's Work: Writing Baseball History with Harold Seymour*; **Carolyn M. Trombe**, the author of the biography *Dottie Wiltse Collins: Strikeout Queen of the All-American Girls Professional Baseball League* explaining that while the overall story of the AAGPBL has been told in book form, too few biographies of the individual players have been produced; **Jean Ardell**, who spoke about her twelve-year odyssey in writing *Breaking into Baseball: Women and the National Pastime*; and **Susan Dellinger** talked about her forthcoming book *Red Legs and Black Sox: Edd Roush and the Untold Story of the 1919 World Series*.

New Chapter Formed in Tampa Bay

The Wade Boggs Chapter of Tampa Bay held their initial meeting at Tropicana Field on September 11. According to chapter leader **Wesley Fricks**, the chapter hopes to focus its research efforts on topics such as spring training.

"We're excited about the challenges that lay ahead and hope that the chapter will find creative methods to get the fans of the area involved," said Fricks.

For more information about the Wade Boggs Chapter of Tampa Bay, call (813) 988-8269 or email **Wesley Fricks** at wfricks@tampabay.rr.com.

Upcoming Events

MARCH 11 PHOENIX, AZ

The Flame Delhi Chapter/Arizona Chapter will hold its Annual Spring Training Weekend March 11 and 12. More information will be coming. For more information, contact **Bill Suphan** at GSuphan@aol.com

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JULY 29-JULY 2 Seattle, WA

The SABR Annual Convention will be held Thursday, June 29 to Sunday, July 2 at the Seattle Renaissance Hotel on Madison Street in downtown Seattle. Keynote speaker will be former major league pitcher and noted author, **Jim Bouton**.



Members of Vermont's Gardner-Waterman Chapter. Front: Francis Joseph O'Boyle, Stan Hamlet, Tom Simon, Arthur Dillion, and John Thorn. Back: Lorin Duckman, Doug MacGregor, Rudi Haerle, Lance Richbourg, Karl Lindholm, John Bennett, Pat O'Connor and Ronn Winn.

Boxscores of Past Meetings

Quebec City, August 20

Chapter: Quebec Chapter.
 Guests: **Miles Wolff**, owner of les Capitales de Quebec, president of the Can-Am League.
 Tour: **Daniel Papillon** gave a tour of the historic stadium, pointing out the various displays of artifacts and photos.
 Event: Watched game after the meeting and had a great ballpark dinner (with free beer).
 Place: Quebec Municipal Stadium.

Bridgeport, August 27

Chapter: Smoky Joe Wood Chapter.
 Presenters: None. Mainly an organizational meeting
 Election: **Steve Krevisky** was voted President
 Place: Middlesex Community College.

Memphis, September 3

Chapter: Robinson-Kell Chapter.
 Guests: **Dave Chase**, Memphis Redbirds General Manager.
 Presenters: **Don Wells**, "The Pacific Coast League during WWII;" **Madison McEntire**, "Bus Tour through Midwest Baseball Parks;" **Terry Turner**, "Baseball in Little Rock."
 Trivia Winner: **Fred Worth**.
 Place: Autozone Park.

Burlington, September 27

Chapter: Gardner-Waterman Chapter
 Presenters: **John Thorn** on "Four Fathers of Baseball," debunking the Cartwright legend; **John Bennett**, author of the new biography of Johnny Podres; and **Dana Sprague** spoke about the "The Newest Green Mountain Boy of Summer."
 Place: Lance Richbourg's art studio.

Toronto, September 27

Chapter: Hanlan's Point.
 Guests: **Dave Chase**, Memphis Redbirds General Manager.
 Presenters: **Don Wells**, "The Pacific Coast League during WWII;" **Madison McEntire**, "Bus Tour through Midwest Baseball Parks;" **Terry Turner**, "Baseball in Little Rock."
 Elections: **Allen Tait**, President; **David Matchett**, Treasurer; **Brendan Rodgers**, Director of Publicity; **Maxwell Kates**, Director of Marketing.
 Trivia Winner: **Fred Worth**.
 Place: Hard Rock Cafe, Rogers Centre.

Little Falls, October 25

Chapter: Elysian Fields Chapter.
 Guests: Pulitzer-prize winning author Tom Oliphant spoke to group about his new Gil Hodges book.
 Panel: Hofstra University Professor **Richard Puerzer** moderated a panel discussion on Casey Stengel. Panelists included **Steven Goldman**, author of *Forging Genius: The Making of Casey Stengel* and **Robert Golon**, research archivist at Rutgers University.
 Place: Yogi Berra Museum

Homestead, October 9

Chapter: Field of Dreams.
 Presentations: **Darrell Hanson**, "Joe Boley, Fogotten Star;" **R.J. Lesch**, "Red Morgan and Red Downs;" **Steve Smith** and **Ralph Christian**, "Babe Ruth's Final Public Appearance;" and **Steve Elsberry**, "The Pinch Hit Grandslam."
 Place: Bill Zuber's Restaurant.

SABR NINE QUESTIONS

By Ryan Chamberlain

It would take several columns to list the many achievements of this month's feature, Bill Clark.

For 36 years, Clark was a professional baseball scout for the Pirates, Reds, Padres, and Braves among other teams. He was the International Scouting Director when the Braves signed major leaguers such as Andruw Jones and Rafael Furcal, and he almost put Albert Pujols in an Atlanta Braves uniform.

But that's just the tip of the iceberg. A resident of Columbia, Missouri, for 45 years, Clark spent 40 years as an official at the high school and college levels in 12 sports. He is a member of the National Halls of Fame for powerlifting and weightlifting, as well as the national and international lifting Halls of Fame. According to one bio, he holds more than 110 lifting records for lifters 55-over. He has also has a degree in journalism.

Although now retired from scouting, Clark has not retired from life. Currently he teaches two classes in the University of Missouri's lifetime learning program for people 50 and over, coordinates programs for an issues and answer session called Forum at the Unitarian Church, is chairman of the local Democratic Party, owns and operates a gym, does nine issues a year of a weightlifting journal, and is a regular columnist in the Columbia Daily Tribune (www.showmenews.com). He is also on the boards of several organizations and is deeply involved with writing about local theater.

The first chairman of SABR's Scouts Research Committee, SABR has been an important part of Clark's life since he joined in 1985. "SABR is very, very close to my heart," said Clark. We are thrilled to pay a small homage to him in this SABR Nine.

You have a lot of interests, what got you started in baseball, and who impacted you the most?

Necessity to feed a family I guess. Like all kids in '40s, I started out wanting to be a major league baseball player. I went to a three-day Cardinal try-out

camp and I got cut after the first day. I was sixteen at the time. That told me I wasn't going to play in the big-leagues. But I was playing American Legion baseball...wasn't bad...and thought, "I'd like to do something else in baseball." So I became an umpire. In my first game, I was behind the plate of a Kansas City Monarchs game. Buck O'Neil was at first base and Gene Baker was at shortstop. Gene used to say, "Yeah I remember that kid, he was the worst umpire I ever saw."

I went to George Barr's umpire school in January of 1950, which made me probably the youngest guy, even today, to have graduated from a professional umpire school. I did okay and the president of the Georgia-Florida League told me "Kid, when you get out of the service, we'll get together." I wound up in the army for three years and continued to umpire wherever I was, even in Korea. After the service, I went to the University of Missouri to seek a degree in journalism, and in 1956, I got the urge to go back into pro baseball. I got a contract in the Central Mexican League and lasted about a month. By that time I was essentially starving to death, so I quit, came home to be with my wife, and later in the summer caught on in the Nebraska State League. But even that wasn't going to work, and we had a child. I had umpired everything in this part of the world: college ball, high school ball, semi-pro, legion, you name it. So Dick Keeley, a scout at that time for the Milwaukee Braves, took me to lunch and said, "You see all these players, here's my phone number; call me collect when you see a player." So I became his bird dog, and for six years or so for every Christmas or so, I'd get a brand new fifty dollar bill. Of course, fifty dollars was a good fortune in those days.

In 1962, the urge to be in pro ball got strong again, and I went back to umpire school ...the Al Summers' school (Harry Wendelstedt was a classmate). I headed out to Class-B Pioneer League and it came to be the first of

the month, I had \$96 to my name, owed \$126 in rent in Columbia, Missouri, and my wife was running out of food money. Of course you know where you go at that point—quit and come home. I was thirty years old, and I figured that's the end of my baseball career. So I caught on in Columbia in the recreational department using my journalism degree, and returned to work with the newspaper and continued to umpire. Well, it didn't take very long until the same thing happened...a guy in Pittsburgh put me on as a bird dog and in about three years I became a part-time scout. In late 1967 Pittsburgh had a shake-up, and I was offered the job of full-time scouting supervisor in the Midwest. So my wife and I talked about it, and we made the decision to go into professional baseball. That's how I got started.

Do you think weight training has had an effect on player development?

There's no question in my mind that when strength becomes a factor, weights are the best way to get there. In years gone by, guys worked off-season. They had to have other jobs to survive, even the big-leaguers, and there was a lot of physical work done. So guys lived harder, they did a lot more physical labor, and they maintained strength pretty good. Well today, our society is essentially soft. We live in an air-conditioned home, drive an air-conditioned car and very few people, particularly professional athletes, would even consider hard physical labor. So they turn to the gym to strengthen the muscle mass...core strengthening..., and they've done a pretty good job of it. Weights will take you from point A to point B pretty good without steroids. Properly handled, and not overdone, and not emphasizing the upper part of the body, the weight training has had a lot to do with the power that we see in the game today. Unfortunately, they try to get advantage by even getting stronger...and you know how they do that. But weight training has been a very valuable asset.

Why is it important that scouts be allowed to collective bargain?

In a scout's contract there is a clause which essentially makes that contract a ten-day salary agreement between the club and the employee. He has no guarantee of more than ten days. It's unilateral. He can't quit and go some place else, but he can be fired in ten days. That is indicative of the treatment scouts have always had...and it's indicative of the treatment players had until the early sixties. There's a definite parallel. When the players tried to organize, at first there was huge fear, because owners just got rid of players. You know, if you're the union-organizer back then, you're out of baseball. So, it was hard to pull these people together. And you couldn't do it in secret. Somebody had to be up front. We tried and tried. Actually, I tried to sow the seeds in people's minds in 1983 and not get fired at the time.

Things at Cincinnati Reds under Marge Schott did not go well. Little by little, you'd hear people would lose their jobs. And somebody would come in, a new scouting director would come aboard...and he wanted to bring over his people. General managers wanted to bring in their people. Scouts and minor league people were absolute chattel. They would just use them and cast them aside. They would bring in a friend, or what have you...pay back a debt by hiring somebody. And this went on and on...and it really bothered me that a person who was a family man, maybe thirty-five years old with three kids, looking down the road a few years to put these kids in college, and did a great job, spent 250 nights a year on the road for the ball club, would get a call one day that said, "Aww...well you know we're going in a different direction so, see-ya." That would be it. You put all that together and you say, "Hey, this is one of the most unfair things in labor in the United States." There's no respect. If they had respect for somebody then they would guarantee their contract. They've done a thing now, where they've put an addendum in the contract. There's a particular clause that says, "Will not be used unless..." It

lists like five different things. One is, "If you've been convicted of a felony." Another is if you essentially steal from the ball club. You get down to the last one, and it says, "Or any action deemed detrimental to the organization." Well you define that one. They still have you. They're still just saying, "This is a guaranteed contract," for one year, three years or whatever for this salary, but they make you sign that addendum. I showed the contract to the National Labor Relations Board and they said, "Are you kidding? Nobody should ever even consider signing this contract." I wrote an article for an international investment magazine, in which I talked about retirement. How you handle retirement after you've been active. I said that I have great memories of baseball, I made many friendships. I only have one regret, that I was not able to protect the future of the scouting profession. I would've loved to have been fired; then maybe we could have put the scouts organization together.

Who was great to work for?

Bob Howsam, Roland Hemond and Peter O'Malley are the three people, who, far beyond all major league executives, took care of their scouts. And later, Pat Gillick was the same way. They took care of anything unionization would give you, and those guys gave it to you in advance.

Do you think the use of sabermetrics to analyze major league players is harmful to the scouting profession?

Oh I think so. But I think it's also cyclic. The Kansas City Royals are a great example. They had a staff of probably fifteen, eighteen, twenty scouts. Excellent staff. They had brought the Royals up to snuff. They were one of the better organizations in Major League Baseball. But somebody convinced Kauffman at some point that they could save money if they joined a scouting bureau and kept their five or six best scouts. And then just follow the scouting bureau across the country. They did that and immediately the farm system collapsed. I'd have to go

back and look at notes, but I think I'm correct in this...they signed one player in five or six years that they followed the scouting bureau. They signed [basically] only one player in those years who was a major league regular. They looked around and said, "Man, the cupboard is bare." So they put a staff back together and in the first year they signed Marc Gubizca and Bret Saberhagen, which wasn't a bad pair to start off with. Of course, they went to the World Series real quick after that. So I thought that was a beautiful example. The cycle takes its turn. I think we're seeing that sabermetrics and *Moneyball* were great, you can prove everything with statistics to a point. There are three kinds of lies: Big lies, little lies and statistics. Oakland has had success, but only half of that success came from *Moneyball* and the sabermetrics thing. And L.A. with their sabermetric GM didn't do what you would call run anybody out the ballpark this year. Pat Gillick said, "I'm sort of the guy in-between. He said, "I believe in some figures, but I still believe eighty percent of my scouts and twenty percent in stats." I think, probably, that summarizes reality. Albert Pujols didn't get signed because of stats...it wouldn't have worked. He had an average high school senior year to the point where he didn't even get drafted. And he was drafted in the fourteenth round out of junior college. Stats didn't take him very far.

In your opinion, is it harder to scout a high schooler or college kid? Position player or Pitcher?

Yes to all the above. I think this a problem. Major league scouts who have seen big-leaguers everyday...if he comes in to see a college kid, he's probably going to be a pretty good scout on that guy. Because that college kid is closer to the big leagues and projection is not necessarily a part of it [the decision]. It would be like looking at a strong minor-leaguer in some place. Now, when he goes to see a high school kid...here's a kid seventeen years old, six foot three, weighs a hundred and sixty pounds, he's

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got a loose body and strong shoulders, and he's going to mature. Many times, that big-league scout who's great in his field, will miss'em in high school because he can't play in the big-leagues today. He hasn't projected a player for the past twenty years of his career as a scout to look at that kid and see him five years from now. But the guy who deals with the high school kid on a regular basis will find that he is probably just as easy, or maybe even easier, to scout than a college player. If a scout has the ability and the willingness to project, I don't think it makes a difference what the position is. Every player is the same to me. Maybe if that scout was a major league infielder or a major league pitcher he might see that guy better than the rest of us might. I always thought I was a better catcher scout. For some reason I could take a look at a catcher for a couple of innings and go on down the road and not miss on it. Other people would look at a catcher for five games and still couldn't

figure out whether he was a prospect or not.

Do you scout a player in Beijing the same way you would in Ohio?

Yeah, essentially you do. But you do look at the general picture more...the experience level. As far as the ability goes, no...if you see projection in a player. I like to use the example of Andruw Jones. When we saw him at fifteen, he was like 5'10" and weighed hundred and fifty-five, sixty-five pounds. And you could project him, but no one knew he would grow into what he is now and leads MLB in home runs. But you knew he was going to be better than he was. And if you'd seen the same guy in the United States you'd said he might have ranked higher in the United States. But then you go back, and see that Andruw Jones hadn't played that much baseball. And if he grew like he did and refined the projectable tools that he had. And better coaching and more at bats...you

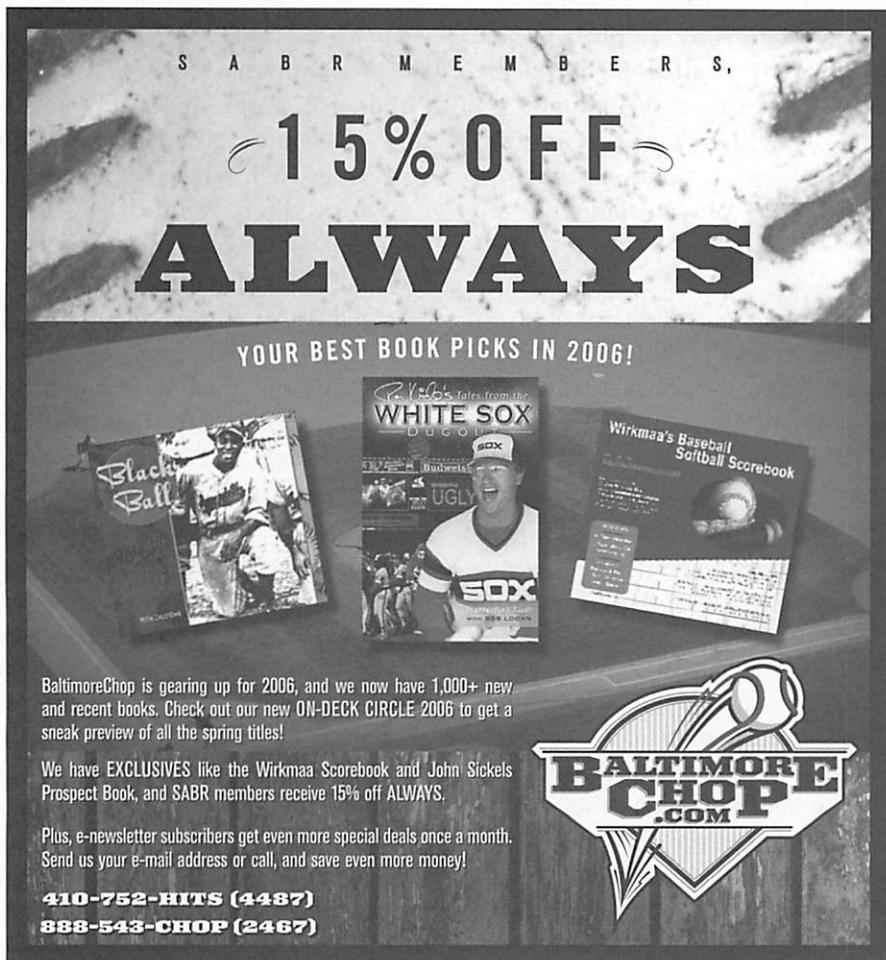
didn't know what he was going to be today but you knew he was going to be better. I guess essentially I didn't scout guys any different one place than the other.

You were a sportswriter in Columbia, Missouri, during the early days of racial integration. Did that experience influence you as a baseball scout?

I think so. I really think so. For years, I had no problem relating to people of non-Caucasian, non-English, speaking heritage. I've never had any problems with that. That comes through really quickly in negotiations and so forth. Because if you can move freely in the other man's environment and not feel like you're above them, then you can sit and talk pretty easily. I used to go to Chicago a lot, I spent about twenty-five years in the Chicago area and I never had any problems down in the inner-city. Other scouts would get pushed around and told to leave the parks and so forth. But I never had any problems. It didn't take long for many people to understand the old fat fellow is here. He may have contracts. Baseball may have opened the door, sure. But the relationship we had as human beings was one on one. I used to turn my hat backwards and sit with the boys...and we didn't have any problems.

What advice would you give to someone who wants to be a scout?

Don't. And I've told several people that. Until you have your future in your own hands, don't. Don't be caught up in miasma of glory that goes with being a big-league scout. It's nice to sit in a ball park and say, "I'm a major league scout." But then you come home to find out that you don't have a job and your family now is in jeopardy. So be very careful of involvement. Some scouts get caught up in the glory and the glamour sitting in that big-league ballpark. Flashing a radar gun. I'd say, "Hey guys, weigh the future in more than one direction. Don't put all your eggs in baseball's basket without a guarantee."



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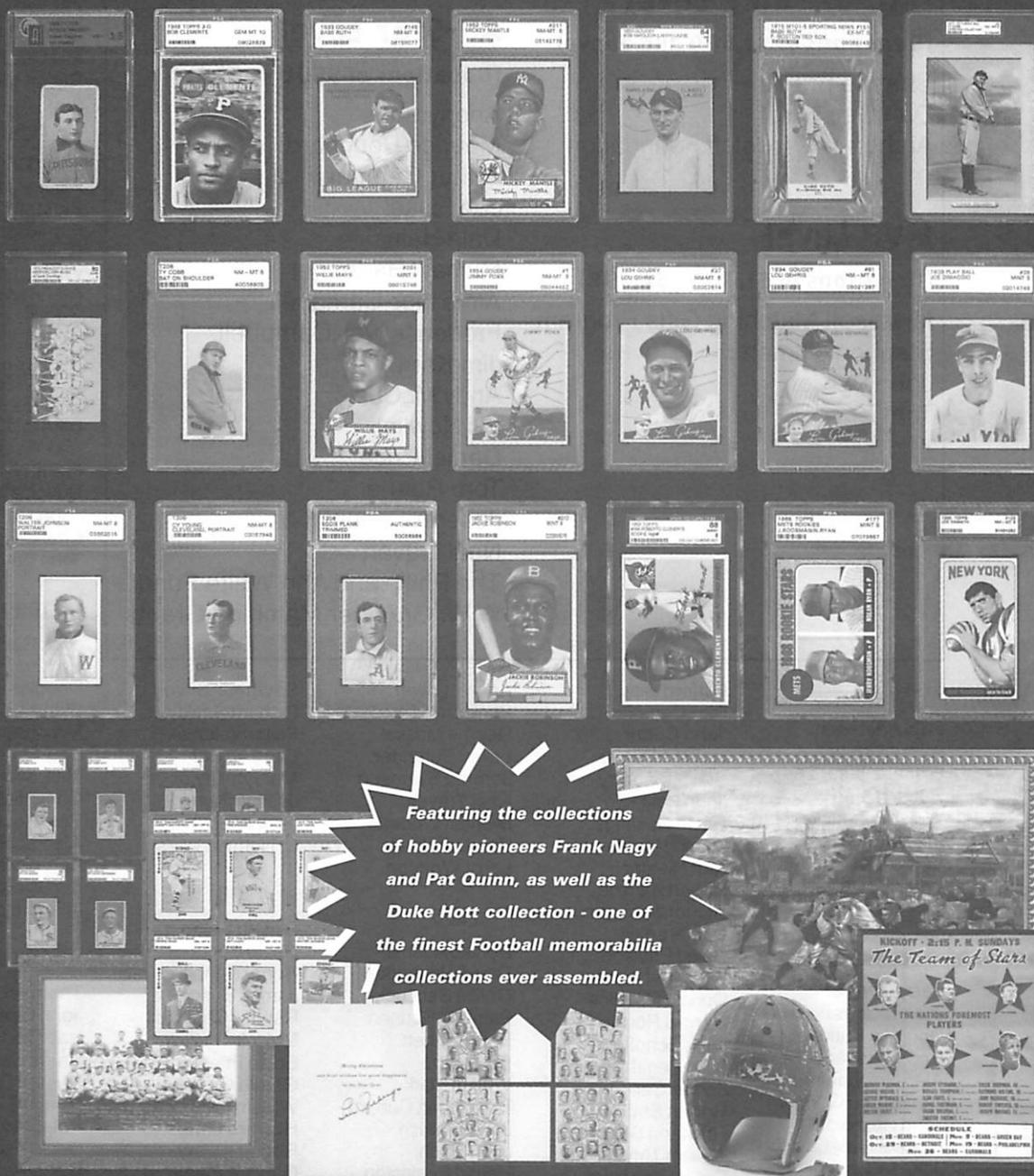
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But we would also like to thank the dozens of members who gave generously of their time. All Research Committee chairs, all regional leaders, all the volunteers who moderate SABR-L and other e-groups also deserve our deepest thanks and appreciation. The volunteers who help put together our conventions, the board who volunteers their time and expertise, various ad hoc committee members who do the same--all of these members help make SABR a strong, vibrant, and wonderful organization.

And finally, each member, whether she or he is able to donate money, time, or talent, plays an important role in helping SABR fulfill its mission of helping people to do baseball research and to provide an outlet to publish it.

Thank you all for your support!

One of the many pleasant features of SABR is the wide variety of baseball interests that our members have. If there is a particular topic that you might want to pursue, no matter how obscure, rest assured that you will find another SABR member who shares that same interest. I'm one of those whose main baseball focus is not exactly mainstream. For more years than I care to count, I have been in love with the Pacific Coast League. I saw my first games as a 10 year old in Oakland, California, and even though my family didn't stay long in California, I was hooked on the league and the Oakland Oaks. I devoured the league statistics every week in *The Sporting News*, compiled weekly performances, invented games that featured Coast League players and even managed to persuade my dad to stop at a newsstand in downtown Omaha that featured out of town newspapers to buy the Sunday *Los Angeles Examiner*, which had all the Coast League averages. Kind of obsessive behavior, don't you think?

Years later, after I had moved to California as an adult, I researched the Los Angeles Angels and Hollywood Stars and wrote informal histories of both of those ball clubs. I joined SABR about that time and was pleased and surprised to find that there were

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members who were interested in the PCL just like I was. Bob Hoie, a tremendous minor league researcher, was one of the first who I met, at the SABR convention in Los Angeles, and we've been friends for over 25 years. Jerry Mezerow and Jay Berman bought my Angel book, and we became fast friends as well.

In the early spring of 1986, Mezerow and I were at a card show, and thinking out loud, we wondered if anyone would be interested in attending a meeting of old Pacific Coast League fans. We thought we could have some research presentations and perhaps find a player or two from that era who might be interested in getting together with us. Three months later we had our first reunion. 53 people attended, including 12 former Coast Leaguers. *The Orange County Register*, the largest newspaper in Orange County, devoted a full column to the reunion on the front page of the sports section. Needless to say, Jerry and I were pleasantly surprised.

The reunions became an annual affair, and this year our group, now known as the Pacific Coast League Historical Society, hosted its 20th

reunion in Southern California. The attendance is in the 300-400 range each year, and we've had former players from as far away as Florida attend. In 1995 we held a similar reunion in Northern California and just completed our 11th event in late September. As a by-product of these meetings, we've stimulated a considerable amount of research on the PCL with a number of books and articles having been published, and there are more on the way. Two years ago Carlos Bauer published his *Pacific Coast League Cyclopedia*, a mammoth endeavor, which includes playing records of virtually everyone who ever played in the league prior to 1958. It's a fine piece of original research, and nothing like it has ever been produced on the minor leagues.

None of this would have happened without SABR. My membership led me to others with a similar interest. As a group, we've functioned very much like an informal research committee, with SABR members helping other SABR members and we've accomplished a lot over the years. Other SABR members have similar success stories. It's one of the joys of belonging to our great organization.

IN MEMORIAM

HOWARD GREEN

Howard Green of Fort Worth, Texas, died on October 13, 2005 from complications of an aneurysm. He was 84.

Green, a former sportswriter for the *Abilene Reporter-News*, bought his first baseball team with two other veterans after serving in World War II. He left his newspaper job to manage the Abilene Blue Sox, which were affiliated with the Fort Worth Cats and the Brooklyn Dodgers.

A SABR member since 1982, Green was a knowledgeable sports historian, served as president of four Texas minor leagues and became the first president of the Dallas-Fort Worth chapter of SABR.

He was inducted into the Texas Baseball Hall of Fame in 1986, and as a member of the Texas House and a Tarrant County judge, he played a key role in the passage of bond leave for Turnpike Stadium, the eventual home of the

Texas Rangers.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Utley Green of Fort Worth; a daughter, Leslie Green Hawke of Bucharest, Romania; a stepdaughter, Deborah Hill of Fort Worth; two grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

GENEVIEVE DUFFIN

Genevieve Duffin, of Chicago, Illinois, passed away on September 22 from natural causes. She was 85.

A SABR member since 1982, Genevieve was on the audit committee appointed by Richard Topp in 1989 and was a member of the Ballparks, Baseball Records, Biographical, Nineteenth Century and Umpire and Rules committees. She also enjoyed book collecting and was a White Sox fan.

ROBERT F. STRAUSS

Robert F. Strauss, of Minnetonka, Minnesota, passed away on June 9, 2005 from Synovial Sarcoma. He was 56.

He had recently published a book on baseball statistics, *The Best: Unique New Statistics That Compare and Rank the Best Batters in Baseball History*. His friend, Robert Aronson presented in his place at the May Halsey-Hall chapter meeting as Bob attended his oldest son's medical school graduation in Chicago on the same day.

ALAN MAMPEL

Alan Mampel, of Painesville Township, Ohio, passed away on August 19. He was 78.

A longtime resident of the nearby town of Wickliffe, Mampel was past member of the Wickliffe Rotary Club, friend of the Wickliffe Public Library, member of the Amigo's Club of Cleveland, past president of the Wickliffe Jaycees, and member of Kirtland Christian Fellowship Church, Wrinkled Writers of Mentor in addition to being a member of the Jack Graney Chapter.

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Len Levin
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THE SEYMOUR MEDAL

The Seymour Medal recognizes the author(s) of the best book of baseball history or biography first published during the preceding calendar year. To be considered for the medal, a work must be the product of original research or analysis. The winning book shall significantly advance our knowledge of baseball and shall be characterized by understanding, factual accuracy, profound insight and distinguished writing.

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No more than one Seymour Medal shall be given each year. If, in the judgment of the award committee, a worthy candidate cannot be found, the medal shall not be awarded. There is no limit to the number of times an individual may win the award, but it must be awarded each time for a wholly new work.

The Executive Director solicits candidates for the award from publishers and the three-member judging committee assists in recommending books for review. Recommendations by SABR members will be welcomed; they will be reviewed by the award committee, and if any committee member determines that the book qualifies for medal competition, it shall be added to the list of books to be judged, and review copies shall be requested. The Judging Committee consists of **Jim Odenkirk**, 1207 Kimberly Lane, Boise ID 83712-7736 (prior to December 15) 4694 E Lavender Lane, Phoenix AZ 85044 (after December 15); **Paul Adomites**, 1139 Route 38, Emlenton PA 16373; and **Dick Johnson**, 268 Middle Street, Braintree MA 02184-4851.

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Eligible projects must be the product of original research or analysis and must significantly advance our knowledge of baseball. They must be characterized by factual accuracy and notable insight.

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Steve Gietschier
The Sporting News-SABR Baseball Research Award
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Ronnie Joyner, 7780 Traeleigh Ln., Charlotte Hall MD 20622-3352, 301-290-0445, ronnie@ndun.com, seeks information on Brian McCall who played very briefly with the White Sox in 1962 and 1963 (a total of only 15 at bats), but is noted for hitting 2 home runs in the last game of the 1962 season. He also played at Idaho Falls, Greensboro, Tri City, Savannah, and Lynchburg.

Richard Hunt, 124 Coventry Pl, Clinton NY 13323-3904, 315-853-3654, rhunt@ccs.edu. The Clinton High School SABR Chapter is researching Perfect Games and "Almost" Perfect Games. Information about these games of an unusual nature would enhance student interest in their research.

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Thanks to a large donation of baseball books and periodicals, the City of San Diego Public Library is becoming a major league player for baseball research.

Jonathan Fraser Light, a SABR member since 1994 and author of *The Cultural Encyclopedia of Baseball, 2nd edition*, recently donated more than 1,150 books and periodicals that focus on baseball. Significant additions include reference books, biographies of players and managers, team histories, juvenile literature, fiction, baseball humor, and books about the business of baseball.

The San Diego SABR Baseball Research Center was begun in 2000 as a result of a partnership between the San Diego Public Library and the San Diego Ted Williams Chapter of SABR, which has been active locally since 1984. The Center's collection is held at the Central Library.

Mr. Light's contribution is the largest single donation the Baseball Research Center has yet received, and the fourth major contribution to the Center in the past year.

Between September 2004 and March 2005, the Library received approximately 250 books from Andy Strasberg, steering committee member for the San Diego SABR chapter. Gifts contain mostly media guides for individual Major League Baseball teams from the 1970s to the present.

In addition, in February and March 2005 the Library received 2004 and 2005 media guides for all Major League Baseball teams, as well as 40 copies of the 2005 Padres media guide for distribution throughout the San Diego Public Library system. Previous gifts from the Padres include copies of significant baseball games from the Padres' videotape archives. Earlier this year, the Library also received about 75 baseball books from longtime SABR member Joe Naiman, co-author of *The Padres Encyclopedia*.

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——: Interview with an official scorer. 10 pages. A Q&A with Charles Scoggins, a SABR member, sports writer for the Lowell (Mass.) Sun and an official scorer for the Boston Red Sox. Text is taken from the RedSoxNation.net web site.

——: Big Train won No. 300 as reliever. 1 page. From "Inside Pitch," a Baseball Hall of Fame electronic newsletter.

Bendix, Peter, and Matt Gallagher: The Leo Mazzone effect. 5 pages. Compares pitchers' statistics while pitching under Mazzone's tutelage with how they did elsewhere, and concludes that the "Mazzone effect" is positive and significant.

Bernstein, Sam: The duping of Babe Ruth. 5 pages. About the events surrounding Ruth's departure from the Yankees to join the Boston Braves.

Camey, Gene: Bert Collyer: The Canadian connection to the Black Sox scandal. 4 pages. About a journalist who helped expose the Black Sox scandal.

Fitts, Robert K. Where did Ichiro come from? The evolution of Japanese baseball strategy. 6 pages. The text accompanied slides shown at the presentation.

Fleitz, David: Cap Anson on Broadway. 5 pages. A look at Anson's brief, unsuccessful career on the Broadway stage.

Gillette, Gary, and Pete Palmer: No saves, no glory. 35 pages. Presents a new way of measuring the value of middle relievers by Quality Relief (QR) percentage. With tables of career QR leaders 1960-2005 and season-by-season leaders 1960-2004.

Hayburn, Tim: Baseball Behind Bars: Prison Baseball at Eastern State Penitentiary in the early 20th century. 13 pages. How a prison in Philadelphia used baseball to attempt to reform inmates.

Humber, William: Baseball explains Canada and vice versa. 12 pages. How baseball research helps explain Canada's history and national identity. Includes a section on Jackie Robinson's season in Canada.

Krevisky, Steve: Elston Howard and the 1954 Toronto Maple Leafs. 20 pages. A chronological account, plus copies of newspaper articles, of Howard's season with Toronto, when he was the International League MVP.

Lammers, Craig: Night baseball. 8 pages. Focusing on Independence, Kan., of the Class C Western Association, tells how night baseball helped the minor leagues survive the Depression of the 1930s.

Land, Gary: The rules of the (sandlot) game. 14 pages. An examination of "informal" baseball.

Levitt, Dan: Ferdie Schupp should be recognized as the record-holder for lowest single-season ERA. 5 pages. The title was taken away from Schupp by retroactive application of current rules.

Macht, Norman: Say it ain't so: Debunking baseball myths. 8 pages. A look at some of the beliefs about baseball fostered by writers and others.

Newman, Roberta: Now pitching for the Dodgers: The local character of baseball and advertising in Brooklyn, 1890-1957. 18 pages.

Niebuhr, Keith: He's the Hall's Senior Citizen. 2 pages. Text of article in the St. Petersburg (Fla.) Times, July 24, 2005, about Al Lopez, the oldest living member of the Hall of Fame.

Reaves, Joseph A. Big Easy, baseball go far back. 2 pages. Chronology of New Orleans baseball history, plus a list of teams that have trained in the city, and when. From the Arizona Republic, Phoenix.

Schwartz, John: Umpire staff size, 1916-1945. 1 page. An annotated year-by-year chronology showing how many umpires each major league employed.

Selter, Ron: Hilltop Park dimensions. 10 pages. September 2005 revision of article on the first American League ballpark in New York. Includes diagrams showing the changes in dimensions over the years.

Shea, Stu: The major leagues' plot to stop Wrigley Field. 5 pages. How the major league owners tried to prevent Charles Weeghman from building a ballpark for his Federal League team.

Smith, David W.: A tale of two eras: The World Champion Dodgers of 1955 and 1965. 9 pages. A comparison of the two World Championship teams.

Spear, Bob: A life lost to time: The mystery of umpire Cal Drummond's death. 4 pages. Copy of article in the State, Columbia, S.C., Sept. 18, 2005.

Vincent, David: Career home runs by position. 5 pages. The top 20 career home run hitters at each position (30 for pitchers), plus DH, through 2004.

Wells, Donald R.: Baseball's Western Front. The Pacific Coast League during World War II. 6 pages.

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The purchase information for Larry Lupo's book, *What if Babe Ruth Played for the 1927 Red Sox?* was inadvertently omitted in the Sept/Oct TSB. Those wishing to purchase a copy of his book for \$13.95 by logging on to www.lulu.com.

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The purchase information for *Strat-O-Matic Fanatics* by Glenn Guzzo was also omitted in the Sept./Oct TSB. Those wishing to purchase a copy of his book may do so through ACTA Publications, (800) 397-2282 in the U.S. or Canada, or log on to www.actapublications.com.

FERRELL AND THE HOF

Many SABR member wrote in about the line, "Two players who many believe should be in the Hall of Fame, Indian Bob Johnson and Rick Ferrell, finished third and fourth," on pg. 18 Centennial Celebrity recap in the Sept/Oct TSB. Of course, Rick Ferrell is already in the Hall of Fame.

TRENT MCCOTTER

We failed to announce in the Sept./Oct. TSB that Trent McCotter was also the recipient of the Jack Kavanagh Award for his research.

LESLIE HEAPHY

In our pg. 1 story about the Negro Leagues HOF inductions in the Sept./Oct. TSB, we failed to note that Leslie Heaphy is also on the voting committee.

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