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editorial opinion

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 expiring strike.

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 talent.

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.

But 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. 3, 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 collective bargaining agreement. Blue collar union-labor disputes work the same way.

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



Belting the Sun Belt

For the past six months, the Reagan economic program has dominated Congress, and grabbed a share of the national press coverage. The public interest in this matter is justified for more than just economic reasons. The theatre of the street has come to represent the major networks dropped professional wrestling.

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More women in this fall's freshman class

Continued from Page 1. A 2 percent jump in that sort of thing is — it just doesn't happen. Dickason said he does not know why all these statistical changes occurred this year.

The problem next year will be whether to consider the variations as a one-year change or a new trend. Dickason said the University will have to work out a number of ways to deal with admissions next year.

Common Cause is different

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

Continued from Page 1. Common Cause lobbyists work differently than industry or trade association lobbyists. They would typically make campaign contributions, oppose or endorse candidates, wine and dine folks, take them to football games, that kind of thing.

Common Cause has worked on the Freedom of Information Act, along with the League of Women Voters, probably get the most credit for the passage of the sunshine laws throughout the country. All 50 states now have sunshine laws. We helped pass the Civil Service Reform Law in Washington and have worked on the Ethics and Government Act, which includes financial disclosure.

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reader opinion

Propaganda

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 colleagues, "What is the reasoning behind celebrating this ceremony in the United States?"



Big business, big money, big troubles — Big Reagan

Bigger is becoming better in the United States. While big business battles it out in the Conoco 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 Washington.

Traxler stayed committed to Democrats. By 1:30 p.m. he received another call — not from Reagan, but from a presidential aide. Traxler's answer was still no.

Reagan and his political henchmen weren't very happy about the representative's stubborn refusal. About 20 minutes passed before Traxler started receiving phone calls from representatives of powerful constituencies — a top executive of General Motors, another big shot from Dow Chemical, a vice president of Ford and ultimately a lobbyist for Chrysler.

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