

The North American Region and Sport Information: A Report to the IASI Annual Meeting

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1. North American Sport Library Network (NASLIN) Activities

1.1 9th Conference, North American Sport Library Network (NASLIN), May 24-25, 2003 Held Jointly with the 31st Annual Conference of the North American Society for Sport History, May 23-26, 2003 Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio

Positive reports came from participants of this jointly held conference. NASSH members found some of the NASLIN sessions and speakers of interest too and attended our sessions, especially the keynote speaker, Andy Geiger, Ohio State University Athletic Director.

Speakers at the NASLIN conference included:

- **Andy Geiger**, OSU Athletic Director/Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs
- **Tamar Chute**, Archivist, Ohio State University Archives
- **Ted Hathaway**, Manager, INFORM Research Services & Co-Director, SABR's Baseball Index
- **Kevin Grace**, Archivist, University of Cincinnati Library, Archives and Rare Books Dept.
- **Bernie Kish**, Executive Director & **Kent Stephens**, Collections Manager, College Football Hall of Fame
- **Tam Dalrymple**, Manager, WorldCat Services Marketing, OCLC

Laura Blomquist, Head, EHEPSW Library at OSU was essential to the smooth running of the NASLIN conference. In particular, her splendid hosting of our keynote speaker and the assistance she provided to the NASSH local arrangements for this conference were exceptional.

1.2 NASLIN Steering Committee

At the meeting of the Steering Committee held during the 9th Conference, SC members are pleased to welcome a new SC member: Suzanne Wise, Reference Librarian, Belk Library, Appalachian State University. Email: wisems@appstate.edu. Suzanne is an active sports librarian and recently edited and contributed to a special issue entitled Sport: the Liveliest Art, in *North Carolina Libraries* (v59, no2, Summer 2001). She is also author of the well-regarded books, *Social issues in contemporary sport: a resource guide* (NY: Garland, 1994) and *Sports fiction for adults: an annotated bibliography of novels, plays, short stories, and poetry with sporting settings* (NY: Garland, 1986).

1.3 10th NASLIN Conference, October 21-22, 2005

For the 10th anniversary conference, NASLIN will join the International Association for Sports Museums and Halls of Fame in Calgary, Alberta. The Calgary Olympic Development Association will host the conference at Canada Olympic Park, site of the ski jumping, luge/bobsled events during the 1988 Winter Olympic Games. Mr. Tom West, Senior Manager, Olympic Hall of Fame is IASMHF's local contact person. Planning will begin in earnest after the fall 2004 annual meeting of IASMHF. We promised NASLIN participants that the bobsled/luge run will be iced and ready for a ride on the BULLET, the well-protected and padded bobsleigh designed for adventurous tourists.

1.4 NASLIN Website

<http://www.sportquest.com/naslin/>

On behalf of the NASLIN Steering Committee, Marco Landry, Director, Computer Operations at SIRC reserved a new URL for NASLIN, <http://www.naslin.org/>. The NASLIN website will also undergo a redesign and an update in the spring of 2004.

1.5 NASLINE

<http://www.naslin.org/nasnew.html>

Two issues of NASLINE were published electronically this past year, No. 22, Sept. 2003 and No. 23, Feb 2004. The NASLINE Distribution list continues to grow as more colleges and universities with kinesiology programs are identified and new names are recommended by other NASLIN members. As mentioned in previous reports, each issue of NASLINE is also distributed electronically to the NASLIN Distribution List, IASI listserv members, SportHist listserv, NASSServ and SPRIG. The total number of academic and sport information professionals reached is over 1000.

The bibliography of new publications remains one of the focal points of each issue. With the rapidly increasing number of sport-related publications selection of sources becomes more challenging, demanding and selective. With the improvements in the search engine created by WorldCat staff, the search for new publications is more precise.

1.6 Other NASLIN Member News

Dedicated NASLIN member, Mila Su, Reference Librarian at Pennsylvania State University Library, was part of the editorial board for the recently published, multi-volume work, *Notable sports figures*, (Barnes, Dana R. ed., Farmington Hills, MI: Gale Group, 2004, 4 vols.)

2. Activities of Sport Librarians and Libraries in North America

2.1 Amateur Athletic Foundation of Los Angeles

<http://www.aafla.org/>

AAFLA's Virtual Archive

Adding to the long-term project to digitize the entire back run of Olympic Games Official Reports, AAFLA has received permission to digitize additional Official

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Reports; the 5-part Barcelona 1992, Munich 1972, Melbourne 1956 and Rome 1960, Lillehammer 1994, and Salt Lake City 2002. Wayne Wilson and Daniel Bell also have set themselves a goal of completing the digitization of all the Official Reports by 2005.

The site now includes the periodical titles: *Sport in History* (v23, no1, Summer 2003+ formerly *The Sports Historian*), 8 more volumes of Outing magazine (an outdoor sport and recreation magazine 1883-1900), College Football Historical Society Newsletter (1987-2002), Football Studies (1998-2002), Olympic Impact (Sydney Olympic Newsletter), and 8 volumes on Olympic topics published by the University of New South Wales (Richard Cashman and colleagues).

In addition the Ralph Miller Golf Library collection and the National Track and Field collection have been catalogued and added to WorldCat and records included in the tapes sent to SIRC for insertion in the SPORTDiscus database.

2.2. Tools for Collection Analysis in Sport Sciences

At the University of Kansas, the new kinesiology librarian was asked to conduct a collection analysis to find if the library could support a new program in the sport sciences. A number of tools were recommended (and are available from this author). They include a list of the Dewey Decimal Classification class numbers and the Library of Congress Classification numbers for sport, sport sciences, recreation and leisure. In addition this author has kept a cumulative list of the publications that have appeared in NASLINE since 1995. One monographic list contains the 1995-1999 imprints and the other, the imprints from 2000+. In addition, the Kansas librarian was sent the list of serials mentioned in NASLINE issues since 1995. This serials list along with the list of serials on Scholarly Sport Sites formed the nucleus of a collection analysis. (Note: these lists are maintained in order to determine if a particular publication has been listed in previous issues of NASLINE). If anyone needs an electronic copy of these lists please contact Gretchen Ghent.

3. Contributions to the SPORTDiscus

KinPubs and KinAbs

<http://kinpubs.uoregon.edu/index.html>

Kinesiology Publications (KinPubs), as reported last year is the new name for the microforms collection published by the International Institute for Sport and Human Performance at the University of Oregon. Henriette Heiny, IISHP Director also reports a change of name to their Microform Publications' Bulletin that will now be known as Kinesiology Abstracts (KinAbs). The micro collection's work study students are involved in a project to add the abstracts to the theses that appeared in the earlier volumes 1-6. These abstracts will be included on each record at the KinPubs website.

Cataloguing staff send 240 records yearly to SPORTDiscus for inclusion in the database.

From AAFLA, Shirley Ito has indexed 1164 records all from Sports Illustrated. This is quite an arduous task for Shirley, for, as any reader of Sports Illustrated knows, there are so many small newsy items of one paragraph length as well as the major articles.

The records added to SPORTDiscus by this writer included 63 periodical articles that appeared in Maclean's magazine, plus 15 book analytics.

4. Updating Scholarly Sport Sites: A Subject Directory (SSS)

<http://www.ucalgary.ca/library/ssportsite/>

A new section was researched and added this past year: Sport Schools. This section is far from complete as many of the sport schools reported a number of years ago at a conference held in Canada, do not have a web presence yet, or in the cases of the foreign language materials, more research needs to be done. In addition a Search Guide section was added when the *Search Guide for Finding Tests and Testing Information in SPORTDiscus* was completed. Another section added to Association is the College/University/High School/Youth. Some of these references were listed in the National Sport Structures section but now have been pulled together into one place.

In the spirit of cooperation and avoidance of duplication, SSS maintains link only references to important collections/directories housed elsewhere:

- tertiary-level Sport Sciences and Physical Education Programs (<http://www.sirc.ca>)
- the SIRC Conference Calendar (http://www.sirc.ca/online_resources/calendar.cfm)
- the International Federations on the IOC website (SSS has listings of IFs that are not part of the Olympic Family)
- National Sport Structures section provide links to the world's governmental sport agencies, sport documentation centre, leading national administrative organizations, who, in turn, provide the lists of their country's sport organizations, important policy documents, contact information, etc. This section is a work in progress as many smaller nations are just beginning to provide a web presence.

Respectfully submitted,

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