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Abernathy: Black Week star Civil rights leader in highlight tonight

Ralph David Abernathy, president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), will speak tonight as one of the events scheduled during Black Awareness Week, Feb. 10-16. The 8 p.m. appearance in Ed Landreth Auditorium is co-sponsored by the Forums Committee.

Abernathy took over the reins of the SCLC in April, 1968, when Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was assassinated. Dr. King, who was president and founder of the SCLC, had named the Alabaman to succeed him in the event of his death.

In July, the controversial leader dramatically announced his resignation at the tomb of his predecessor in Atlanta. The basis for his decision was lack of financial support, he said then, when the organization was \$50,000 in debt. The summer SCLC convention, however, ignored the resignation and elected him for another year.

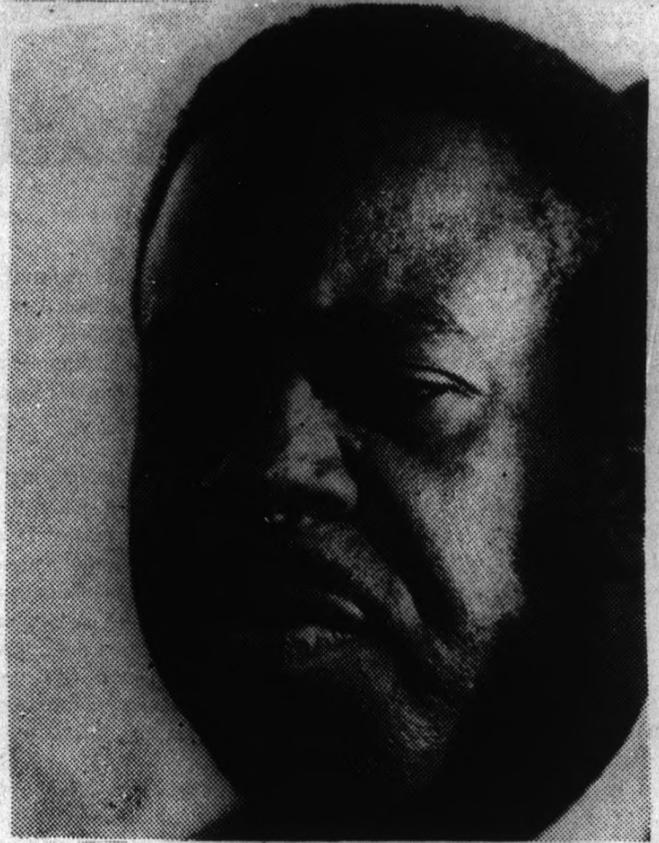
Abernathy has been critical of Coretta Scott King, Dr. King's widow, over Mrs. King's unwillingness to share with the SCLC funds she has raised toward erection of the Martin Luther King Jr. Center for Social Change. The \$6 million memorial-research library is to be built in Atlanta two blocks from the SCLC headquarters.

The 10th of 12 children of a prosperous Alabama farmer, Abernathy, a World War II veteran, graduated from Alabama State College with honors in sociology. He stayed at the college to teach and counsel and preached on the side at a small Baptist church. In 1951 he became pastor of a large church in Montgomery, where he joined the NAACP.

When a black woman caused a furor in 1955 by refusing to give a white man her seat on a city bus, Abernathy called King, and the two marshalled a 382-day boycott that eventually caused the bus company to relent. Abernathy became secretary-treasurer of King's SCLC in Atlanta a few years later.

The pair was jailed 19 times during the height of their fight for civil rights. Wyatt T. Walker, former SCLC executive director, said the King "would never go to jail without him (Abernathy)."

Abernathy's talk is free and open to the public. The schedule for Black Awareness Week includes a fashion show, soul food, speeches, a movie, a dance and a benefit for sickle cell anemia. The week is sponsored by the University's NAACP, Students for the Advancement of Afro-American Culture, Delta Sigma Theta sorority and Omega Psi Phi fraternity.



RALPH DAVID ABERNATHY

Campus Chest Week

Search for treasure begins Friday

Eight local charities will discover hidden treasure in Campus Chest next week when organizers will attempt to raise a dollar for every student enrolled here. That comes to \$6,120.

Campus Chest Week will be Feb. 15-22, with people from various sectors of the University combining efforts to raise money.

The Foster Parents plan will

receive \$500 of the money raised. Another \$150 will go to the Fort Worth Humane Society. The remainder will be divided equally among the Lena Pope Home, Planned Parenthood, the Child

Study Center, Big Brothers of Tarrant County, Our House and the Fort Worth-Tarrant County Cancer Society.

The week will get an early start with a "round-up" at Will Rogers Round-Up Inn, Friday, Feb. 15. Organizers stressed that this will not be strictly a "date dance," but an opportunity for everyone to gather in groups, couples or individually.

Set-ups will be provided at the round-up, which will last from 8 p.m. to midnight. Nominees for Campus Chest Queen will be introduced. The winner will be presented at the Texas Tech basketball game, Feb. 26.

"Argus" will be the featured band, with admission \$2. Interfraternity Council, Panhellenic Council and the Dance Committee are sponsoring the event.

A carnival is scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 21, from 3 until 10 p.m. in front of the Student Center. In case of inclement weather, the carnival will be in the Student Center Ballroom.

A clothing drive will also be held, with each participating organization having a closet clean-out. The clothes collected will be contributed to the same eight charities.

Rock hounds to run rapids

By TOM BURKE

Daniel Boone will not be there to guide the expedition, but, nevertheless, the Geology Department will embark on a geological, field-float trip May 18 through 27.

The expedition will pass through New Mexico, Colorado and Utah. The float trip portion, a total of five days, will be on the Green River through Desolation and Gray canyons.

Students will drive to Green River where they will leave their cars, board an airplane and fly through the canyon to Green River, Utah, the starting point for the float trip.

Canon Tours, Inc., the organization conducting the trip, will provide all the food. Only sleeping bags and other "luxuries" will have to be provided for by the students. The group will camp on the banks of the Green River during the raft trip.

Dr. Robert H. Goodwin, geology professor, said, "Students can get out of this trip what they want, whether it be for geological interests or just an interest in adventure. This area which we will be visiting is very interesting geologically."

The area is not a geological rarity, but as Dr.

Goodwin explained, "It's unusual to see so many features in one area." The area exposes sedimentary rocks, classic sedimentary structures and a wide variety of depositional environments.

The Geology Department has sponsored trips such as this for the last two years. About 25 students attended each of the expeditions. The trip is not exclusively for geology or science majors. In the previous years, majors of attending students have been mixed.

No experience is really necessary, since the trip is relatively safe. "Last year we didn't have any problems. In fact, we had to throw students into the river, because none fell out of the rafts," Dr. Goodwin said.

Total cost for the adventure is \$175. But, in order to take the trip for credit (1 hour), an additional fee has to be paid to the University. To receive the hour credit, the student must attend a series of seminars during the spring semester.

The deadline for registration is Feb. 15. Dr. Goodwin is in charge of accepting reservations. Full payment has to be made by April 15.

Study in Britain offered

Graduate students and seniors may have the chance to study in British University Summer Schools at Oxford, Stratford-on-Avon, London and Edinburgh.

Four courses will be offered. Drama and theater in the age of Shakespeare will be taught at the University of Birmingham; English literature and culture will be taught at the University of London; literature, history and society of Britain will be taught at the University of Oxford; philosophy and art history will be added to the course of history and literature of Britain at Scottish Universities.

Applications and information may be obtained by writing the regional office of the Institute of International Education in Houston, Tex. Applications must be returned no later than March 15. There is no application fee.

Few turn out for a-Maiz-ing poet

Almost 99 per cent of the University community missed what was certainly one of the most rewarding experiences of this semester.

B.F. Maiz performed his poetry in the Student Center Ballroom Monday night, and a

commentary

generous count set the figure of those in attendance at no more than 70.

Maiz's poetry was striking and beautiful. He is a strong and overpowering personality and he performed his poetry in an attention-grabbing, moving way. There was probably nothing more worthwhile going on that night, but 99 per cent of the University community found something else to do.

Admittedly, many people had classes and others had other commitments. Also, such rewarding programs as "The Rookies" were on television, and it is hard for a poet to compete with an action-packed cop story.

Supposedly, this place is a University and people are here to learn and grow. This writer has been here almost two years and has found few experiences as rewarding as listening to Maiz and his poetry. It is sad that the majority of the University did not take advantage of this opportunity.

A poetry performance is a hard thing to report. Maiz performs his poetry rather than merely reading it. It is communicated in the personal medium, and you cannot understand its full impact by merely reading it in the Daily Skiff.

We would not do justice to the poetry or Maiz by printing the words here, so we won't. We can only encourage everyone to go listen to Maiz the next time he performs here and hope that he will come back soon to give us another chance.

Hopefully, the rest of Black Awareness Week will not be ignored like this event.

Maiz explained what he meant when he was quoted last week as saying that a poet should



B.F. MAIZ

challenge both God and man. "A poet's job is to interpret and record what God does," he said. "Sometimes a poet must say to God, 'Are you going to live up to what I said, or am I wrong?'"

"Sometimes a poet must challenge man, too. He must say, 'Are you the one that failed?'" Maiz, who is a master at using the English language, said sometimes a poet must also challenge the language. "Sometimes I, as a poet, have to say, 'Language, did you serve me well?' A poet must challenge God, man, his language and himself."

After one poem about a man who died in the civil rights struggles of the early sixties,

Maiz told the audience, "The poet's task is to remember such men and sing their praises and make their deeds live."

He issued a challenge to the young people of the South. "I invite you to take over the leadership of this country," he said. "I am convinced the future leadership of the country lies in the South. The more I see of the South, the more I am convinced."

Maiz called the South the "reservoir from which the leadership will have to come. If you fail, the country is damned."

He asked many penetrating questions about various segments of society. After a poem about war, he referred to the "middle American silent majority" and said they were the ones whose "sons came back shipped in boxes."

If you weren't there, you missed a chance that seldom comes. We can quote some of the words, but you can't quote an experience. You had to be there, and if he comes again, don't miss it.

—STEVE BUTTRY

reader feedback

Editor,

After reading the Feb. 8 article, "Archaic Requirements Linger" (aimed mainly at the Spanish Department), one wonders if some would like a curriculum consisting of a course in macrame, a seminar on the philosophy behind "Playboy" magazine, an "in-depth" study on TV's "Kojak," and an honors lab on the finer qualities of Harley-Davidson motorcycles?

The Spanish Department has just installed a very expensive tape deck system for all students to use.

Five classes a week for first-year Spanish does sound a bit much, but they do receive four hours credit.

The department does offer some fringe benefits; a Spanish club, and there are two conversation hours offered weekly (one in the morning, the other in the afternoon) at the Student Center with free soft drinks. This is a time when students and their professors can visit in Spanish (no role call and absolutely no grade books).

As for the possibility of using one's Spanish, there are many community agencies here that need Spanish speaking volunteers. And there's always Raza Unida.

On the lighter side, wouldn't that spring recess trip to Juarez be more fun if one spoke fluent Spanish?!

Dottie Binnion
Junior

Letters

The Daily Skiff welcomes reader response in the form of letters to the editor. All letters must be typed, double spaced and should not exceed 200 words.

Letters must be signed with name and classification or title.

Guest editorials must meet the same requirements and not exceed 400 words.

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65 courses offered

Special Courses cooking up potpourri

Where do you register for Mandarin Chinese II?

At the Division of Special Courses, which offers this and 65 other programs for the spring semester, that's where.

The courses cover the arts, business, communications, hobbies, physical fitness and "potpourri." Come of the courses are: Watercolor Workshop, Estate Planning, Groping for Words?, Good Gardening, Swimming for Children and the Silent Film Era.

"In the fall, we had 1,100 and some-odd students attending," said Robert G. Rymell, director of Special Courses. "In the spring, we hope for 1,600 to 2,000." There are no admission requirements. "Anyone who's got an interest, they come here," Rymell said.

For some courses, students receive Continuing Education Units (CEU). These are not related to semester

hour credits, but are permanent records of a student's continuing education.

A student earns one CEU for each 10 hours of class in "job-related" courses, Rymell said. Not all courses offer this. "I can't imagine anyone wanting a CEU for needlepoint," Rymell said, "unless they needed the transcript to work in a store."

Tuition ranges from \$15 (for International Sunday School Lessons for Teachers) to \$125 (three days of Management in Action, class materials and luncheons). Adults over 65 receive a 25 per cent discount. There are some husband-and-wife rates, and some high school and college student rates.

Tuition covers the costs of the classes, Rymell said, and the instructors are paid. Some classes include materials; in others, materials are exclusive of tuition.

The instructors range from an emeritus professor to a manager of apartments and condominiums to members of the British Astrological Society. The instructors are found in two ways, Rymell said. "In some cases people come to us and say, 'Here's a good idea for a course.' In other cases, we go to them."

Some courses have begun already, but many start in the next two weeks. Most courses meet two hours one day a week, from six to 13 weeks.

The Division of Special Courses tries to provide carpool information for students. "We're trying to furnish information about others coming to classes in a students area," Rymell's secretary said.

Rymell said students travel from as far as Dallas and Mineral Wells to attend classes. Brochures and registration forms can be found in Sadler Hall room 211.

Tri Delts offer scholarships

Three \$500 scholarships are up for grabs, girls, and you may also have a shot at \$1,000.

Delta Delta Delta's annual Service Projects Scholarship Competition is now underway at the University. All full-time undergraduate women are eligible.

Applicants must be actively involved in campus affairs, have good academic records and show the potential of valuable service in their particular fields. Financial need will also play a part in the final selection.

Three \$500 scholarships will be awarded. Each local winner will become eligible for one of the \$1,000 awards to be made by the Tri Delts' National Service Fund.

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Frogs sign local talent

After the first smoke of battle had cleared yesterday afternoon the Southwest Conference recruiting war was off to a roaring start—or, for some schools, a roaring stop.

TCU had picked up a dozen or so stalwarts by mid-afternoon. And among them was a good

proportion of Tarrant County talent, starting with end Mike Renfro (5-11, 165) of Fort Worth Arlington Heights.

Also committing to the Frogs were tackle Marshall Harris (6-6, 220) from Southwest, split end-defensive back Michael Milton (6-1, 165) out of Dunbar and

running back Jimmy Grant (6-0, 170) of Richland.

From Arlington Sam Houston come guard Mark Krug (6-4, 220) and quarterback Reuben Tomlin (6-1, 165).

Other Purple signees include end-defensive back Chuck Giammalva (6-1, 175) of Friendswood, fullback-linebacker Jerry Gaither (6-3, 205) of Waxahachie, tight end James Harris (6-4, 210) of Waco Richfield, quarterback-linebacker Jimmy Dan Elzner (6-3, 195) of Kaufman and defensive back-tailback Ronnie Lane (6-3, 190) of Alvarado.

The trend in Texas-Oklahoma grid talent switchoffs usually has the flow going northward, but the Frogs managed to beat the current in at least one instance yesterday by harvesting defensive lineman Jim Blackwelder (6-3, 212) from Tulsa Nathan Hale High.

Committed to but not officially signed by the Frogs at press time were running backs Doug King of Odessa and Reuben Ray of Austin, defensive back Kyle Killough of Cypress-Fairbanks, linebackers Jesse Payne of Wichita Falls and Tim Gordon of Wortham and defensive linemen Mike McLeod of San Antonio Churchill, Trip Chastain of Lamesa, Danny Kasper of Taylor and Lynn Davis of Wortham.

Winning tradition fed by cooperation

By PHIL JOHNSON
Sports Editor

Purple swimming mentor Rufe Brewton touched on the problem the other day without realizing it when he said agitatedly, "I challenge anybody to come down here and go through what my kids go through for as little recognition as they get and see how they like it."

That Brewton was complaining about the sparseness of newspaper copy about swimming in Frogland is academic; the point is that he could just as easily have been commenting upon the largely disjointed efforts of the various TCU athletic squads.

As an example, take the innocent reference made recently by an official in the Daniel-Meyer Coliseum athletic complex, in which he called swimming a "maverick" sport.

"We really don't know much about what goes on over on the other side of the street, and Rufe doesn't ever come over here," the official remarked.

The situation is more than a little ironic, because in order to fulfill Southwest Conference requirements TCU must participate in eight conference sports—and swimming is one. Football, basketball, baseball, track, cross country, golf and tennis are the others.

Yet Brewton is prompted to comment—with substantial justification—that his tankers are entitled to at least as much attention as the gridders, cagers and baseballers. The jealous air that accompanies the comment can be nothing but detrimental to the athletic program as a whole, though.

And it doesn't just stem from the Purple tank echelon, but rather seems more the rule than the exception in TCU athletics today. "We tend to form our little cliques," basketball boss Johnny Swaim said a couple of weeks ago. "And it shouldn't be that way."

"I feel like my basketball players should root for the football team, and I want the football players to be for us. When we beat A&M (remember when?), Coach Shofner was waiting outside my office to congratulate me, and he asked

me if he could go in and talk to the players. Of course I don't mind if he talks to the players; I used to go into the football locker room a lot.

"And really, that kind of feeling should extend to all departments of TCU. If the theatre department is doing something that's good we should be pulling for it."

Jim Shofner, as football coach, expressed the same sentiments. Reminding his listeners that he played baseball as well as football during his TCU athletic career, Shofner recently said on a local radio broadcast that one of the chief bonuses he feels he'll get out of college coaching is the close proximity to a number of sports other than football.

Swimming, golf and tennis have traditionally been the "have nots" where Purple scholarship aid is concerned—and track and cross country have not been much, if any, better off—but a new attitude would be a step in the right direction, at least until the scholarship cornucopia can be primed to deliver a little relief.

E's women cagers face TWC tonight

The TCU girls' basketball team, as coached by Evans Royal, will be in action tonight at 6:30 in the Rickel Center.

Texas Wesleyan will provide the opposition.



OOF!—Frog center Lawrence Young (33) is decked by Texas Aggie Randy Knowles during game in College Station Saturday night. Observing the flight of the ball is TCU guard Jeff Wright (22).

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