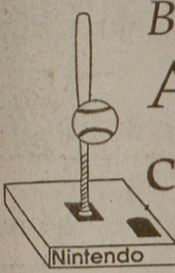


Bo knows baseball America's pasttime comes to Nintendo



By Chris Eklof
The Battalion

Bo used to know football. Bo still knows baseball. But does he know video games? Bo Jackson Baseball for the Nintendo Entertainment System joins the already crowded field of video baseball games.

An athlete can not be labeled as a superstar until he puts his face on the cover of a video game. Joe Montana, Magic Johnson, Larry Bird, Michael Jordan and Jack Nicklaus have all sold their names to video game companies.

The latest wave of baseball games for the Nintendo Entertainment System features a head to head match-up between Bo Jackson and Roger Clemens. This battle does not take place on the field, but on the store shelves. Bo Jackson Baseball and Roger Clemens Baseball are both shooting for the same group of fans and the competition should be hot.

Bo has good graphics featuring a huge batter and pitcher. The batter takes up a large part of the screen with good details of his batting style, mannerisms and athletic build. There are no players with Babe Ruth bellies in this game. They are all built like Bo.

The game play itself is exciting and entertaining. It follows regular baseball rules and does not have any unusual gimmicks. There are no robot players or gun-toting catchers in this game.

The game is fun when you are just learning to play and when

you know what you are doing. Beginners will find Bo to be a comedy of errors, but with practice some serious baseball can be played between two people. As in most games, Bo is a lot more fun when you are playing against a friend rather than the computer.

The best feature of Bo is the diagrams that it displays on screen to help you program your pitch. It lets you play right away without having to constantly consult the instruction book.

Bo gives you the choice of fifteen different pitches. Fastballs, change-ups, curves, sliders and knuckleballs can be thrown at slow, medium or high speed.

In the same way that pitches are programmed, Bo lets you choose to hit for power, contact or for a bunt down either baseline.

Bo allows you to set up simulated playoffs between any of the major league teams. The teams are filled with players bearing more than a slight resemblance to real players. Pitcher Frank Tanana is named Banana, Cecil Fielder is named Felder, and Bo's archrival Roger Clemens is

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Bo Jackson Baseball is a game that can be played for a long time without getting old. The programmers have done a good job of taking the unpredictable game of baseball and putting it into the computer. This game is just plain fun to play. It is hard to beat the feeling of crushing a grand slam in the bottom of the ninth to win the game.

Going the Extra Mile A&M student plans national bicycle tour for handicapped awareness

By Terri Welch
The Battalion

The wheels of life are turning pretty fast for one senior these days.

Trying to get back into the swing of school, his job and his fraternity will be more difficult this semester as Michael Debello prepares to help out some very special people.

Debello, an ocean engineering major from Houston and a member of Pi Kappa Phi fraternity, will be traveling over 3,500 miles this summer...by bicycle.

For 62 days, Debello and 49 other members of a special team known as the PUSH (People Understanding the Severely Handicapped) America '92 team, will travel through many cities nationwide and over all sorts of terrain.

All of the riders are members of Pi Kappa Phi fraternity and come from all across the nation. But aside from the ride, the main focus is strictly to benefit Americans with disabilities.

"We will make dozens of presentations during our trip to help others understand the issues facing those with handicapping conditions," Debello said.

Most people with average abilities do not understand what a handicapped person goes through, Debello said. The programs the team presents are designed to help those people clear up any misconceptions about the handicapped.

"One of the things we do is put socks on the hands of people who are not handicapped and ask them to try and button their shirt," he said. "Another is asking people who are not blind to try and count change blindfolded. What would normally take a few seconds ends up taking a few minutes."

In addition to these programs, the PUSH America '92 team will also attend many special events and spend a lot of time visiting with handicapped persons.

Debello said he knows the trip will change him not only physically, but emotionally.

"I used to shy away from someone with a handicap," he said. "But since then, I've met a lot of handicapped kids through fraternity projects."

He said that these times he has spent with kids at places such as the Brenham State School has made him see handicapped persons in a different light.

There is more to the PUSH America '92 ride than just the programs and the desire to create an awareness of handicap difficulties.

Each rider not only trains to be physically prepared for the ride, but also is required to raise \$4000 for the event on their own with no help from their fraternity chapter.

Knowing he has to generate these funds in order to qualify to ride, Debello has come up with two fundraisers to help him out this semester.



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Michael Debello, an ocean engineering major from Houston, will cycle 3,500 miles this summer to raise money for People Understanding the Handicapped.

"When I applied to ride last October," Debello said, "I wrote that I am not a fully selfless person and I know that this ride would improve my life."

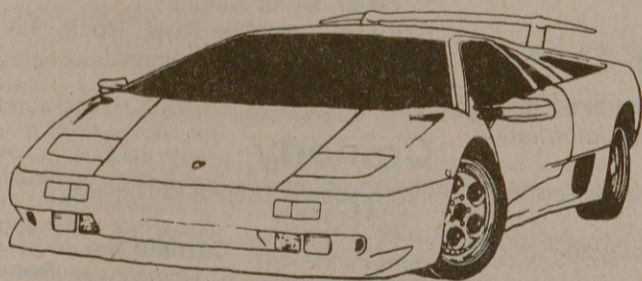
"This is the biggest project I've ever been a part of," he said. "And I know that it will definitely make me an unselfish person."

The entire project hopes to raise over \$200,000. Anyone interested in making a tax-deductible donation on Debello's behalf should contact him at (409) 846-0825.

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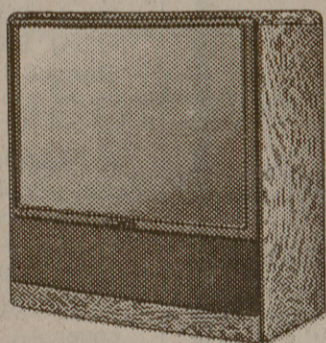
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