Plimpton discusses adventures at LSC Lecture in Kresge

by Barry Minkoff

Jounalist George Plimpton, in his own words, has made a profession of "doin' badly" at sports. In an LSC-sponsored lecture Wednesday at Kresge, Plimpton recalled many of the experiences that have served as the subjects for his books, "Out of My League" and "Paper Lion," as well as for numerous magazine articles.

All-Star game

"Out of My League," Plimpton detailed his success as pitcher in a post-season All-Star game. Plimpton, thrown from the Pin-

heads, led off hitter, took a vicious cut and fainted to the ball to first. The Giant's Willie Mays dug in. As Plimpton put it, Mays took "a pout-"

orable swing," but "hit a pop 14 fork caught the left field fence" (two out). Up stepped Frank Thomas. The Pirate slugger bel- 

ted "one of the longest runs ever seen in Varsity Stadium." Plimpton's preparation for his brief but meteoric baseball career consisted of an afternoon's ram- 

bling in a meadow near a church in the south of France. The team included a renowned namesake Gabri- 

ele, an outfielder, "threw the ball like a tennis, three feet away from us"; an overgrown cen- 

ter fielder had a "second, Gabrielle"; and the eita- 

tau's owner, who in spite of all precautions stayed back in a crucial while standing on home plate.

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