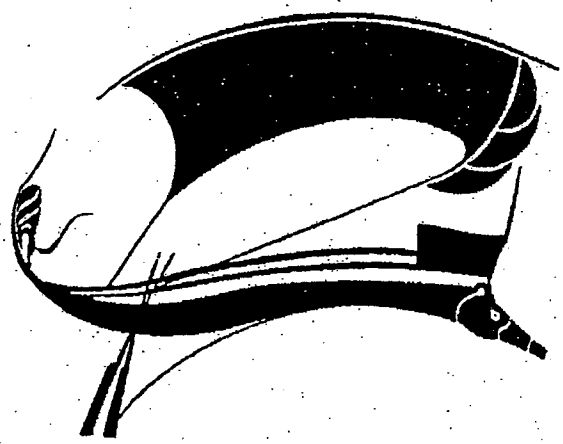
Sport Literature Association

Annual Conference XV



University of Montevallo
July 23-26, 1998



Thursday, July 23

Pre-Conference Barbecue 6:30-10 pm, at the Home of Bill Plott



Friday, July 24

Breakfast 7:00 - 8:15 am, Anna Irvin Dining Hall

Session I LITERATI

8:30 - 10:15 am, Ramsay Conference Center

Moderator: Don Morrow (University of Western Ontario)

Don Johnson (East Tennessee State University), "Cynisca's Legacy: Contemporary American Sports Poems by and About Women"

Matthew Johnson (East Tennessee State University), "Rising Above the Loathing: Hunter Thompson and the Sports Hero"

Paul Quigley (US Air Force Academy), "An Invitation to Wobble, Swing, and Wear Silk Drawers: Victorian Social Change in Peter Lovesey's Sergeant Cribb Detective Novels"

H. R. Stoneback (SUNY-New Paltz), " Roy Campbell, Lawrence Durrell, Ernest Hemingway, Henri de Montherlant and the Bullfights: Cocarde (La Course Camarguaise) and Corrida"

Session II MUSCLES

10:30 am - 12 noon, Ramsay Conference Center

Moderator: Eric Solomon (San Francisco State University)

Scott Juengel (University of South Alabama), "'Reader, have you ever seen a fight?': Hazlitt, Boxing, and the Wages of Public Opinion"

Kenneth Brandt (Florida State University), "Psychological Rebirth in Jack London's 'A Piece of Steak'"

Amy Sue Martin (North Carolina State University), "'The people don't want to see him knocked': Hero-Making in 'Champion' and in Ring Lardner's America"

Patrick Smith (Florida State University), "'I've suffered like Christ on the cross': The Psychology of Muscle in Harry Crews' *Body*"

Lunch 12 noon - 1:15 pm, Anna Irvin Dining Hall or Off-Campus

Session III **WHITE NOISES in the ENDZONE and in the UNDERWORLD: READING DELILLO**
1:15-3:15 pm Comer Auditorium

Moderator: Duco van Oostrum (University of Sheffield)

Judy Hakola (University of Maine), "Teaming Up to Get Into the End Zone: British and American Students Tackle DeLillo's Novel"

Elliott Vanskike (University of Iowa), "'He is one mean person, place, or thing': The Vacuity of Words in Don DeLillo's *End Zone*"

Eric Neel (University of Iowa), "Everything's Connected: *Underworld* and the Promise of the Crowd"

PANEL DISCUSSION: Responses to *Underworld*

Bill Cobb (University of Montevallo), "A Novelist's Appreciation of *Underworld*"

Bert Hitchcock (Auburn University), "*Underworld* in the Tradition of the American Novel"

Steve Parker (University of Montevallo),"Searching for Bobby Thomson: The Power of Myth in a One-Dimensional Society"

 **Dinner, 6:30 - 8:00 pm, at the Home of Glenda Weathers**

STORIES AND POEMS, 8:00 pm at Glenda's

Moderator: Sid Vance

Fiction

Bill Cobb (University of Montevallo), "The Night of the Yellow Butterflies"

Richard Arlin Stull (Humboldt State University), "The Great Trade of '62"

Poetry

Gregg Neikirk (Westfield State College)
Dale Ritterbusch (University of Wisconsin-Whitewater)
H.R. Stoneback (State U. of New York at New Paltz)



Saturday, July 25

Breakfast 7:00 - 8:15 am, Anna Irvin Dining Hall

Session IV HUNTS, HORSES, GOLF

8:30 - 10:15 am, Ramsay Conference Center

Moderator: Bill Plott *(Birmingham News)*

Adam McKeown (New York University), "Images of the Hunt in the Sixteenth-Century Lyric"

Kathy Sullivan Porter (Arizona State University), "The Hunt as Romantic Sport in Oliver Goldsmith's *The Vicar of Wakefield* and Henry Fielding's *Joseph Andrews* and *Tom Jones*

Susan Bridget McHugh (Purdue University), "(Inter)National Velvet: Girls and Horses vs. the Family Romance"

Don Morrow (University of Western Ontario), "The Use of Mysticism in Michael Murphy's *Golf in the Kingdom*"

Session V HOOPS

10:30 am - 12 noon, Ramsay Conference Center

Moderator: Royce Webb (*Sportsjones*)

Glenda Conway (University of Montevallo), "The Nurturing Nourishing Game: Basketball as Life-Giver in Bobbie Ann Mason's 'State Champions'"

Jeremy Lespi (University of Montevallo), "'On the Rush': Jim Carroll's Poetic Transformation in *The Basketball Diaries*"

La'Tonya Rease Miles (UCLA), "The Spirit of '54: Race, Region and Nostalgia for the Past in *Where The Game Matters Most*"

Sidney Vance (University of Montevallo), "Sport as Innocence in Kerouac's *Maggie Cassidy*"



Saturday Evening

Banquet, 6 - 7:30 pm

Stewart Student Retreat

Featured Speaker

William Hallberg (East Carolina University)

"Thoughts about the Literature of Golf"

The author of *The Soul of Golf* and *The Rub of the Green,* Professor Hallberg is also the editor of an anthology of golf stories entitled *Perfect Lies.* He teaches English at East Carolina University and plays golf whenever and wherever he can.

Poetry and Fiction, 7:45 pm

Moderator: Dale Ritterbusch (Wisconsin-Whitewater)

Fiction:

Glynn Leyshon (London, Ontario), "Smile of Malice"
John Morefield (East Tennessee State U.), "War Eagles"

Poetry:

Roger Bell (Ontario)
Marty Gervais (University of Windsor)
John B. Lee (Brantford, Ontario)

Annual Songfest in Ramsey following Fiction and Poetry



Sunday, July 26

Continental Breakfast 7:30 - 8:30 am, Ramsay Conference Center

Session VIII ADVENTURES

8:30 - 10:00 am, Ramsay Conference Center

Moderator: Lyle Olsen (East Tennessee State University)

Mark D. Noe (US Air Force Academy), "From Lardner to Streeter to the Trenches: The Epistolary Transformation from Baseball to War"

Michael Patton (University of Montevallo), "Everest and Egomania: Krakauer's Indictment of Mountain Climbing"

Duncan Jamieson (Ashland University), "The Genteel Sport of Bicycle Touring: Elizabeth Robins and Joseph Pennell"

Session IX PARTICIPATIONS

10:15 - 11:45 am, Ramsay Conference Center

Moderator: Tim Morris (University of Texas at Arlington)

Randall Clark (Pfeiffer College), "George Plimpton's *Out of My League*: Participatory Journalism as Literature"

Lyle Olsen (East Tennessee State University), "Passionate Pursuits: The Literature of Golf and Fly Fishing"

Mark Evans (US Air Force Academy), "'Is this heaven?': The Perfect Catch(er) in *Shoeless Joe* and *A River Runs Through It*"

Stephanie W. McConnell (Bowling Green State University), "International Politics and the 1980 Olympic Boycott"

Lunch 12 noon - 1:00 pm, Anna Irvin Dining Hall or Off-Campus

Session VI BATS

1:00 - 2:30 pm, Ramsay Conference Center

Moderator: Kathy Porter (Arizona State University)

Diane L. McKay (Duke University), "Coming of Age in the Age of the Image: The Big Show of Gender in the Work of James T. Farrell"

Tim Morris (University of Texas at Arlington), "Revealing the Father: Matt Christopher, 1917-1997"

David McGimpsey (Montreal, Quebec), "We Want a New Stadium Now: Promotional Discourse and Baseball Fiction"

Ron Hyatt (University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill), "Thomas Wolfe and the Olympics of 1936"

Session VII BIOS

2:45 - 4:15 pm, Ramsay Conference Center

Moderator: David McGimpsey (Montreal, Quebec)

Duco van Oostrum (U. of Sheffield), "Pin-up or Person: The Autobiographical Subject in American Sports Autobiography"

Paul Mahaffey (University of Alabama), "Mandingo and the Media"

Steve Mosher (Ithaca College), "'Wasted on the Way': The Romantic Impulse in Three Contemporary (Post) Modern Sport Films"

Eric Solomon (San Francisco State University), "My Early Life with Ice Hockey"

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