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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- **Game-Watching Calendar for Football Season!**
- **USC's new Student Center**
- **Local Alums making news**
- **Golf Tournament Wrap-Up**

Football Season Arrives!

It has finally arrived! The sporting season USC fans wait for all year. And with the arrival of college football come the Portland Alumni Clubs Game-Watching Parties.



The following is our tentative schedule for football viewing this fall – hold Ctrl and click on the location for an interactive map. This year we are partnering with our opponents for more joint viewing games, and have also

increased the number of pot-lucks at the private residences of our members. We hope you can join us for one! Times and locations may change, so please check the local calendar before game time:
www.uscportland.com

September 13

[Ohio State](#) 5:00 PM PT

Pot Luck

[Linda LeBlond's House!](#)

2201 NW Pettygrove Street, Portland,

November 1

[Washington](#)

We will join the UW Club

[Macadam's Grill,](#)

5833 SW Macadam Ave Portland

September 25

[Oregon State](#) 6:00 PM PT

The Weekender –

Get Your Event Tickets Here:

<http://alumni.usc.edu/football/>

[osu.php](#)

[OR](#) watch at:

[Portland's Mission Theatre](#)

1624 NW Glisan St, Portland

November 8

[California](#) 5:00 PM PT

We will join the CAL Alumni Club

Stay Tuned. . .

November 15

at [Stanford](#)

Pot Luck at the Seely Household

Hostess: Ms. Gayle Seely

[16165 N W Blueridge Drive, Beaverton, OR](#)

[97006](#)

October 4

[Oregon](#) 5:00 PM PT

TBD

Stay Tuned...

November 29

[Notre Dame](#) 8:00 PM ET

BYE - Happy Thanksgiving!

October 11

[Arizona State](#)

We will join the ASU Alumni

Club

[Macadam's Grills](#)

5833 SW Macadam Ave Portland

December 6

at [UCLA](#) 1:30 PM PT

Pot-Luck at the Knight Household

Hosts: Shannen and Jesse Knight's

[1291 11th St., West Linn, Or 97068](#)

October 18

at [Washington State](#)

We will be joining the WSU

Club

[The City Sports Bar](#)

424 SW 4th Ave, Portland

Future Championship Game

To Be Announced!

October 25

at [Arizona](#) 4:00 PM PT

We will join the U of A club

Stay Tuned. . .

USC's New Student Center

The view from Tommy Trojan is changing! This year, USC embarked on a long-time goal of redesigning and constructing a new campus center. The new center, known as the Ronald Tutor Campus Center (named to honor \$30 million donor, Ronald Tutor), will take up the space occupied by the old Student Union building, Topping Student Center, the University Bookstore, and all the way to the Carl's Jr.

According to the USC website, the 193,000 square foot Student Center will feature restaurants, the Office of Admissions, Student Life, Involvement, and Programming, many student clubs and organizations, and of course, Traditions! For those of us that haven't

been on campus on awhile, it is comforting to know that USC is one of the few universities to still have a bar on campus, and the "tradition" continues with a renovated Traditions Pub in the new Student Center.

Per the USC Student Affairs office, at "the heart of the Campus Center will be a grand outdoor plaza, a visually stunning gathering and dining area that will become the heartbeat of life on USC'S campus".

"Bordered by a sweeping colonnade, the International Plaza will evoke

the Italian Romanesque architectural tradition of the campus's historical buildings. An extensive food court will offer both indoor and outdoor dining."

With a plan to open by Fall 2010, returning alumni should expect to see some construction. Although much of the funding has already been raised, there are still opportunities to become a part of this amazing new "hub" at the center of campus. If you are interested in being part of this effort, please contact us at campuscen-ter@usc.edu.

To see plan renderings and more details about the new Tutor Campus Center, please visit http://www.usc.edu/student-affairs/construction/campus_center/. As always, it is an exciting time to be a Trojan!



Trojan Trivia: How many USC athletes participated in the 2008 Beijing Summer Olympics? Answer to come in the next newsletter!

Golf Tournament Overview

Portland-area Trojans enjoyed some of our beautiful summer weather with a golf tournament against the local Cal Bears Alumni Club on July 26. For only \$25, approximately 15 Trojans and 8 Bears went head-to-head at the Lake Oswego Golf Course. This 3-par

course allowed players of all levels to compete, and a great time was had by all.

In the end, the tournament raised over \$200 for the scholarship funds, and with the best overall scores, the Trojan Club triumphed, taking home not only brag-

ging rights, but the majority of the scholarship winnings.

Sponsors generously donated prizes ranging from optometric eye-care to gift certificates at local restaurants, and prizes were awarded for "Closest to the Pin", "Longest Putt", and other impressive shots. The Portland Alumni Club plans to continue the golf tournaments, where your entry fee not only pays for your round of golf, but also a drink and a donation to the scholarship fund.

So with the warm weather winding down, look forward to Spring, where Trojans will once again take over your neighborhood course. Hope to see you there!



Living in the City of Roses: The Oregon Bounty

The whole state of Oregon is lucky to be surrounded by incredible food and wine. Each fall, as the leaves begin to change and a glass of pinot noir is the perfect evening warm-up, the entire state is lucky enough to celebrate The Oregon Bounty. Featuring wine-maker dinners, cooking classes (Cooking on the Coast, anyone?), tastings and festivals throughout the state, the Oregon Bounty is a month-long culinary and cultural excursion worth trying.

So take a trip out to the Fresh Hop Tasting or the Alberta Street Oyster Bar and Grill Bounty Dinner; events that come along just once a year, and help us ease into the fall.

For more information on the Oregon Bounty, visit www.traveloregon.com



The Oregon Bounty features local flavors. To learn more about local food, consider attending the upcoming viewing of TABLELAND, an award-winning documentary that profiles the benefits of local and seasonal food. Playing at the Laurelhurst Theatre on September 18, at 7:00 pm.

Big News! LOCAL USC ALUM RELEASES NOVEL

BRUSH PRAIRIE, WA -- Former University of Southern California honor student and TV reporter S.W. Capps hopes his debut novel, *Salmon Run*, is a hit with readers, and he's willing to go the extra mile to make sure they enjoy it. *Salmon Run*, published by Inkwater Press, is the story of a man hunted. With the law, a bloodthirsty ex-wife and a hired killer on his heels, Woodrow Salmon, a desperate corporate executive turned fugitive, embarks on a strange and harrowing journey, one that will lead him through the minefields of his past and change his life forever.

"It's a classic road trip novel with a modern edge," Capps, 43, an honoree of the Phi Beta Kappa, Phi Kappa Phi, Alpha Mu Gamma and Golden Key national honor societies, says. "The novel is about going home. It's about a character who's made a complete mess of his life and desperately wants a second chance, even more importantly, what he does with that chance."

With *Salmon Run*, a 350-page novel released this year, Capps has also done something few authors are willing to do. He's made himself available via e-mail and phone calls to book clubs that decide to read his novel. "As a reader, I've often wished the writer was around to answer a few questions when I finished his/her book," Capps says. "When I became an author, I thought it'd be nice if I could do just that for my readers."

Capps, who grew up in Downey, worked as a news reporter for KXII-TV Channel 12 in Ardmore, Oklahoma, where he was nominated for an Oklahoma Broadcasters Award. A Magna Cum Laude graduate of the University of Southern California and a member of the Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity (1984-86) with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Journalism, he went on to open his own audio/visual rental equipment company in Cypress, California. In 1999, he sold his business and moved to Brush Prairie, Washington, to pursue a full-time writing career. He lives with his wife and two children and has penned two novels, *Salmon Run* the first to be published.

"It's a wonderful read", Nel Rand, another Northwest author (*Mississippi Flyway*) says. "His powerful prose flows like spring runoff from a rushing river." Bill Johnson, another writer (*A Story is a Promise*) describes *Salmon Run* as a compelling, gritty novel. High praise for the first-time novelist.

"When I was nine", Capps says, "I opened my favorite all-time birthday gift; an old Underwood typewriter. From that day forward, I was hooked. I've probably typed a thousand stories on it. And having this novel published for me is a dream come true."

Although his career has taken him all over the country, Capps has never forgotten his days at the University of Southern California.

"Those were great years", Capps says. "Some of the best years of my life, actually. The experiences, memories and friends I made at USC will last a lifetime."

Salmon Run is available at Barnes & Noble in Vancouver & Jantzen Beach. It is also available in hardback and paperback on Amazon.com, BarnesandNoble.com, Borders.com and Target.com. For an excerpt of the book, a calendar of events or more ordering information, readers are encouraged to visit Capps Web site at www.swcapps.com.

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Trojans in the City of Roses. Fight on.

The **USC Portland Alumni Club** is designed to allow friends and alumni of the **University of Southern California** to connect throughout the greater **Portland-metro area**. In addition, the mission of the **Alumni Club** is to develop scholarship funds to award to current **USC** students from the **Portland area**. Each scholarship dollar awarded by the **Alumni Club** is matched by **USC**, helping make a **USC** education possible for students across our region. The **Portland Alumni Club** hosts events throughout the year, and also aims to renew **Trojan Spirit**.

If you have information you'd like included in upcoming newsletters, email us at pdx_trojans@yahoo.com.



Networking Opportunities Continue

Our monthly networking events are continuing, so please join us! An opportunity for friendship and relationship building, these networking mixers provide a non-sports related opportunity for Trojans in the area to connect.

Our next networking event is Thursday, **September 18, at Green Papaya Bistro in Portland**. Come on out and mingle!

