



**Arizona State
University
vs
University
of
Southern California**

***Packard Stadium
Dedication Game***

Sunday, April 7, 1974

Official Program 10c

PACKARD STADIUM DEDICATION

Arizona State's new baseball complex, Packard Stadium will be dedicated today, prior to the game between ASU and the University of Southern California.

Construction of the stadium was funded in part by a donation from Guthrie and Peter Packard of Colorado Springs, Colo. The Packards are both alumni of Arizona State and donated the money for the stadium as a tribute to their father, William Guthrie Packard of Wickenburg, Ariz. The Packard's donation was the largest, single, individual contribution ever given to Arizona State University.

Packard Stadium has an 8,000 seat capacity. There are 3,500 permanent aluminum seats, and 4,500 bleacher seats. Two thousand additional permanent seats will be added this summer, and a 13,000 seat capacity is planned for the near future.

The stadium will be lighted, although installation is not completed. The first night game is scheduled for April 16 when A-State hosts Northern Arizona.

The playing surface consists of tiff green grass in the infield and rye grass in the outfield. The dirt portion of the infield is crushed red brick which is also used in some major league stadia.

The foul lines are 340 feet from home plate to the six foot high outfield fence. Center field is 400 feet from home plate, and the power alleys in right and left center are 370 feet away.

Arizona State and Southern Cal are perennially the top two clubs in college baseball. USC has won the last four NCAA titles. ASU won national championships in 1965, 1967, and 1968 and finished second to USC in 1972 and 1973.

The Sun Devils and Trojans split two games in Los Angeles, March 22 and 23. ASU won the first game of the series, 12-10, and USC followed with a 13-9 victory.

Each team liberally assaulted the other at the plate in the March series. In addition to the 45 runs which were scored, the Devils and Trojans combined for 53 hits, 23 of which were for extra bases (including 10 home runs).

In its victory, ASU jumped out to a 12-2 lead after six and one-half innings. But USC came back with eight runs in the bottom of the seventh, and had the tying run at the plate before Dale Hrovat entered the game in relief and slammed the door.

The Trojans led ASU 13-2 in the second game of the series, but A-State rallied for five runs in the sixth and two in the seventh before falling short.



WILLIAM GUTHRIE PACKARD

Mr. Packard was born October 13, 1889, in Oxford, New York and educated at Oxford Academy, Cornell University, and the New York Law School.

He had a long and notable athletic involvement record, including being a member of the New York Athletic Club mile relay team which set a world record in 1911.

Packard served as a naval aviator during World War I. He was employed after the war by Shepard Company, a publishing firm which dealt extensively with the law profession. He served Shepard Company over a period of 51 years, rising from sales representative to President and Chairman of the Board. The company moved to Colorado Springs in 1947 and was subsequently sold to McGraw-Hill in 1966.

A very active man both in Colorado and Arizona, Packard is a member of Chapel of Our Savior, Cheyenne Mountain Country Club, Broadmoor Golf Club, Garden of the Gods Club, El Paso Club, and Pike's Peak Range Riders. In Wickenburg he is a member of the Desert Caballeros.