

No clear leaders in baseball races

By Jeff Taebel and L. Kent Wolgamott

With 25 games remaining in the torrid 1978 regular season, all four division races have become too close to call.

In the American League East, Boston's seemingly insurmountable lead has dwindled to only five games because they have cooled off considerably from their season long .700 pace.

Under new manager Bob Lemon, the New York Yankees have avoided disaster and are now playing up to pre-season expectations. Led by 20 game winner Ron Guidry, and assisted by the resurgence of relievers Sparky Lyle and Rich Gossage, the Yankees seem to be in position to give the Red Sox a strong challenge for the division title.

Milwaukee, Baltimore and Detroit seem to be out of the running, which is unfortunate as all three would be leading the American League West with their records. In the West, Kansas City and California trade the division lead on an almost daily basis, with neither team playing well enough to draw away from the other.

The expected six team dogfight for the division crown has turned into a battle of mediocrity with five of the divisions's seven teams wallowing below the .500 mark.

The National League East race has become interesting in a hurry due to the rampaging Pittsburgh Pirates, who have won 19 of their last 22 games.

The division leading Phillies, who have the worst record of any of baseball's division leaders, have lacked a strong challenger so far, but the Pirates seem prepared to change this situation. The Cubs remain in striking distance four games behind.

The National League West race seems to have boiled down to a two team battle between Los Angeles and San Francisco. Cincinnati's sliding Big Red Machine will be

destined to spend this fall in the garage.

The Dodgers and Giants are playing a series this week which could have a great impact on the remainder of the division race.

With divisional play having begun this weekend, the races will be getting even wilder as the leaders and contenders meet in head-to-head contests, determining who will battle for the pennants.

Budget cut reduces Love Library funds

By Cindy Coglianese

What would you do with \$1.3 million? Would you buy new cars, a villa in southern France or investments?

Love Library doesn't have to imagine they have \$1.3 million, they have it. But according to Gerald Rudolph, dean of libraries, that figure is not close to what they need. Rudolph said the dollar figure should be closer to \$2 million.

A one and a half percent cut from the university's budget will result in a \$25,000 cut for library use. And Rudolph said another \$150,000 to \$200,000 in purchasing power has been lost over last year due to the reduced budget and inflation.

According to Rudolph, 57 percent of the budget will be used to renew periodicals and 16 percent will be available for specific requests. The request monies are divided evenly between the faculty members and the librarians who usually make the book buying decisions. Rudolph said student input for specific books usually emerges through faculty members or librarians.

"It is remarkable that not much money is available for special requests," Rudolph said.

A portion of the budgeted \$1.3 million will be used to replace stolen or vandalized books. Rudolph claimed Love Library and C. Y. Thompson Library are major areas for stolen or vandalized books. Before the new security system was installed at Love Library, about 25,000 books were stolen per year Rudolph said.

Rudolph said he considers stealing or vandalizing library materials as theft of the state. He said both legal and university action can be taken against an individual for misuse of the properties.

Rudolph also said that all copy machines in the libraries have been changed from Xerox to IBM. Rudolph said the IBM machines will be easier to repair. More copy machines may be possible depending on the use of the machines. Rudolph said nearly one million copies were made last year from the machines.

sports shorts

Roland "Duke" LaRue has been named UNL's new assistant trainer-physical therapist, pending approval by the Board of Regents.

LaRue has been the chief physical therapist-head athletic trainer at Western Illinois University in Macomb, Ill., for 13 years and succeeds Dennis Sealey. Sealey left UNL to become head trainer and physical therapist at the University of Washington.

LaRue will be in charge of the Huskers' Student Trainer Endorsement Program as well as the physical therapy department at the Student Health Center. LaRue also will assist head trainer and physical therapist George Sullivan in all phases of UNL's athletic training.

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