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**Richard Stockton College Library to House
Archives of “Pop” Lloyd Committee**

Pioneer of Negro League Baseball and Atlantic City Sports

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compared to the best white player at that playing position in his era, Honus Wagner. Honus Wagner is quoted as saying “I am honored to have John Lloyd called ‘the Black Wagner,’” according to the Hall of Fame website. “It is a privilege to have been compared to him.” Also known for his speedy and aggressive base running, Lloyd was dubbed “El Cuchara” (The Shovel”) for his fielding prowess by Cuban fans during Lloyd’s days with the Cuban X-Giants. He once caught a game while wearing a wire wastepaper basket to protect his face because his team could not afford a real catcher’s mask.

Lloyd’s Atlantic City connections include stints with the Atlantic City Bacharach Giants in 1922, 1924-25, and 1931-32. Pop Lloyd Field in Atlantic City is named in his honor, and he is depicted on a sculpture and on a mural at Bernie Robbins Stadium, home of the current Atlantic City baseball franchise, the Atlantic City Surf of the Canadian-American League. Lloyd passed away in Atlantic City on March 19, 1965.

Stockton will formalize its agreement with the Pop Lloyd Committee at its Board of Trustees meeting to take place at 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday February 21, 2007 in the Multipurpose Room of the Townsend Residential Life Center on the Galloway Township Campus.

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