

AUCTION OF RARE RED SOX BASEBALL BOOK
TO BENEFIT SMALL CHICAGO COLLEGE

This week, while much of the country is focused on the outcome of the World Series contest between the Boston Red Sox and the Colorado Rockies, a small Chicago College will be closely watching another contest involving the Red Sox -- an eBay auction for the 1897 first publication of George Touhey's Boston Base Ball Club 1871-1897, one of the rarest books in baseball history. The book will be listed on eBay starting this Sunday, October 28th, in a week-long auction for the benefit of Shimer College. Shimer is an academically rigorous four-year liberal arts college where students study a Great Books curriculum in small discussion-based classes. The college is located on the Chicago campus of the Illinois Institute of Technology (IIT), where Shimer students can take courses on topics ranging beyond the Great Books curriculum.

Only a handful of copies of the book remain in existence. It is considered highly collectible due to its numerous vintage photographs of the 1800's Boston Red Stockings (later changed to Red Sox) ballplayers as well as its excellent history of baseball—one that debunks the common myth that the game was invented by Abner Doubleday.

The book's donor, Dan Shiner (sic) of Mill Valley, California, is a rare book dealer, 1977 Shimer alum, and member of the Shimer College Board of Trustees. He says that Shimer's highly regarded Great Books program and its determination to offer admission to the broadest possible spectrum of promising, highly motivated students inspired him to offer the proceeds of the sale to the College.

The College's President, Ron Champagne, has agreed that if the sale price is \$50,000 or more he will personally deliver the book anywhere in the continental United States. Champagne added, "It is fitting that the gift of a rare book is being used to support a college committed to the Great Books of Western literature."

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