SLA XVII
The Lyle Olsen Memorial Conference
June 28 - July 2, 2000
Humboldt State University, Arcata, California

REGISTRATION/HOUSING CHECK-IN: Weds. 3 p.m. - 11 p.m.; Thursday 8:15 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. (*and all day*), 1st floor information desk in Jolly Giant Commons.

ALL ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS OCCUR IN THE CREEKSIDE LOUNGE

Session 1: Thursday 9 - 10:30 a.m.

Slam Dunk Theatre: Moderator: **John Catalini**, Westfield State College

- **Tim Morris**, University of Texas/Arlington. "Bill Bradley's Rhetoric of Loss."
- **Al Figone**, Humboldt State University. "Coach Bee and Author Bee: The Death of the Frank Merriwell Hero."

Session 2: Thursday 10:45 - 12 noon

Lyle Olsen: The Golden Age: Moderator: **Don Johnson**, East Tennessee State University

- **Dick Stull**, Humboldt State University: ***Poem for Lyle Olsen***
- **Other tributes** to Lyle Olsen
- **John Catalini**, Westfield State College. "Greek Dramatists as Sportswriters."
- **Duncan Jamieson**, Ashland University. "Bicycle Fiction from the Wheel's Golden Age."

LUNCH 12:00 - 1:30

Session 3: Thursday 1:30 -3:15

Academic Triathlon: Swim, Run, and Fish: Moderator: **Al Figone**, Humboldt State University

- **Laura Thomas**, University of British Columbia. "The Swan and the Mermaid: Myths and Memories of Water and Womanhood."
- **Pirkko Markula**, University of Waikato. "I Gotta do the Marathon: Women's Running as a Truth Game."

Session 4: Thursday 3:30 - 4:45

Baseball Fiction and Baseball Fact: Moderator: **Don Morrow**, U. of Western Ontario

- **Marty Dobrow**, Springfield (MA) College, "The Boys of Memoir."
- **David McGimpsey**, Concordia University. "Mike Brady is Always Right: Baseball Fiction and the Sitcom Formula."
- **John Morefield**, East Tennessee State University. "The Butterball, The Babe, and The Brute: Another Version of an Old Triangle in a Novel of Winston Graham."

Welcome Banquet: Thursday 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Merryman's Beach-house at Moonstone Beach

Session 5: Friday 8:30 - 10:15 a.m.

Sports for the Minors and Minorities: Moderator: **John Morefield**, East Tennessee State University

- **Don Johnson**, East Tennessee State University. "Minor Sports/Major Poems."
- **Eric Solomon**, San Francisco State University. "What's New (Nu) in Ethnic Baseball Fiction?"
- **Susan Tananbaum**, Bowdoin College. "Ironing out the Ghetto Bend: Sports and the Making of British Jews."

Session 6: Friday 10:45 - 12 noon

Pitchers, Passers, and Publicity--Sports and its Stars: Moderator: **Tim Morris**, University of Texas/Arlington

- **David Vanderwerken**, Texas Christian University. "Nolan Ryan, Inc."
- **Michael Oriard**, Oregon State University. "Newsreel Football."
- **Mike San Clemente**, Boston Baseball Magazine, and **L. J. Rathert**, University of North Carolina/Chapel Hill. "Yer Out: Private Lives, Public Scrutiny-Mediated."

BAR B QUE LUNCH (Cyprus Lawn in front of Jolly Giant Dining Complex)

FICTION READING 1: Friday, 2:30 - 5 p.m. (Creekside Lounge)

Moderator: **Dick Stull**, Humboldt State University

- **Dale Ritterbusch**, University of Wisconsin/Whitewater
- **Jim Denison**, University of Waikato (NZ)
- **John Morefield**, East Tennessee State University
- **Glynn Leyshon**, London, Ontario
- **Steve Valgos**, Humboldt State University
- **Rob Rinehart**, California State University/San Bernardino

POETRY READING 1: Friday, 7:15 - 8:45 (Windows Café in University Center)

Moderator: **Dale Ritterbusch**, University of Wisconsin/Whitewater

- **David McGimpsey**, Concordia University
- **Neil Nakadate**, Iowa State University
- **Dave Stoneback**, Westfield, New Jersey
- **Jeff Demark**, Arcata, California

Session 7: Saturday - 10:30 a.m.

Boxers, Racers and Readers: Novel Sports and Sportswriters: Moderator: **David McGimpsey**, Concordia University

- **Barbara Brinson Curiel**, Humboldt State University. "From Rage to Riches: Boxing, Masculinity, and Power in Victor Martinez's Parrot in the Oven."
- **Nanda Fischer**, Technische Universitaet Muenchen. "The Eternal Player or 'From Brescia to Brescia': E. M. Remarque's Novels on Car Racing."
- **Dennis Gildea**, Springfield College. "W. O. McGeehan's 'Aw Nuts' Sports Fiction."

Business Meeting 10:45 -12:00 noon (Creekside Lounge)

Afternoon free for golf, trips to Redwood National Park, Patrick's Point, local microbrews, etc.

Closing Banquet 6:00 - 7:30 (Kate Buchanon Room-University Center)

Guest Speaker: Darryl Brock, author of the highly-acclaimed *If I Never Get Back*, as well as articles on Mark Twain, baseball, and other subjects in numerous publications. Hank Greenwald, former Giants and Yankees broadcaster, said about Brock's latest novel, *Havana Heat*: "Darryl Brock magically transports us back to an era and a place we could not otherwise have known. In an exhibition tour of Havana in 1911, the New York Giants of John McGraw, Christy Mathewson and deaf pitcher Dummy Taylor all come alive as Brick captures a time when life was supposed to be simpler. He shows us a Cuba that features baseball, electrifying music, mysticism, and a proud and dignified people. Through Taylor, who cannot speak, and a group of young Cubans, McGraw finds out there's still a lot to learn about baseball. You won't want to take time for a seventh inning stretch when you read this book." Brock lives with his wife in Berkeley, CA.

POETRY READING 2: Saturday, 8 - 9:30 p.m. (Kate Buchanon Room)

Moderator: **Jim Denison**, University of Waikato

- **Dick Stull**, Humboldt State University
- **John B. Lee**, Brantford, Ontario
- **Philip Wedge**, University of Kansas
- **Diane Ryer**, Morris Plains, New Jersey
- **Jack Bedell**, *Louisiana Literature*

Annual Songfest in Creekside Lounge following poetry reading.

Session 8: Sunday 9 - 10:30

Sudden Strangers and SLA Friends. Moderator: **Dick Stull**, Humboldt State University

- **Don Morrow**, University of Western Ontario. "The Power of One: Bryce Courtenay's Contributions to Sport Literature."
- **Mark Noe**. "An Illusion of the Real: Sport in Barrett's *The Sudden Strangers*."
- **Dick Stull**, Humboldt State University. **Closing Comments**.

CONFERENCE DIRECTOR: Richard Arlin Stull, Humboldt State University
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