## Strike 2

Who ever said baseball was a game?

"It's done." With those simple words, federal mediator Ken Moffett announced at 5 a.m. Friday that the major league baseball players and owners finally had reached a tentative agreement in a most exasperating strike.

So 50 days and 711 games — almost one-third of the season — later, Ray Grebey can sink back into obscurity, Marvin Miller can go back to occasionally blasting Commissioner Bowie Kuhn. Moffett can return to the air traffic controllers, and the Doral Inn in New York can resume a more mundane tourist business. And this Sunday, with the All-Star Game in Cleveland, baseball will be back and all will be

The strike has changed the sport of baseball so it will never be the same as it was on June 11. Too many people have been hurt and disillusioned, too many truths about the game have been revealed — too much innocence has

right with the world. Right?

This strike over free agent compensation (in other words, what kind of player a team that loses a free agent should receive from the team that signs one) was conducted like most other labor disputes — nastily. The player

representatives and the owners' Player Relations Committee members called each other nasty names over the bargaining table. Grebey and Miller went after each other every day in the papers and on television.

The players suspected the owners of every kind of crooked bargaining practice, and the owners said the players were trying to cheat them out of millions of dollars in revenues by refusing to agree to a settlement and go back to

Kuhn turned out to be a figurehead with no power to end the strike and nothing to say but, "The owners this." and "The owners that." And the fans were caught in the middle, split almost evenly about who was right, knowing only that whatever was going on definitely wasn't baseball.

Baseball had suffered minor upsets before this year with the establishment of free agency, and players striking for 13 days in 1972

=reader opinion=

During the past few weeks I have been wondering

about the propaganda that was carried by the media

concerning the royal wedding. I asked myself and

some of my collegues, "What is the reasoning behind

• To celebrate the marriage of the first well-edu-

cated prince in the history of England -although his

celebrating this ceremony in the United States?"

Propaganda

education is far from exceptional.

anything for a living and works hard at it.

over pension benefits. But baseball still was basically baseball: the timeless game to lull away the summer, the traditional national pastime, our greatest escape, provider of the American Dream — every little boy wants to

play for the Yankees. No more. Baseball now has been revealed as a business, pure and simple. The players went on strike over a labor problem — the free agent's right to be able to sell his services to whatever team he wished without being penalized. The owners were saying that wasn't fair, that they deserve more than a minor league draft choice for losing an established

But the strike was inevitable, if not this year then next year, or 1984 or 1990 — free agency and the problems that go with it have been an explosive issue since the beginning of baseball. It's been a right the players fought for and won, and it's been a sore spot with the owners since 1975, when Andy Messersmith and Dave McNally went to court to get it established.

If the blame for the strike must be put somewhere, it's with the owners. In asking the players to agree to professional compensation directly from the signing team, they were in effect asking the players to control the owners' signing of free agents.

If the strike went on longer than it should have, it's because of the owners. When Moffett introduced a compromise proposal the middle of last month, the players accepted it, but the owners turned it down without offering another. The owners had nothing to lose with a strike — they had a \$50 million insurance policy that, after 153 games were missed, would pay each team \$100,000 for each missed game -until Aug. 5, this Wednesday.

In the end, neither side won. The players got a compromised form of the direct compensation they wanted — a pool of players - and the owners got their professional compensation. It's a good, compromised collective bargaining agreement. Blue collar union-labor disputes work the same way.

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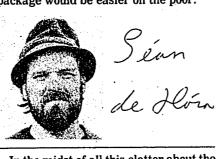


the big winner; the congressional antics up the mess.

ing temper tantrums, some new and package would be easier on the poor. some not so new faces have emerged. Rep. Jack Kemp looks more and more like the heir apparent to the president. House Speaker Tip O'Neill, rather than Sen. Ted Kennedy, has emerged has the champion of the old liberal ideals comising to stand red-nosed, sword in hand, between the administration's dragon and the widows and orphans that it -seeks to devour. Rep. Dan Rostenkowski is the little Dutch boy inserting his finger into the dike in order to prevent the tide

For the past six months, the Reagan scribed the proper medicine to cure the conservative, democratic and republieconomic program has dominated Connation's economic constipation. On the can. They should show some of the same gress, and grabbed a lion's share of the other hand, O'Neill and the critics insist solidarity found in other regions of the national press coverage. The public in- that when the administration's laxative country and join together to give the terest in this matter is justified for more takes effect and the budget cuts hit the rebels, cowboys and California beach; than just economic reasons. The theatre fan, the people who will catch the largest babies a good political kick in the ass. of the street has come to prime-time share of economic offal will be those poor One issue that begs for such treatment television and the average TV-viewer is slobs who are least capable of cleaning is a federal takeover of welfare. For

accompanying the debate provide some Whether the arguments blowing out of such as New York, Philadelphia, Chicago of the best evening entertainment since Washington consist of pure wind or some- and Cleveland, have been getting the the major networks dropped professional thing of greater substance, until recently economic life squeezed out of them by a the politicians could insist that they had staggering welfare burden. Everytime From this congressional circus of bull- the best interests of the nation at heart one of these cities asks for any kind of slinging, insult-hurling and desk-thump- and that their version of the economic federal assistance, there is always some



In the midst of all this clatter about the nation's poor? of Reaganism from flooding the nation. truly needy, a handful of legislators Regardless of who one's heroes and came to the defense of the truly greedy. I of the world has been dumped on the villians are in this charade, one has to am speaking of those members of Con- Northern and Midwestern industrial citadmit that most of the support and crit- gress that represent the oil-producing ies. With nothing but strong backs, a icism of the program has at least been states of Texas, Arkansas and Oklaho- willingness to work and an unwillingness disguised in reputable terms. Kemp and ma. They threatened to hold the econom- to quit, the scads of immigrants built an the president's other supporters argue ic bills hostage until Congress and the economic base that gave these cities an that the situation is very serious and that president granted major concessions to unprecedented standard of living. For they are the only ones who have pre- the oil companies in the form of tax the first time ever, it became possible to sides gave in and amended their tax-cut who could not work.

for the oil men. This is a shameless attempt on the part tuting a system of repression, racismy of the legislators to repay some of their and bigotry that produced economic biggest political contributors. The legis- stagnation. The victims of this system lators are blackmailing the Archie Bunk- fled to the Northern cities in search of a ers of America's industrial belt into better life. In some areas of the South, forking over extortion money to the J. R. the welfare offices handed out gratuitous

Ewings of the Sun Belt. Ordinarily such a clumsy attempt at Later when the great depression struck political terrorism in Congress would be and a drought blew away a good portion worthy of no more than contemptuous of the Sun Belt's farmland, the federal laughter; as goofy as our political lead- government created jobs through proers may appear at times, they should be grams like the Tennessee Valley Authoricapable of knocking these cowboys off ty and the Civilian Conservation Corps.

becomes even more ominous when we al belt. consider recent developments in Mon- Now that the Sun Belt states are finally tana. The big sky state has recently been experiencing a little prosperity, it is time considering an export tax on all coal that they began accepting some of the naleaves the state. This in effect is laying tion's financial burdens. the groundwork for an eventual domestic equivalent of OPEC, which would enable industrial states of Massachusetts, Con-

smirking cracker standing on the steps of the Capitol and drawling into a news microphone about how these cities must learn to exercise restraint. They must straighten out their own economic mess because his committee just doesn't think that it's right for decent country folk to pay for the big cities' excesses. self just whose poor are creating the welfare burden in New York and Philadelphia: Are they the city's poor or the For more than a 100 years, the refuse

breaks and deregulation. In the end both offer a decent standard of living to those proposals to include economic bonanzas Meanwhile, other parts of the country tried to preserve the status quo by insti-

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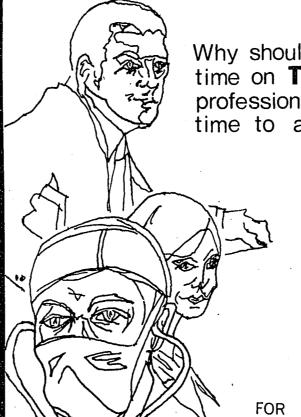
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## Common Cause is different

Hedlund says group works as 'eyes and ears' for members

We don't do that. There are inside and outside lobbyists in Washington. My job is that of an inside lobbyist in Washington,

"I've had enough conversation I work a lot with committee staffs preparing testimony, with my peers at other institutions to coalition meetings with senators, literally standing off the know that they've had unusual years House floor waiting to speak to legislators. also. It will be an interesting fall as

More women

in this fall's

freshman class

"A 2 percent jump in that sort of

Dickason said he does not know

why all these statistical changes

"What I can show you is a lot of

symptoms where you've had ex-

treme variations in historical

thing is — it just doesn't happen."

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trends." he said.

we go to our conferences."

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COLLEGIAN: What have been some of the past legislative matters that Common Cause has supported and how successful The problem next year will be whether to consider the variation as a one-year changes or a new HEDLUND: Common Cause started 11 years ago. Our first

trend. Dickason said the University doing that, a number of institutional changes had to be made. Pennsylvania Rep. Arlen Specter will be an extremely crucial will have to work out a number of ways to deal with admissions next We had to end the seniority system in Congress, shut off funds player in those issues. One possibility would be a waiting When I say "we," I don't mean we did it alone, but we played

"That's dangerous in its own right," Dickason said. "If you put someone on a waiting list, they may say 'Thanks, but no thanks.' " In recent years, the University has not used that option, he said.

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tions, but have not been successful there. COLLEGIAN: What are some of the other things Common

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COLLEGIAN: As a lobbyist, how would you go about persuading a legislator to support a bill that you might advocate? 'Laws, some of the open meetings laws and the sunshine laws. HEDLUND: Well, Common Cause lobbyists work differently We, along with the League of Women Voters, probably get the than industry or trade association lobbyists. They would most credit for the passage of the sunshine laws throughout the typically make campaign contributions, oppose or endorse country. All 50 states now have sunshine laws. We helped pass candidates, wine and dine folks, take them to football games, the Civil Service Reform Law in Washington and have worked on the Ethics and Government Act, which includes financial

There are also a number of efforts on controversial issues for and I view myself as the eyes and ears for our members around the Congress to pass laws that would restrict the Supreme Court's ability to rule or decide on issues of abortion, capital punishment, bussing and prayer in schools

7:30 tonight at 103 E. Hamilton Ave. Many groups that advocate controls in those areas have been lisappointed with court rulings. So now they're going into Congress and they're saying, "Don't let the court rule on

It's not right for an interest group to go to Congress and say: "We lost in court, so now you tie the court's hands in these issue was to get a legislative end to the Vietnam war; and in areas." This issue will reach the Judiciary Committee and

COLLEGIAN: Have you had any problems with the Reagan

**HEDLUND:** The Reagan administration wants to repeal or We were also the first organization to pursue President Nixon restrict many of the major mid-'70s reforms, many that we for illegal fund-raising activities. We have had a continuing were involved in. Many of these were major reforms for the interest in campaign reforms. We were probably the most country. They want to do away with the Federal Elections instrumental in getting public financing for presidential elec- Commission. They want to gut the Foreign Corrupt Practices tions so (candidates) don't have to rely on private contributors. Act and make it administratively unenforcable so corporations We've worked to get public financing of congressional elec- would again be able to scrape money overseas so they can get

## Symposium on Value to be held at Kern

um on Value, an ongoing forum for the presentation of working papers collegian notes in the area of value studies and ethics, will be held at 7:30 tonight in 101 Kern. The program is a project of the Center for Value Studies and

sor "The Satisfying Vegetarian served at 7:30 and the programs will Cooking Class," at 6 tomorrow night in 220 Human Development Build • The Krishna Yoga Society will sponsor "Bhagavad-Gita-as-it-is" at

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political, economic and social inequality.

girls cannot afford a \$10 dress.

whose family cannot be described by any standard less or more than being figures and symbols. • To celebrate the royal wedding because England is ally to the United States.

• To celebrate a wedding of a country that has thousands of people who are unemployed and hungry; moreover, the turbulent situation in Northern Ireland. • To celebrate the wedding in order to bring to the memory of people that this countty was under British

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> citizens should not be corrupted by this propaganda. unreasonable celebrations in the United States, "Would you hold a ceremony for an American government figure or member of his family if he or she

sors who created the Third World with its racial.

royal crown at one time, or to show people what Dark Ages looked like instead of reviewing history.

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The royal family killed 800 Canadian bears to make I would like to ask the organizations sponsoring these

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a handful of states to redistribute Ameri- necticut, New York, New Jersey, Ohio, ca's wealth right into their own capitals. Michigan, Illinois, Indiana, Wisconsin I for one have had enough of the talk and Pennsylvania to take these bush about how the future belongs to the Sun league, oil state legislators and give Belt and how the Northeastern states can them a few lessons in how to play bigdrift into the ocean and join Atlantis. Just time political hardball. once, the members of Congress from the Northeastern and Midwestern industrial Sean de Hora is a graduate student in states should forget about the differences history and a columnist for The Daily

There are enough votes in the big

Reagan would consider dropping an anti-trust suit preme Court do not continue to act as secondary players in the drama that is federal government. With many controversial and pressing questions

Congress' decision not to draft women - ignoring tion are not there to create red tape and paper-They exist to prevent a strong president from becoming a omnipotent dictator.

gan and Franklin Delano Roosevelt are also being Philip Gutis is 6th-term journalism and political portrayed as presidents who dramatically science major, and is managing editor of The Daily Collegian.

### . Since the wealthy TAX CUTS Will not • Finally, perhaps, to present to the public Lady don't pay taxes Diana with extremely expensive wedding garb. Some need tax cuts. hats for the royal guard. I believe that the ceremonial wedding of the Dark Ages should not exist; the world conscience does not accept that now. The free world

and Seagram, Dupont and Mobil bidding war, we see a big newspaper, The Washington Star, lose to the bigger paper in the nation's capital - as the Democratic Party loses to big Ronald Reagan and the Republicans. The man with the bigger image and the bigger organization won the war in

movement toward larger corporate mergers, the astounding Republican victories are also ques-It's not that the Republicans should be knocked for winning. That's politics. However, the tactics used by Reagan and the Republicans surpass just politics. His methods — both extensive and expen-

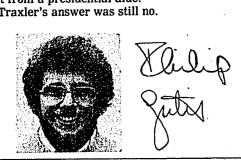
But as many people are prone to question the

sive — are legal, but they make the average American say "so this is politics . . The average scenario played out in Washington on Wednesday, the day of the overwhelming Reagan tax cut victory, went something like this: When Rep. Bob Traxler, D-Michigan, started a lobbyist from Chrysler. his office routine he remained committed to the

At 10 a.m., according to The Washington Post.

the pressure of a personal call from the president,

While big business battles it out in the Conoco p.m. he received another call — not from Reagan, and a staff skilled at public relations and the but from a presidential aide. Traxler's answer was still no.



started receiving phone calls from representa- O'Neill was humiliated. tives of powerful constituents - a top executive of These victories demonstrate how our govern-General Motors, another big shot from Dow mental system is quickly moving toward a huge Chemical a vice president of Ford and ultimately federal body consisting of an extremely powerful

would stick by his beliefs. And he did.

Take, for example, Rep. Dave McCurdy, Dthe Post. Reagan gave him a personal phone call also. Finally, on this vote, McCurdy gave in. He didn't on the two previous Reagan/Democrat struggles. This time he said he wanted to help move the Democratic Party "more to the mains-

Wednesday wasn't the first time that Reagan

and his party have shown the Democrats who is more skilled at politics. Twice before, once during Reagan and his political henchmen weren't a vote on a resolution supporting the Reagan very happy about the representative's stubborn budget plan and again when the House voted on refusal. About 20 minutes passed before Traxler the specific budget cuts, House Speaker Tip

president, a legislative branch more than willing This congressman was determined. He said he to bow down to the president and a judiciary full of self-restraint judges unwilling to challenge But many other Democratic Congressmen — 48 either Congress or the president. Traxler received a call from Reagan. Even under to be exact — obviously didn't. Sure, some of The constitution demands three branches of those men supported Reagan and his tax plan. government - Reagan, under the mask of an

He campaigned saying he would try to lessen utes of both men. He controls Congress and he is the impact of the federal government upon Amer- not faced with a hostile Supreme Court challengicans. By creating a "new federalism," Reagan is ing his own new deal. Oklahoma. He was invited to Camp David to supposedly transferring powers from the federal As Rep. Bill Nelson, D-Florida, told The New spend a weekend with the president, according to government to the states; but he seems to want to York Times: "We might be moving into a new era

> Reagan administration announced that if Con- with a simple and direct message." gress approved a reworked communications bill, One can only hope that Congress and the Suagainst American Telephone and Telegraph. The Supreme Court has bowed twice in recent memory to the wishes of the two other branches. facing this country - abortion, busing, voting It deferred to an executive decision that former rights -- we need our federal government working CIA agent Philip Agee did not deserve a passport as it was designed. because he was a rabble-rouser. It also OK'd The checks and balances built in the constitu-

This country previously has had a strong executive. Many people are drawing similarities between Reagan and Lyndon Johnson — they both could make Congress jump through a hoop. Reachanged the course of the country.

gain control of whatever remains of the federal of government. Previous presidents tried and failed to go over the heads of Congress, but in this Every day, the media report many examples of era of electronic media, with a good communicaa federal government merger. On Wednesday, the tor as president, he can go straight over our heads