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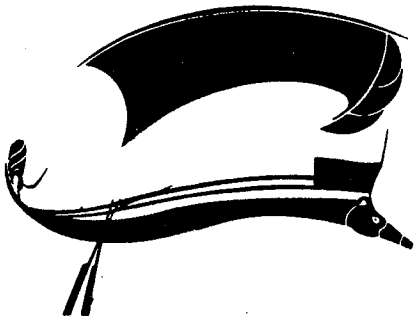
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PRELIMINARY ACTIVITIES WEDNESDAY JULY 31

11:30 - 11:45 p.m. Registration (Mission Crossroads)

7:00 p.m. Hospitality Hour

8:00 p.m. Entertainment:
Reading of Jonathan Reyonolds' one-act play,
"Yanks 3, Detroit 0, Top of the Seventh"
(Manchester Conference Center Meeting Room)

Unless otherwise indicated, all sessions of the conference will be held in the Manchester Conference Center Meeting Room at the University of San Diego

Welcome!

As you undoubtedly remember, Thucydides recorded a legendary feat in the fourteenth Olympiad. Orsippos of Megara threw off his loin-cloth as he sped down the stade. Orsippos not only finished the race naked, he finished first. The fesitivities celebrating Orsippoos's free-striding victory will start on Friday morning, August 1st and terminate late on Monday afternoon, August 5th.

Since we have an image to maintain, we have planned a dash of fun along with the scholarly activities. Please note that on Friday we will travel to Los Angeles for a day of culture. And fun. First on the agenda is a visit to the Norton Simon Art Museum in Pasadena, then on to the Huntington Library for lunch and a tour. In the evening everyone will have a choice: attend a play, *The Bleacher Bums*, or become the real thing at Anaheim with the California Angels. Following another day (Saturday) of academic fare at the University of San Diego, we will spend Sunday in Mexico. Ball games, bull fights, Jai Alai—all are on the agenda. On Monday after the academic sessions we will terminate the conference with Betsy's beach party honoring Mobert.

We are not trying to hide our aim to please: after all, this *is* the Orsippos Conference.

Regards,

Lyle Olsen

Thursday, August 1 **Morning Sessions**

8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. **REGISTRATION**

SESSIONS

I. 8:00 a.m.— 4:30 p.m. **Manchester Conference Center Meeting Room**
BUSINESS MEETING

Presiding:
President of S.L.A. Ralph Grawunder, Physical Eduction
San Diego State University

Note: With one or two exceptions, all of the presentations at the University of San Diego will be conducted in the Manchester Conference Center Meeting Room, hereafter abbreviated as MCC.

II. 9:15 - 10:45 a.m. **MCC**
THE GREAT AMERICAN BASEBALL NOVEL: A PERSONAL VIEW

Moderator:
Eric Solomon, English, San Francisco State University

Papers:
Richard C. Crepeau, History, Central Florida University
Universal Baseball Association, In., J. Henry Waugh, Prop.

Richard D. Keller, English, Emporia State University
The Natural

Lyle Olsen, Physical Education, San Diego State University
The Celebrant

Commentary:
Eric Solomon

BREAK

Thursday, August 1 — **Morning Sessions**

III. 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon — **MCC**

FICTION READING

Moderator:
Larry McCaffery, English, San Diego State University

Reading:
Albert Wachtel, English, Pitzer College
Three Stories Tracing Sport Fiction

Commentary:
Larry McCaffery

LUNCH BREAK

Thursday, August 1 — **Afternoon Sessions**

LUNCH BREAK

IV. 2:00 - 2:30 p.m. — **MCC**

FIRST CASUAL SESSION: SPORTS WRITING

Question-and-answer session with John Freeman, Copy Editor,
Sports Department, *San Diego Tribune*

Thursday, August 1 **Afternoon/Evening Sessions**

V. 2:45 - 3:50 p.m. **MCC**

OPEN PAPERS

Moderator:
George Gross, English, San Diego State University

Papers:
Stephen Mosher, Amherst, Massachusetts
Of Parables, Peanuts, and Pathos

Edward J. Walsh, English, Slippery Rock University
Thoughts About Sport Literature

Commentary:
George Gross

SUPPER BREAK

Transportation to and from restaurants in Old Town, San Diego, will be available

V. 7:45 p.m **MCC**

THE ERIC SOLOMON LECTURE

Introduction of the Speaker:
Michael V. Oriard, English, Oregon State University

The Eric Solomon Lecture:
James Dickey's Elegy for Lombardi
David Vanderwerken, English, Texas Christian University

Closing Remarks:
An Announcement from the Commissioner of Baseball
Richard C. Crepeau, History, University of Central Florida

Friday, August 2 **Special Activities**

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

Friday will be a day of leisure. Field trips to various San Diego spas are available. Please sign up with Dick Wells.

VII. (optional) **Los Angeles**

EXCURSION TO LOS ANGELES

For those who wish to partake, this optional excursion to the Los Angeles area will start with a visit to the J. Paul Getty Museum in Malibu and continue after lunch to either the Norton Simon Art Museum in Pasadena or the Huntington Library and Museum in San Marino. Those who desire to be closer to the Angels will travel to Anaheim for the early evening ball game.

VIII. (optional) **Marquis Public Theatre**

DRAMA: "BLEACHER BUMS"

For members who choose this option, tickets will be available to the acclaimed baseball drama, "Bleacher Bums," at the Marquis Public Theatre, 3717 India Street, San Diego

Saturday, August 3 **Morning Sessions**

IX. 8:45 - 9:30 a.m. **MCC**

ROBERT J. HIGGS LECTURE

Introductory Remarks:
A Tribute to Jack Higgs
Don Johnson, East Tennessee State University

The Robert J. Higgs Lecture:
Michael V. Oriard, English Oregon State University
Sport and the Southern Myth

X. 10:00 · 12:00 a.m. **MCC**

TEACHING SPORT LITERATURE

Moderator:
Richard Doxtator, English, University of Wisconsin at Stevens Point

Film:
Sticky My Fingers, Fleet My Feet (25 minutes)

What Works for Me:
Speakers: Alfred Boe, Robert J. Higgs, Don Johnson, Richard Keller, Mary McElroy, Stephen Mosher, Michael Oriard, Edward Sims, Eric Solomon, Al Starr, David Vanderwerker, Al Wachtel, and Edward Walsh

LUNCH BREAK

XI. 1:45 - 2:15 p.m. **MCC**

SECOND CASUAL SESSION: LANGUAGE OF THE BULL-PEN

Brent Strom (with Lyle Olsen watching closely) will present the language of the bull-pen. Strom has been known to throw a "country" sinker.

Saturday, August 3 **Afternoon Sessions**

XII. 2:25 - 3:00 p.m. **MCC**
POETRY

Moderator:
David L. Vanderwerken, English, Texas Christian University

Speaker:
Don Johnson, English, East Tennesse State University
Poetry Reading

XIII. 3:10 - 3:50 **MCC**
ANCIENT LITERATURE

Moderator:
Edward W. Warren, Philosophy, San Diego State University

Paper:
Brian Legakis, Classics scholar, Los Altos, California
Personalities of Athletes in Ancient Greek Art

XIV. 4:00 - 4:30 **MCC**
OPEN PAPERS

Moderator:
Alfred F. Boe, English, San Diego State University

Paper:
Mary McElroy, Physical Education, Kansas State University
Sword Play in the Elizabethan Dramatic Tradition

Saturday, August 3 — **Evening Sessions**

SUPPER BREAK

***ARETE* RECEPTION**

The San Diego State University Press and its director, Roger Cunniff, will host an informal reception for *Arete* from 4:35 to 5:45 p.m.

7:45 - 8:45 p.m. — **Supper**

XV. — **MCC**

THE MARK HARRIS LECTURE

A Tribute to Mark Harris:
Richard D. Keller, English, Emporia State University

The Mark Harris Lecture:
Apollo and the Muses
Robert J. Higgs, English, East Tennessee State University

Monday, August 5 **Afternoon Sessions**

LUNCH BREAK

XIX. 2:05 3:15 p.m. **MCC**
OPEN PAPERS

Moderator:
Richard C. Crepeau, History, University of Central Florida

Papers:
Al Starr, Division of Humanities and Arts, Essex Community College
The Why of Sports

James E. Hicks, English, St. Louis University
Teaching the Ontology of Baseball Trough Coover's The Universal Baseball Association, Inc,, J. Henry Waugh, Prop.

David Black, English & Physical Education, SDSU
Henry Thoreau's Body Language

XX. 3:35 p.m. **Mission Bay Aquatic Center**

BEER BREAK

XXI. 3:45 - 4:00 p.m. **Mission Bay Aquatic Center**
SMALL GROUP DISCUSSIONS

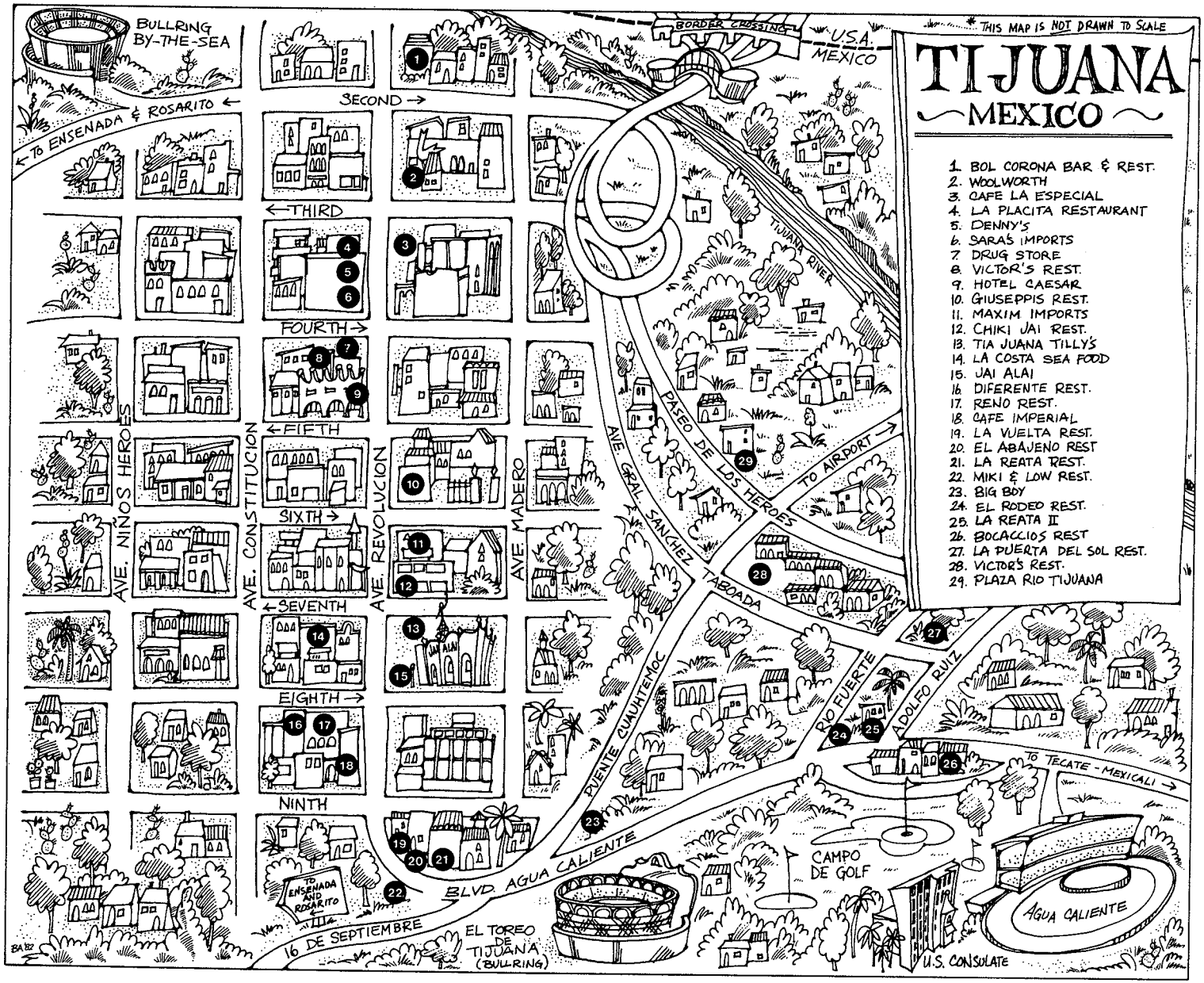
This time will be used for small group discussions about questions raised in the sessions. This format is designed for those participants who don't care for the large-group question format, which frequently turns into a speech rather than a dialogue. Spirited (and friendly exchanges between the writer and the listener are possible in small groups. Each table will have a selected presenter.

TERMINATION CELEBRATION

Mission Bay Aquatic Center
Monday, August 5
4:15 -

Betsy Olsen invites everyone to a beach party at the Mission Bay Aquatic Center. This party is in honor of Mobert. If you remember, Mobert was the goldfish who was remembered fondly because "he was fun while he lasted."




BULLRING BY-THE-SEA
TO ENSENADA & ROSARITO
BORDER CROSSING
U.S.A.
MEXICO
THIS MAP IS NOT DRAWN TO SCALE
TIJUANA
MEXICO
1. BOL CORONA BAR & REST.
2. WOOLWORTH
3. CAFE LA ESPECIAL
4. LA PLACITA RESTAURANT
5. DENNY'S
6. SARA'S IMPORTS
7. DRUG STORE
8. VICTOR'S REST.
9. HOTEL CAESAR
10. GIUSEPPIS REST.
11. MAXIM IMPORTS
12. CHIKI JAI REST.
13. TIA JUANA TILLY'S
14. LA COSTA SEA FOOD
15. JAI ALAI
16. DIFERENTE REST.
17. RENO REST.
18. CAFE IMPERIAL
19. LA VUELTA REST.
20. EL ABAJENO REST
21. LA REATA REST.
22. MIKI & LOW REST.
23. BIG BOY
24. EL RODEO REST.
25. LA REATA II
26. BOCACCIOS REST
27. LA PUERTA DEL SOL REST.
28. VICTOR'S REST.
29. PLAZA RIO TIJUANA
SECOND
THIRD
FOURTH
FIFTH
SIXTH
SEVENTH
EIGHTH
NINTH
AVE. NINOS HEROES
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16 DE SEPTIEMBRE
EL TOREO DE TIJUANA (BULLRING)
TO ENSENADA AND ROSARITO