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Backers 'halfway home' to goal

Elon University seeks \$10M to start a law school

By Mike Wilder
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Supporters of an Elon University law school in downtown Greensboro say they're well on the way to achieving their goal.

Elon has said it needs \$10 million from outside sources plus free use of a building for the law school's early years.

Jim Melvin, a former Greensboro mayor who's one of the major players in the effort to revitalize the city's downtown, said Friday he and others are "about halfway home" in reaching the \$10 million figure.

Elon University's leaders announced in early March a 60-day timetable to see if there's enough financial support for a law school. Elon's leaders have said Greens-

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Library has method to choosing books

By Mike Wilder
Times-News

About 20 years ago, May Memorial Library in Burlington carried "Playboy" magazine.

Margaret Blanchard, director of the regional library system that includes May Memorial, said the library began subscribing to the magazine because a lot of its patrons asked for it. The Mebane library branch also carried the magazine. Both libraries dropped it because it kept getting stolen.

The "Playboy" example may be a good one to explain how and why the library chooses materials.

If books or other materials are widely popular — making best-seller lists, for example, or winning awards — the library will almost certainly have them.

If a book gets strong reviews in literary magazines, the library will be likely to add it to its collection. And if a lot of patrons ask for it, the

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Local boys

THIS IS THE FIRST of a series of stories on baseball players who hail from this area.

Monday: Neal Watlington of Yanceyville, who was literally plucked from the stands at a minor league game, becomes a big leaguer.

Tuesday: Tom Zachary's brilliant career, and his disagreement with Babe Ruth over that famous 60th homer.

Wednesday: The brief career of Boyd Perry; and Floyd Wicker's tape-measure home run.

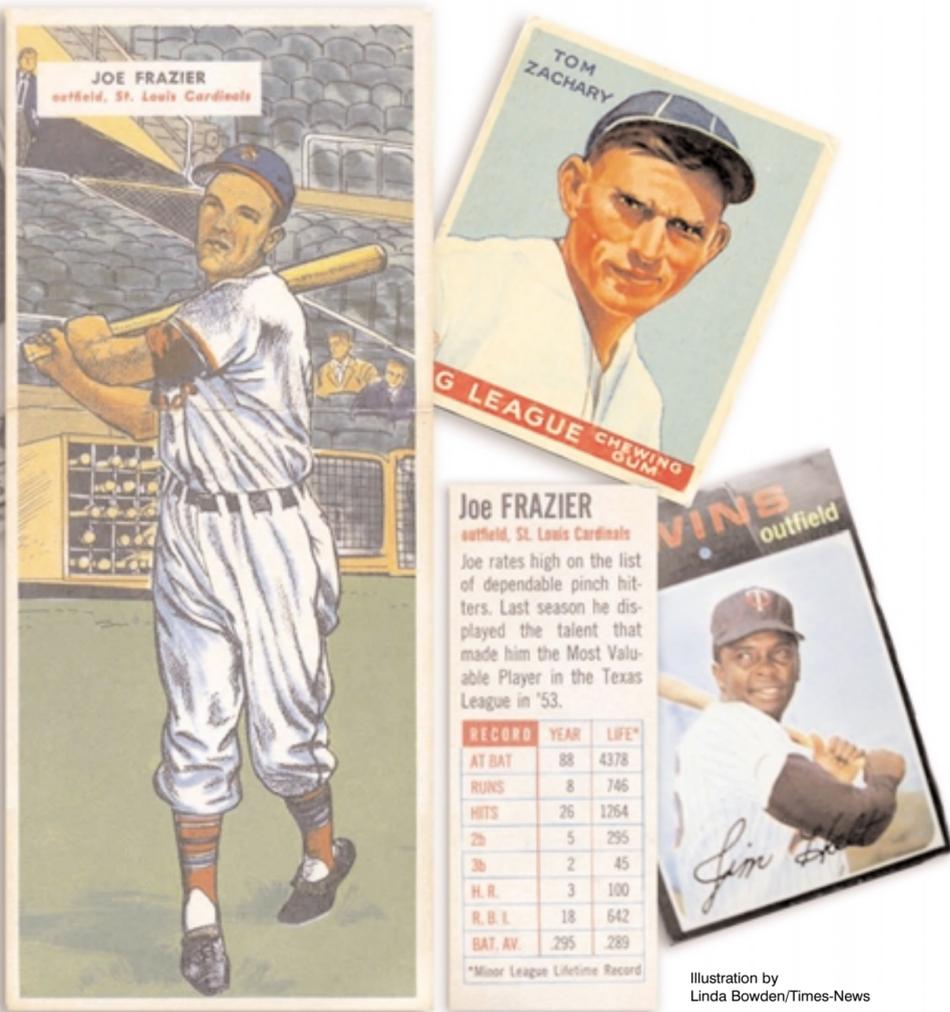


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BIG LEAGUES

By Jay Ashley
Times-News

On May 4, 1875, Charles Wesley "Baby" Jones stepped to the plate, becoming the first of a long line of Alamance County area boys to play in the baseball big leagues.

The southern part of the county has been a particularly fertile breeding ground for major league talent, including the most well-known, Tom Zachary. Zachary played 19 major league seasons in both leagues, but his biggest claim to fame was that he served up home run number 60 to Babe Ruth in 1927.

The Snow Camp area also produced Floyd Wicker, Garland Braxton, Cap Clark and Boyd Perry (Eli Whitney). Nearby Liberty produced major leaguers Tim Murchison and Joe Frazier, while Mebane yielded Tal Abernathy and Lew Riggs.

Graham can boast Elzie Clise Dudley and Jim Holt. Max Wilson

and Shag Thompson were Haw River boys. Dusty Cooke and Don Thompson were from Swepsonville and Lefty West called Gibsonville home.

Caswell County also produced some boys of summer. John Nunnally (Pelham) and Neal Watlington (Yanceyville) came from just north of Alamance County.

As for "Baby" Jones and Luke Stuart, they are listed in baseball records as being born in Alamance County, with no specific community designated.

"BABY" JONES was born 11 years before the outbreak of the Civil War, a scant year after Alamance County was carved from Orange. He broke into baseball about the same time as the first catcher's mask was introduced to the game (thanks, Fred Thayer).

He played outfield with such teams as the Keokuk Westerns and the Hartford Dark Blues in the National Association, and the Cincinnati Red Stockings and New York Metropolitan in the American Association. His last team was the Kansas City Cowboys. He mostly

played outfield, but did do a bit of pitching, not uncommon in those early years.

He was one of the National League's best sluggers in the mid-1870s. He was a popular player with the Cincinnati Reds, but was often criticized in the press for carousing.

Sensing Cincinnati's team was about to fold, Jones jumped ship and signed a contract with the Cubs in 1877. He only played two games with the Cubs before returning to the Reds.

In 1879, he signed a three-year deal with Boston, where he led the league in home runs (9) and runs batted in (62).

In 1880, he became the first player to hit two home runs in one inning. However, after the 1880 season, Jones was suspended from the team and blacklisted for refusing to play. He challenged that he had not been paid, and sued for his pay. He lost his court challenge, but in 1883, the blacklisting was lifted and he signed with Cincinnati in the American Association. In 1884, he became the

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Device may detect dirty hands

By Ted Bridis
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — With just a flicker of blue light, little Johnny's mother one day may know for sure whether her son washed his hands before dinner.

New light-scanning technology borrowed from the slaughterhouse promises to help hospital workers, restaurant employees — one day, even kids — make sure that hand washing zaps some germs that can carry deadly illnesses.

A device the size of an electric hand dryer

detects fecal contamination and pinpoints on a digital display where on a person's hands more scrubbing is needed.

eMerge Interactive Inc., a struggling technology company in Sebastian, Fla., is hoping to tweak light scanners it already sells to beef plants to detect the same kinds of nasty germs on humans.

The blue-light scanners could dramatically improve hygiene among employees who forget to wash their hands after bathroom breaks. This practice is a leading cause of food poi-

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Making sure hands are clean

Light-scanning technology may soon be used to inspect freshly-washed hands. A hand-scanner uses fluorescent light to detect any trace of fecal matter, which can spread disease from person to person.

A screen locates any contamination on hands to show people where they need to clean further.

Users swipe an ID card, making it possible for employers to track compliance to hand-washing policy.



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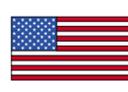


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