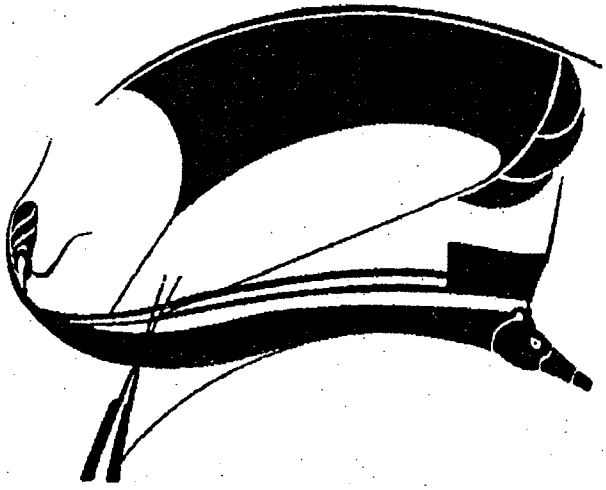
Welcome to the

Sport Literature Association

Annual Conference XVI



Westfield State College
Westfield, Massachusetts

June 23-27, 1999

Wednesday, June 23

Registration and Welcoming

Pre-Conference Barbecue **6:30 - 10:00 p.m.**

Thursday, June 24

Session I 9:00 - 10:30 a.m.

Welcoming Remarks: Gregg Neikirk (Westfield State College), Conference Director

Voices from Baseball, Past, Present, and Future
Moderator: Tim Morris (University of Texas at Arlington)

Eric Solomon (San Francisco State University), "Moses Owen's 'Base Ball': A Source for 'Casey at the Bat'"

Michele Schiavone (Marshall University), "Black and White Fathers in Baseball Hall of Fame Introduction Speeches"

Adam McKeown (New York University), "Big Market/Small Market: National Pastime and National Identity"

Session II 10:45 a.m - 12:00p.m.

Remembering the Sport and Sporting the Memories
Moderator: Sidney Vance (University of Montevallo)

Grace Butcher (Kent, Ohio and Saskatoon, Saskatchewan), "Remembering Stella Walsh"

Chris Murray (University of Texas at Arlington), "Playing in the *Wild Zone*: Baseball and Poetry – A Memoir"

Richard Arlen Stull (Humboldt State University), "Hoops"

Dennis Gildea (Springfield College), "On the Trail to Everlasting Happiness: Recent Cross-Country Skiing Fiction and Non-Fiction"

Session III 1:30 - 3:15 p.m.

Making Earnest of Game: Lives and Deaths in Sports Narratives
Moderator: Michele Schiavone (Marshall University)

Robert Brown (Ashland University), "Bobby Knight as a Care Bear: ReCrafting the Image of the IU Coach"

Tim Morris (University of Texas at Arlington), "Death in the afternoon (and Evening, and Morning, and Between Games of a Two-Night Doubleheader)"

Stephen Mosher (Ithaca College), "If we forgive our fathers, what else is left? The Use of Basketball in Smoke Signals'"

H. R. Stoneback (SUNY - New Paltz), "True at First [and Last] Light": A Pre-publication Look at Hemingway's 'Final' Work"

Session IV 3:30 - 4:45 p.m.

Hockey Politics, Liturgy, and Myth
Moderator: Judy Hakola (University of Maine)

David McGimpsey (Montreal), "Les Boys: Hockey and the Quebec Referendum"

Michael D. Giardina and Keren O. Leiby (Ithaca College), "The Religion of Hockey in a Media-dominated Culture"

Jeff Segrave (Skidmore College), "Newspaper Accounts in the USSR and in the US of the 1980 Lake Placid Olympic Men's Hockey Championship"

Fiction Reading I 7:00-8:30 p.m.
Moderator: Dick Stull (Humboldt State)

Jim Denison (University of Waikato, Hamilton, New Zealand), "Tatoo"

Glynn Leyshon (Hamilton, Ontario), "A New Original Story"

Grant Tracey (University of Northern Iowa), "Four Minutes for Crosschecking"

Friday, June 25

Session V 8:30 - 10:15 a.m.

Fiction, Fishin, Fights, and Film
Moderator: Lyle Olsen (Johnson City, Tennessee)

John Morefield (East Tennessee State University), "A Ditch Runs Through It"

James Takach (Roger Williams University), "The Anti-Environmental Message of Norman McLean's *A River Runs through It*"

Jeff Evans (University of Maine), "Transcending the Genre: The Boxing Film and *Raging Bull*"

Dennis Barone (St. Joseph College), "'This Greater Spectator Nation': Budd Schulberg's *The Harder They Fall*"

Session VI 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Gender Matters: Making the Image and Making the Play
Moderator: Marilyn Sandidge (Westfield State College)

Don Johnson (East Tennessee State University), "Synecdoche and Sport: More Women's Sports Poems"

Saturday, June 26

Session VII 8:30 - 10:45 a.m.

Races: Inside, Outside, and Between the Lines
Moderator: Eric Solomon (San Francisco State University)

La'Tonya Reece Miles (UCLA), "The Art of the Harlem Rens: Basketball and the Harlem Renaissance"

David Vanderwerken (Texas Christian University), "Reading Race in Shoeless Joe/Field of Dreams"

Damion Lamar Thomas (UCLA), "Arthur Ashe and the Burden of Race"

Edward Meisel (Highland School), "Transcendent Glory through Transcending Virtue: Or, To an Athlete Growing Old"

Robert Hamblin (Southeast Missouri State University), "'The Shadow Beneath the Act': Willie Morris and the Metaphor of Sports"

Business Meeting 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Tim Morris, President, Sport Literature Association, Presiding

International Pétanque Tournament – 1:30 p.m.

Annual Banquet – 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.
Featured Speaker: Alan Lelchuk (Dartmouth College)

Professor Lelchuk has written six novels, including *American Mischief, Miriam at Thirty-Four, Brooklyn Boy,* and *Playing the Game*. He has edited *Eight Great Hebrew Short Novels* in English translation. His course in contemporary Jewish Fiction at Dartmouth studies works by Isaac B. Singer, Saul Bellow, Philip Roth, Bernard Malamud, Nadine Gordimer, and others. He is a co-founder of Steerforth Press where, he serves as an editor.

Poetry Reading II in Banquet Hall, with Cash Bar
Moderator: H.R. Stoneback (SUNY – New Paltz)

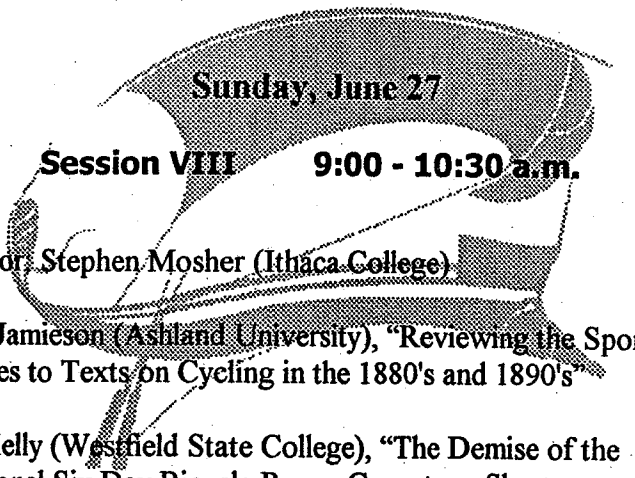
Marty Gervais (University of Windsor)

David McGimpsey (Montreal)

Chris Murray (University of Texas – Arlington)

Dale Ritterbusch (University of Wisconsin – Whitewater)

Annual Songfest Following Poetry Reading



Sunday, June 27

Session VIII 9:00 - 10:30 a.m.

Cycles
Moderator: Stephen Mosher (Ithaca College)

Duncan Jamieson (Ashland University), "Reviewing the Sport: Responses to Texts on Cycling in the 1880's and 1890's"

Bill O'Rielly (Westfield State College), "The Demise of the International Six Day Bicycle Race: Gangsters, Shysters, and Mothers"

Grace Butcher (Kent, Ohio, and Saskatoon, Saskatchewan), "Q: Why do you want to race?
A: Because my name comes apart."

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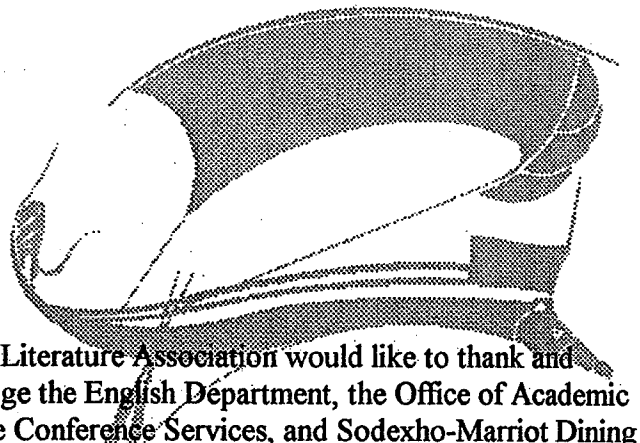
Session IX 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Playing the Words: Metaphors and Metatexts
Moderator: Gregg Neikirk (Westfield State College)

Lyle Olsen (East Tennessee State University), "The Incidental Episodes in Sport Literature"

Ed Sims (Springfield, Massachusetts), "Spiritual and Aesthetic Values in the Sport Fiction and Poetry of George Abbe"

Ron Hyatt (University of North Carolina), "The Status of Sport Literature in the American South: An Overview"



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