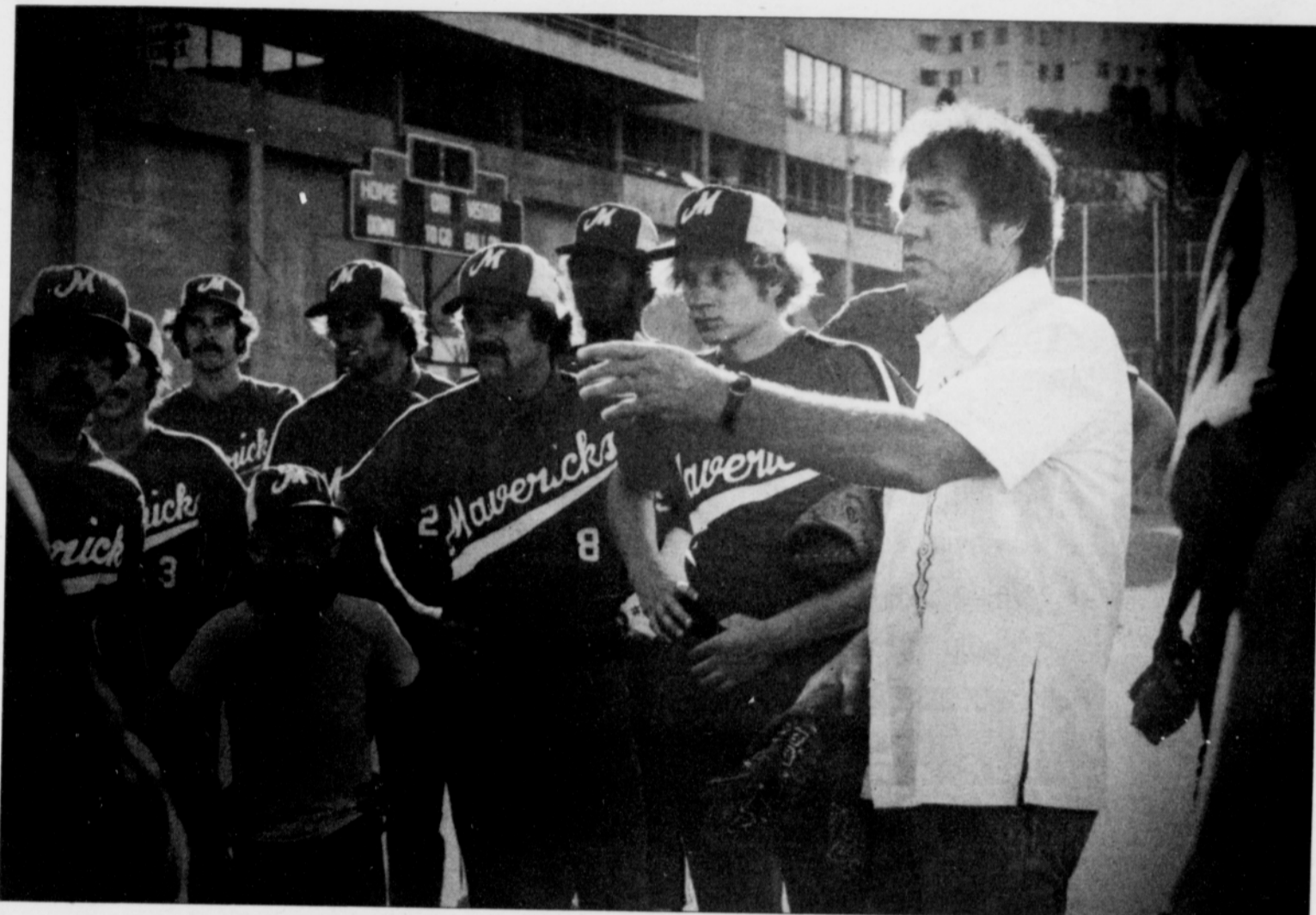


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A photo of the renegade Portland Mavericks baseball team from about 1973.

Portland's Renegade Mavericks Film captures early chapter in city's 'weird' history

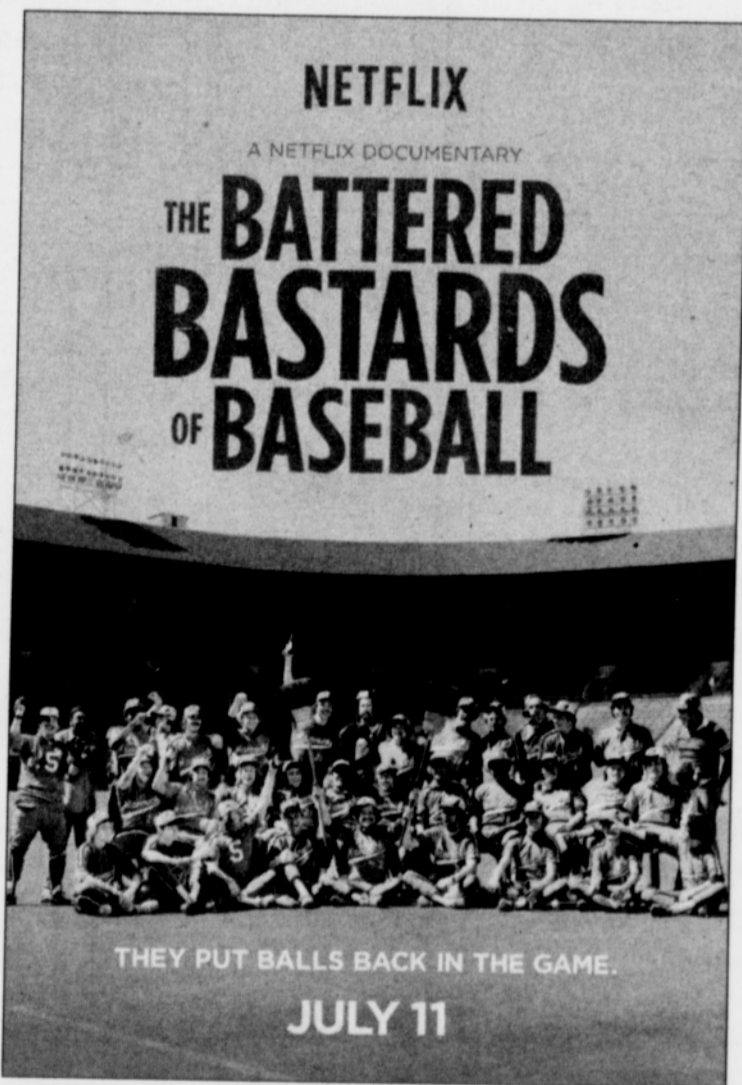
Hot on the heels of its celebrated premiere at this year's Sundance Film Festival, the Northwest Film Center presents a special Friday, July 11 screening of "The Battered Bastards of Baseball," co-presented by the Oregon Historical Society and featuring special guests in attendance.

A lively chapter in Portland's indie, "keep things weird" history is the unheralded story of the renegade Portland Mavericks baseball team. When Portland lost its longtime AAA team, the Beavers, Hollywood actor Bing Russell (Clem on "Bonanza" and father of Kurt), bought the minor-league affiliate rights and formed a new single-A team to operate independently of major league baseball's farm system.

Russell was in it for the love of the game, not the business, and when his team of castoffs—mostly assembled from open tryouts—took the field in 1973, the spirit of baseball was alive in Portland in a special way.

Setting attendance records, the quirky Mavericks managed to whip the professionally stocked opponent teams, and today, in an era when professional sports seem

p.m. Admission is \$9 general admission. For more information, visit nwfilm.org. The documentary also premieres the same day across the county on Netflix.



ever more driven by cynicism and commerce rather than ideals, the affectionate remembrance by film directors Chapman and Maclain Way, is more than just colorful local history.

The film's July 11 screening at Whitsell Auditorium, located in the Portland Art Museum, will begin at 8

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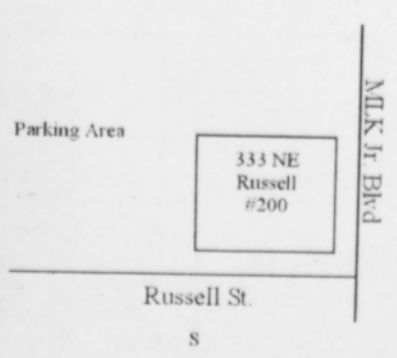
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