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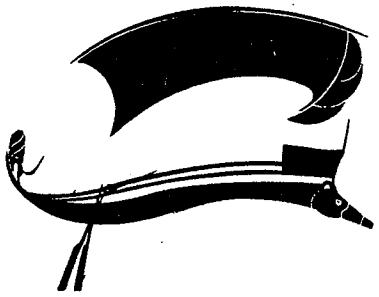
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Registration
Thursday, July 31
Mission Crossroads
University of San Diego

All sessions will be held in the
Manchester Conference Room
University of San Diego

1. University of San Diego

Friday, August 1 — Morning Sessions

I. 9:00 - 9:30 a.m. **REGISTRATION: BUSINESS MEETING**

Presiding:
David L. Vanderwerken, SLA President
Texas Christian University

II. 9:45 - 10:45 **A POTPOURRI OF PAPERS**

Moderator:
James E. Hicks, Western Illinois University

Papers:
James A. Mangan, Jordanhill College of Education (Scotland)
Manifestations of Moral Supremacy: Education, Literature, Propaganda, Sport, and British Imperialism

Christian K. Messenger, University of Illinois at Chicago
Norman Mailer: Boxing and the Art of His Narrative

III. 11:00 - 12:00 **WOMEN IN SPORT LITERATURE**

Moderator:
Olena Plummer, University of Nevada-Reno

Papers:
Eric Solomon, San Francisco State University
Women's Baseball Fiction

Joyce Mills, University of New Hampshire-Durham
Beauty in Sport: The Woman Athlete and the Poet Show It

Olena Plummer, University of Nevada-Reno
Water Dancer: *Jennifer Levin's Women as Athletes*

LUNCH BREAK

Friday, August 1 — Afternoon Sessions

IV. 1:45 - 2:45 p.m. **AN OPEN DISCUSSION: WHITHER SLA?**

Moderator:
David L. Vanderwerken, Texas Christian University

V. 3:00 - 4:15 p.m. **THE NATIONAL PASTIME**

Moderator:
Robert W. Cochran, University of Vermont

Papers:
Eric Solomon, San Francisco State University
The Boy of Summer Grows Older

James E. Hicks, Western Illinois University
Putting the Whammy on the Big-Time Jinx: Spells, Charms, and Superstitions in The Natural

James E. Odenkirk, Arizona State University
Bill Veeck, The Press, and the Glory Days in Cleveland

VI. 4:30 **INFORMAL RECEPTION hosted by the San Diego State University and Texas Christian University Presses**
Roger Cunniff and H. Keith Gregory, Directors

DINNER BREAK

VII. 7:30 - 8:30 p.m. **THE ERIC SOLOMON LECTURE**

Introduction:
Lyle I. Olsen, San Diego State University

The Eric Solomon Lecture:
A Second Cool Papa: Hemingway to Kinsella and Hays
Robert W. Cochran, University of Vermont

Saturday, August 2 — **A DAY FOR PLAY**

Sunday, August 3 — Morning Sessions

VIII. 9:00 - 9:45 a.m. — THE JACK HIGGS LECTURE

Introduction:
David L. Vanderwerken, Texas Christian University

The Jack Higgs Lecture:
The Textuality of Sport: A Semiotic Analysis
Spencer K. Wertz, Texas Christian University

IX. 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. — DEFINING SPORT LITERATURE/ SPORT CULTURE: A DISCUSSION

Moderator:
Christian K. Messenger, University of Illinois at Chicago

Panelists:
Wiley Lee Umphlett, University of West Florida
George Grella, University of Rochester

X. 11:15 - 12:00 — JOURNALISM MEDITATION

Moderator:
Alfred F. Boe, San Diego State University

Paper:
Bick Lucas, University of Arizona
Sports Journalists: They Don't Write 'Em Like They Used To

LUNCH BREAK

"I don't know whether Vince will ever be able to hit a curve ball. If Vince could only hit, he'd be worth $75,000. I don't think that name—DiMaggio—will ever be listed among the great hitters."
Charlie Graham, San Francisco Seals owner.

Sunday, August 3 — Afternoon Sessions

XI. 1:15 - 2:45 p.m. — ANCIENT SPORT LITERATURE

Moderator:
Tom Scanlon, University of California-Riverside

Papers:
David Young, University of California-Santa Barbara
Greek Athletic Records and the Question of Specialization

Hugh Lee, University of Maryland-College Park
The Schedule of the Ancient Olympics

XII. 3:00 - 4:00 p.m. — CREATIVE WRITING

Moderator:
David A. Evans, South Dakota State University

Papers:
Glynn Leyshon, University of Western Ontario
Short Fictions: "The Scooter Race," "The Victor," "Real Men Don't Play Baseball"

David A. Evans, South Dakota State University
Sports Poems

"Vince is the only player I ever saw who would strike out three times in one game and not be embarrassed."
Boston Braves Manager Casey Stengel

Vince DiMaggio set the National League record of 134 strikeouts in 1934 and six times led the league in whiffs.

XIII. 7:30 p.m. **AN EVENING OF FILM**

Presiding:
Stephen Mosher, University of Massachusetts-Amherst

Presentations:
Stephen Mosher, University of Massachusetts-Amherst
Icarus Who? Riefenstahl's "Olympia"

George Grella, University of Rochester
White Lines and Green Fields:
A Meditation on Baseball and the Western

Richard Doxtator, University of Wisconsin-Stephens Point
"Sticky My Fingers, Fleet My Feet" Revisited

Monday, August 4 **ANOTHER DAY FOR PLAY**

Vince DiMaggio's Career Record

	G	AB	H	2B	3B	HR	HR %	R	RBI	BB	SO	SB	BA	SA	Pinch Hit AB	Pinch Hit H	G by POS
Vince DiMaggio	DIMAGGIO, VINCENT PAUL Brother of Dom DiMaggio Brother of Joe DiMaggio B. Sept 6, 1912, Martinez, Calif.																BR TR 5'11" 183 lbs.
1937 BOS N	132	493	126	18	4	13	2.6	56	69	39	111	8	.256	.387	2	0	OF-130
1938	150	540	123	28	3	14	2.6	71	61	65	134	11	.228	.369	0	0	OF-149, 2B 1
1939 CIN N	8	14	1	1	0	0	0.0	1	2	2	10	0	.071	.143	1	0	OF-7
1940 2 teams	CIN N (2G – .250)				PIT N (110G – .289)												
" total	112	360	104	26	0	19	5.3	61	54	38	83	11	.289	.519	0	0	OF-109
1941 PIT N	151	528	141	27	5	21	4.0	73	100	68	100	10	.267	.456	0	0	OF-151
1942	143	496	118	22	3	15	3.0	57	75	52	87	10	.238	.385	4	1	OF-138
1943	157	580	144	41	2	15	2.6	64	88	70	126	11	.248	.403	0	0	OF-156, SS-1
1944	109	342	82	20	4	9	2.6	41	50	33	83	6	.240	.401	9	2	OF-101, 3B-1
1945 PHI N	127	452	116	25	3	19	4.2	64	84	43	91	12	.257	.451	5	1	OF-121
1946 2 teams	PHI N (6G – .211)				NY N (15G – .000)												
" total	21	44	4	1	0	0	0.0	3	1	2	12	0	.091	.114	1	0	OF-19
10 yrs.	1110	3849	959	209	24	125	3.2	491	584	412	837	79	.249	.413	22	4	OF-1081, SS-1, 3B-1, 2B-1

Tuesday, August 5 — Morning Sessions

XIV. 9:00 - 9:45 a.m. THE GORDON MCLENDON LECTURE

Introduction:
Jim W. Corder, Texas Christian University

The Gordon McLendon Lecture:
Dan Jenkins's Needle
David L. Vanderwerken, Texas Christian University

XV. 10:00 - 12:00 ANOTHER ECLECTIC SESSION

Moderator:
Stephen Mosher, Amherst, Massachusetts

Papers:
Lyle Olsen, San Diego State University
Spirits Naked to One Another: The Golfing Scene in Updike's Rabbit Run

Lee Umphlett, University of West Florida
The Black Man as Fictional Athlete: Runner Mack *and the Failure of the American Dream*

Nanda Fischer, Technische Universität München
Wings of a Colorful Bird: Contrasting Connotations of Sport and Utopian Intention of Literature

Jim W. Corder, Texas Christian University
The Rock-Kicking Championship of the Whole World, Now and Forevermore

XVI. 12:00 CLOSING PRAYER, OR HANDS ACROSS SLA

Afred F. Boe, David Vanderwerken

LUNCH AND AN AFTERNOON TO WIND DOWN

TERMINATION CELEBRATION

BEGINNING AT 4:00 P.M. AND LASTING UNTIL ? ?
WE WILL HAVE A TERMINATION CELEBRATION
AT THE BEACH. DETAILS WILL BE ANNOUNCED.

