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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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Galloway Twp., NJ -- The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey will sign a memorandum of agreement with the John Henry “Pop” Lloyd Committee at the College Board of Trustees meeting on Wednesday, February 21, designating Stockton’s Library to house the collection of the archives of the Committee.

The “Pop” Lloyd archives contain a variety of baseball publications, photographs, media, documents and memorabilia pertaining to one of Atlantic City’s most historic sports figures, Baseball Hall of Famer, “Pop” Lloyd. The goal of the College and the Committee is to preserve the collection and make it more accessible for public education and research.

“Pop Lloyd has a rich and fascinating history with Negro League baseball and sports in the Atlantic City region,” said David Pinto, Director of the Library at Stockton. “We are delighted to make available these archives which highlight the man, his era, and the educational programs of the Pop Lloyd Committee. This collection fits perfectly with our materials on Atlantic City history and Southern New Jersey history that are currently held in our Archives.”

John Henry “Pop” Lloyd (1884-1965) was born in Palatka, Florida and played for 12 different Negro League teams and managed four teams during a baseball career spanning four decades. A left-handed hitting shortstop, he was a great fielder who was favorably

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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