



One Trojan's Run Down



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Trojan Baseball Alumni & Friends

Happy holidays to all of you, hard to believe that 2013 is almost over and a new year is just ahead. I like this time of the year, things seem to slow down a bit and the season evokes more nostalgia. It offers a chance reflect more on the personal things in life and on relatives and friends that make it meaningful and worthwhile. I wish you, all the love and happiness this season can bring and may it follow you throughout the coming New Year.

Stay Connected...

"Stay connected" are not just words at the end of every Trojan Run Down newsletter. They are the basis and the fundamental tenet on which TBAA was founded. It is always nice to get together and enjoy former teammate camaraderie, have a few laughs and remember old times. And yes, we will continue to do that. But my hope is that you will find the time to keep in touch and maintain your friendship with your teammates.

Keep your connections and friendships going. For us old guys keeping in contact is nice but it's much more important for you younger guys. Everyone needs a boost or a little encouragement from time to time and it's good to hear from a teammate.

For younger guys there are road blocks and a lot of stress starting or building a business career and beginning a family. Stay in contact and support one another. I wish I understood how important it was to stay connected with teammates when I was younger.

Wow ...

I received a Christmas card from a high school buddy now living in Arizona. I hadn't heard from him in three years. What he wrote was amazing and inspiring. It made me feel silly when I think about the few aches and pains I have.

He started off by saying "I'm back". Dave talked about his energy slowly returning and how he can now walk without a cane two blocks before being exhausted. In summary he related how he had a bacterial infection, four seizures, both kidneys removed due to cancer, a broken hip, massive blood clots and two grafts. He said it had been all down hill until June this year.

He joked about how his motto is now "you can't kill a weed". On a pleasant note Dave took a 15 day cruise this year with his fiancée (Dave is my age). I was wondering how he could take a cruise with no kidneys until he advised that the ship had a kidney dialyses machine. He gets dialyses treatments three days a week 5:30 in the morning, each treatment taking four hours.

Dave said things are coming along; he is now driving a car, doing his own personal hygiene and dressing myself. He is cooking again and back in his my own house. Dave said he is looking for a good 2014 and that it's GREAT to be back. He is now planning for his next cruise. God bless you Dave!

Preseason Baseball Polls....

With college baseball just around the corner, below are west coast teams of the just released College Baseball Top 40 poll with Cal State Fullerton at the top. To the right, Baseball America Top 25 poll shows their ranking completed back in October 2013. UCLA that won the CWS last year is ranked 15th by Collegiate Baseball and 8th by Baseball America

Collegiate Baseball **Top 40**
Dec 2013

Baseball America **Top 25**
Oct 2013

<u>Rank</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Rank</u>
1	CS Fullerton	3
4	Oregon St	9
6	Oregon	11
15	UCLA	8
22	Arizona St	19
24	Arizona	not listed
26	Stanford	not listed
33	San Diego	not listed
39	Santa Barbara	not listed

Baseball Alumni Game....

The game will be Sunday, February 9, 2014 at Dedeaux Field. Activities will begin with a banquet brunch in the morning prior to the afternoon game. The game start time and activities will be announced in the near future. As last year, the Alumni Game will be split into two contests. The first game will be between the "old-timers" and the second game of the day will be between the 2014 Trojan squad against the younger Trojan alumni.

Players wishing to participate should call the baseball office at 213-740-5762 or e-mail baseball@usc.edu.

Bring on the 2014 baseball Season...

Steven Block, Trojan and loyal SC baseball fan writes, "I'm ready for the baseball season in 2014 which hopefully will surprise the Pac-12 and the nation to finally make the NCAA tournament. Looking forward to the Northwestern game where my father went to school and have visited the campus years ago. Fight On!

Trojan Great...

Seth Etherton, former Trojan All-American and 1st round draft pick is now Assistant Baseball Coach/ Pitching Coach at University of San Francisco. Seth is the owner of the Southern California Baseball Academy which educates young athletes with Major League instruction focusing on preparation, proper drills, philosophy, building strength, efficient mechanics and having athletes

understand their personal biomechanics. His promising baseball career was seriously impacted by major shoulder surgery.

Did you know...

Bob Gunnarson '80-'83 Activities Director at BGME Lake Havasu Arizona

Bill Peavey '00-'02 Sales for Surgeon Stryker Spine Orange, CA

Ty Meyer '72-'78 President BMC Industries Bakersfield, CA

Ed Gagle '63-'65 Founder/Director, Brightlight Institute, Scottsdale A

Todd Santino, son of Tony Santino '56, Manger, Business Develop for Arizona Cardinals football

Do you like Reading...

I recently sent a short e-mail to all of you on books written by former Trojans and that you should obtain them for your library. Below are a couple more Trojans that have written books.

Author Stan Charnofsky... All time great Trojan infielder '51, '52, & '53 currently a Ph.D., college professor and psychologist has recently completed his latest novel, RUTHLESS. It's available through lulu.com, Amazon or Barnes and Noble on line. Stan also has another novel, ENEMIES which is available.

Author Buddy Hollowell... Bud a notable Trojan baseball player who won the College World Series Most Outstanding Player is also an author. (Seven Trojans have won the CWS Most Outstanding Player award, in addition to Buddy the others are Bill Thom, Bill Seinsoth, Russ McQueen, George Milke, Rod Boxberger and Wes Rachels) Bud holds a Ph.D., Master of Arts and Bachelor of Science in Physical Education and is a professor, teacher, writer and lecturer. He is also co-founder of One World Insight, a nonprofit community organization dedicated to conscious aging for the purpose of becoming whole, not old.

Bud's latest book is The Quantum Gateway available at Amazon.com but it is not about baseball...at least not directly. The book does mention the benefits of playing for the mighty Trojans and Rod but it is primarily about how the latest research in quantum physics may provide some answers to the mystical experiences described in all major religions.

I mentioned to Bud that I was left handed and if he thought I could understand it and if it had any pictures in it. Bud responded, "Well this book is definitely for lefties..:) And yes, there is some baseball in it. How can anyone who played for Dedeaux not have baseball stories to tell." Bud also authored The Eternal Dance.

In Memory of Denise Dedeaux...

On the morning of November 19th the Trojan Family lost one of its treasures. **Denise Dedeaux**, daughter of legendary baseball coach Rod Dedeaux, passed away from heart failure. The heart that encircled all she came in contact with will beat no more. Nisi was 66, too young to say goodbye. Her life centered around her amazing family. Justin and Terry Dedeaux were her brothers and Michele Dedeaux-Engamann, her lone sister. She helped raise 11 nieces and nephews, was honored to have three god children and couldn't wait to spoil 8 grand nieces and nephews.

She was a tireless giver of her time and money. Possessing a flawless character, Denise was a member of several committees from both high school and USC. Her work with the Trojan Baseball Alumni Association earned her an award for her lifetime of service to the Trojan baseball program.

Her kindness and generosity were the trademarks of her personality. People from all walks of life knew and admired her. In 1997 she received a surprise phone call from a former USC center fielder. A man she had known when she was a student, but hadn't seen him in 30 years. The next night she invited him to a play and began a 16 year relationship that was incredible for both. She made life a true joy for that aging lefthander. He had the pleasure of traveling to places he would never have seen had it not been for Miss. Nisi and her hall of fame ability to travel. Denise showed him the beauty that only nature could provide. There were awesome sunsets in Kawai and The Big Island, majestic architecture in Chicago and an inspiringly beautiful arboretum near Chi-town. They toured museums, ate at great restaurants, walked the halls of famed buildings and all the time Denise led the way. She taught him to photograph wonderful scenes, bought him his first camera and showed him how to seek the true gifts God has provided. She made life easy. She made it fun. She created a better man with her gentle touch. When you called on her she was there. When you did not call she anticipated your need and she was there. Nisi was the wind beneath many wings. She will be deeply missed by her family and a legion of friends and admirers. And that venerable old center fielder, he will miss her the most. For she was his life partner, in every way beautiful. How do I know...I'm that lucky guy that accompanied Denise Dedeaux through the last 16 years of her life. And I loved every second.

From centerfield at USC, I'm a devoted [Shelly Andrens](#)

Upcoming Events...

- February 9th Baseball Alumni Game banquet brunch in the morning, game in the afternoon. The start times and activities will be announced in the near future. As last year the Alumni Game will be split into two contests. Two games, "old-timers" first and a second game afterwards between the 2014 Trojan squad and the younger Trojan Alumni. Players wishing to participate should call the baseball office at 213-740-5762 or e-mail baseball@usc.edu.
- February 16, join us for a special tribute to coach Rod Dedeaux. Trojans play Northwestern at Dedeaux field and there will be extra festivities to celebrate and pay tribute to Coach Rod. If Coach Rod was still with us it would be his 100th birthday.
- Coach Rod gave baseball, USC and his players so much. Now, all of us have a chance to pay tribute to the "Trojan" that became a baseball legend. Part of the tribute to Coach Rod will be the unveiling of a life size statue that will be displayed at the entrance of Dedeaux Stadium.

BASEBALL ALUMNI MISSION STATEMENT... THE TROJAN SPIRIT

- Keep former players connected
- Communicate news on USC, Trojan baseball and matters of interest
- Preserve & promote our legacy and traditions

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Let's stay connected... and keep that passion burning!

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