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Angelou lectures on African Americans

By Diane Wooldridge
Staff Writer

She has written poetry, books, plays and songs. She has danced, produced, acted and lectured.

She is Maya Angelou and she will speak at TCU tonight at 7:30 in Ed Landreth Hall Auditorium as part of Black History Month.

Programming Council is sponsoring the event through the Forums Committee. General admission is \$3 and \$1 with TCU ID.

Angelou's best-selling book, "I Know Why The Caged Bird Sings," is

autobiographical about growing up in Depression era Arkansas.

Most of her messages deal with her books and poetry, which are based on her life experiences, said Laura Puckett, Forums Committee adviser.

"She's a phenomenal storyteller. She's a very eloquent speaker. Her style is just as entertaining as her message," said Puckett.

"In terms of African America, she has a very clear perspective on where they have been, where they are now, and possibly some ideas about where

they should go," said Logan Hampton, coordinator of minority affairs.

Her clear perspective comes from her experiences, Hampton said. "She is a strong person—you can see it on her face."

Maya Angelou wrote the original screenplay and musical score for the film "Georgia Georgia," wrote and produced "Sisters, Sisters" and the play "On A Southern Journey." She wrote and produced a 10-part series on African traditions in American life.

She won the Golden Eagle in 1977 for writing and producing "Afro-

American in the Arts," a Public Broadcasting Service documentary. She has made more than 150 appearances on talk shows.

Last year she lectured at Ohio University. "She mesmerized the audience," said Francine Childs, chairperson for Afro-American studies.

"She captivated the audience and held them spellbound from the moment she walked upon the stage," she said.

"She speaks for the voiceless as to what happens to us when we are

under oppression for extended periods of time," said the Rev. Jesse Truvillion, university minister for minority students.

"She inspires those who are of the oppressed group (the caged birds), and she challenges those who cause the bird to be caged," he said.

"This is very special for TCU. The experience of seeing Maya Angelou will be the highlight for a TCU student's college career," Truvillion said. "They'll remember her for the rest of their life as if it were yesterday."

Melinda Mains' roommate bought her several books by Angelou as a gift after she saw her lecture at the Church of Christ general assembly. As she handed Mains the books, she said, "You've been talking about her continually since you've seen her."

Childs said Ohio University had the largest turnout ever when Angelou spoke last year. "There was standing ovation after standing ovation after standing ovation."

"I wasn't expecting it to engross me that much," Mains said. "She really blew me away."



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Making a statement - Kenneth Kennon sits on the steps of Robert Carr Chapel protesting TCU's investments in South Africa.

Get experience—the Corps style

By MariCarmen Eroles
Staff Writer

The toughest job a person will ever love—the Peace Corps.

"The Peace Corps is a group of people making something happen," said Betsy Dupre, a public affairs officer for the Peace Corps.

Working for the Peace Corps provides experiences incomparable to anything you can get in the United States, she said.

"Most people who come back say they've had their absolute worst and their absolute best experiences," she said.

The Peace Corps came to TCU to publicize among minority students because only 2 percent of the current volunteers belong to minority groups.

"People in Latin America and Africa ask where are your blacks and Hispanics," she said. "There is a need in those countries for them."

The Peace Corps is an opportunity to share your skills with people all over the world, Dupre said.

"It is a feeling you've been able to experience another culture, and most volunteers learn another language," she said.

Dupre said a returning volunteer who worked in a fishery in Africa taught the farmers to cooperate and build fish ponds in their land to help themselves.

Volunteers are required to commit themselves for a two-year period because that is the amount of time in which something can be accomplished, she said.

Steve Latimer, a recruiter and return volunteer in Papua, New Guinea from August 1984 to October 1986, said a lot of graduate schools give preference when hiring to return volunteers because they are more mature.

He said he had been robbed a couple of times during his stay, and he had to adjust to the different foods. But it was a good and enjoyable experience.

"You get a broader picture of what the world is all about," he said, "and an opportunity to live, work and sleep the same way people there do it."

He said the country was beautiful, the people were nice and what he enjoyed most was he got a sense of doing humanitarian work.

Latimer worked in a forestry project with farmers in small areas to help them market their timber.

His major in college was finance and engineering management.

Honduras and the Philippines are the countries holding the most volunteers, with 321 and 320 respectively, according to Peace Corps sources.

The male/female ratio is 49 to 51 percent and the number of people volunteering has decreased due to budget cuts by Congress.

Volunteers must have a bachelor's degree or 3-5 years work experience.

Dupre said a second language is not required and one-third of the volunteers work as teachers, but the biggest demand is in forestry and agriculture.

Decision favors gays

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) - The Army's ban on homosexuals was ruled unconstitutional Wednesday by a federal appeals court that said homosexuals are entitled to the same protection against discrimination as racial minorities.

"The discrimination faced by homosexuals in our society is plainly no less pernicious or intense than the discrimination faced by other groups" afforded protection from discrimination, said the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in a 2-1 decision.

The ruling was the first by a federal appeals court to grant strict constitutional protection to homosexuals and to prohibit a branch of the armed services from excluding people on the basis of sexual orientation.

In 1986, the Supreme Court upheld a Georgia anti-sodomy law that allowed criminal prosecution for private homosexual acts. Lower courts, including the 9th Circuit in a 1980 decision by Judge Anthony Kennedy, who recently was confirmed to the Supreme Court, have allowed the military to base exclusions on homosexual conduct.

But the appeals court Wednesday said the Army's 1981 regulations go further by targeting a soldier's sexual orientation, regardless of conduct.

A ruling that specific sexual con-

duct can be forbidden by criminal laws cannot be translated into "a state license to pass 'homosexual laws' - laws imposing special restrictions on gays because they are gay," Judge William Norris said.

In a dissent, Judge Stephen Reinhardt said the Supreme Court in the Georgia case held that homosexuals are not entitled to special constitutional protection, since their sexual conduct can be punished criminally.

Reinhardt, however, condemned the Supreme Court ruling, and predicted someday it would be overruled by "a wiser and more enlightened court."

The appeals court ruled in favor of Perry Watkins, 39, who enlisted at age 19 in 1967 and admitted on a pre-induction medical form that he had homosexual tendencies.

The ruling affirmed a May 1982 decision by the U.S. District Court in Seattle, which held the Army could not discharge Watkins on the basis of his sexual orientation because he disclosed he is gay when he was drafted.

At the time of Watkins' induction, the Army discharged soldiers for sodomy and other specific sexual acts, but not for homosexuality.

After the regulations were changed in 1981, the Army sought to discharge Watkins.

Young Democrats reorganize

By Regina Hatcher
Staff Writer

Young Democrats met Tuesday evening to reorganize their club and to set new goals for the spring semester.

"Last semester we were very unorganized, and we didn't have any definite goals," said Debbie Yaniko, president of Young Democrats.

Yaniko credited the lack of organization to their adviser Ben Proctor's absence.

"He was on a sabbatical last semester, and we really didn't have any

leadership," Yaniko said.

Besides the problem of disorganization last semester, the Young Democrats also had a problem with membership.

Former president, David Thoms, said they only had about 20 members last fall.

"We have 45 members that have signed up this semester, but only 20 showed up for the meeting last night," Yaniko said. "Our group is mainly composed of males who are non-Greek."

Yaniko said they plan to recruit more members by going door to door

and putting more posters up.

"We have to go out and find members because it's harder to admit to being a Democrat on this campus," Yaniko said. "We need to reach out to more minority groups on this campus also."

In addition to discussing membership drives, they also discussed tentative goals for their involvement in the upcoming presidential elections.

"Most of our members are backing Paul Simon and Mike Dukakis, but we won't officially support any candidate until after the primary," Yaniko said.

Jury rules death for Texas man

NEW BRAUNFELS, Texas (AP) - A Comal County jury sentenced Richard Lewis Brimage Jr. Wednesday to be executed for his capital murder conviction in the October strangulation of a Texas A&I University student.

Mary Beth Kunkel, a 19-year-old freshman, was reported missing Oct. 5. Her body was discovered bound in the trunk of a Cadillac in Brimage's parents' garage in Kingsville two days later.

"I feel very relieved," said Frances Kunkel, the victim's mother, after the

guilty verdict was returned Tuesday. "I let God decide and the court decide. All I wanted was justice."

During closing arguments, defense attorney W.R. "Dick" Hitchens said Brimage, 32, was not guilty of capital murder and argued the prosecution had not proved a kidnapping occurred.

"There's a young girl dead, but it's not capital murder," Hitchens said.

Hitchens said co-defendant Leonel Molina's testimony indicated that

Brimage did not intend to kill Kunkel. Molina, 32, pleaded guilty to murder in the case in exchange for a 50-year prison term and his testimony in the Brimage trial.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Scott Woodward of Houston, who is helping prosecute the case, told the jury Kunkel was held against her will in the master bedroom. Woodward called Brimage's actions calculated and studied.

Brimage, who had sketched pictures during most of the testimony, cried quietly Tuesday while the jury

heard a tape-recorded interview with Kingsville police Capt. George Gomez Jr. and Molina.

Brimage's father, Richard Sr., said his son's actions were ruled by his drug addiction.

"He didn't do it. Dope did it," the elder Brimage said. "If I thought that that was my son who did this, I wouldn't be standing here facing you people."

The case was moved here because of extensive news coverage in South Texas.

TODAYdiscovery

Aspirin found to decrease heart attack risks

By Nancy Andersen
Staff Writer

In ancient Greece, the physician Hippocrates advised his patients to chew on willow leaves to ease their pain. The salicylic acid in the leaves was the ancestor of the modern painkiller-aspirin.

More than 2,300 years later, according to a recent study in the "New England Journal of Medicine," aspirin not only eases pain but helps to prevent one of the most serious health threats of modern times—the heart attack.

Dr. Robert S. Capper, a local cardiologist, said that even though aspirin is one of the safest and most widely used drugs, people who want to reduce their risk of heart attacks by taking it should talk to their doctors ab-

out it first. "Aspirin is not for everyone," he said. "Taken in too-large doses, it can cause harmful side effects."

Among these side effects, especially seen in use of unbuffered and uncoated tablets, are nausea and internal bleeding.

These side effects may aggravate gastric ulcers, slightly increase the risk of stroke and set off aspirin allergies, he said.

A heart attack happens when a blood clot forms on waxy, fatty deposits like cholesterol in the arteries and shuts off the blood flow to the heart.

Aspirin is believed to prevent heart attacks by inhibiting the grouping of platelets, blood cells that cause clotting, in the area of the deposit.

The journal said during the 1983

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Robert S. Capper,
cardiologist

study by Harvard Medical School, more than 22,000 doctors in apparently good health volunteered to take a buffered aspirin or a placebo every other day.

Later during the study, among placebo takers there were 189 heart attacks, 18 of which were fatal. Among aspirin takers there were 189 heart attacks, of which only five were fatal.

Capper said taking one aspirin every other day, as was done in the study, is just enough to reduce the

may also be effective in inhibiting blood clots, Capper said.

However, he said, acetaminophen, the active ingredient in Tylenol and similar non-aspirin painkillers, does not affect clotting and does not offer the same protection against heart attacks.

"The trick is to take the right form of painkiller," he said.

Though aspirin may help in preventing heart attacks, "it is not a magic cure-all," Capper said.

"Aspirin will not eliminate the effect of known risk factors like high blood pressure," he said.

He and the American Heart Association gave the following guidelines as most successful in halting coronaries:

Lower cholesterol levels by eating a low-fat diet of fruits, vegetables and lean meats.

Cut down or quit smoking, particularly cigarette smoking.

Exercise regularly.

Avoid stress.

The American Heart Association reported as many as 1.5 million Americans will have heart attacks this year. About 550,000 of these people will die—most of them before they ever get to a hospital.

Capper said although recently females have become heavier cigarette smokers, males tend to be more hard-driven, feel more stress, soothe themselves by eating fatty foods and have more heart attacks.

Professor studies exercise effects

By Lisa Touye
Staff Writer

Exercise.

Sometimes we take the way our muscles work for granted. But people with diseases like cerebral palsy, in which areas of the brain that control muscle coordination are damaged at birth, do not.

Jeff McCubbin, TCU assistant professor of physical education, has been studying the effects of resistive exercise, like weight training, on 25 adolescents and young adults with cerebral palsy the last two semesters.

"When these people are school age, their activity level is high and they may be in physical therapy clas-

ses, but when they get older they become more inactive," he said.

"People with cerebral palsy have damage to the brain that affects the way their muscles work together," McCubbin said.

For example, when flexing the arm at the elbow, one set of muscles contracts so the elbow bends and another set relaxes, he said.

People with cerebral palsy have slow, jerking motion rather than smooth, flowing motion, he said.

McCubbin said the focus of the study is to determine whether resistive weight training can cause smoother motion in cerebral palsy victims. If it does, they may be able to retain or improve muscle control if

resistive training is used with regular physical therapy.

Weight training is beneficial because it works both the muscle groups, he said.

"Hydraulic resistance is controlled—it gives back the amount you put in," he said. "This makes the maximum amount lifted safer for the person."

Subjects came in three times a week last semester for weight training sessions supervised by McCubbin or a graduate assistant. Transportation fees were paid for some subjects because many came from Dallas and outlying areas for testing, McCubbin said.

Tests on subjects were done before

and after the study to assess the effect training had on muscle contraction efficiency. The results were positive but not statistically significant, so another group is being tested this semester, he said.

"Last year an error in data collection before the tests were run resulted in us having to do all the pre-testing again," McCubbin said.

"If they were 25 college students that would have been no big deal, but transportation costs had to be paid again, time found to take the tests and training was set back a week," he said.

General funding of McCubbin's research was paid through a grant from the TCU Research Foundation.

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COMMENTARY

Our View Grading proposal

The present proposal to add pluses and minuses to TCU's grading system is a good one.

The new system should be implemented next year, along with the new course catalog, because it would more accurately reflect students' levels of achievement.

Many professors grade on a 90-80-70-60 grading system. Under this system, students who graze the bottom of a grade level with an 79.5 percent rounded up to a B are given the same evaluation as students who get an 89 percent in the same class. No allowance exists for more than five different levels of evaluation.

Grades based on a plus/minus system would be more attractive to graduate schools and employers because they are a more accurate reflection of achievement. They would tell whether a student was just making a certain grade or at the top of the class.

In the present system, professors have no way to reward students who have put in exceptional effort but not quite made it to the next 10 percent cutoff point. A plus/minus system would allow for that differentiating without having to give the student a wind-fall.

The new core curriculum and course catalog implementation in the fall will provide an opportune time to integrate the grading into the system.

Students already here should be able to retain the straight grading system to maintain consistency in grade reporting. But students entering next year should be given the new system to work with from the beginning.

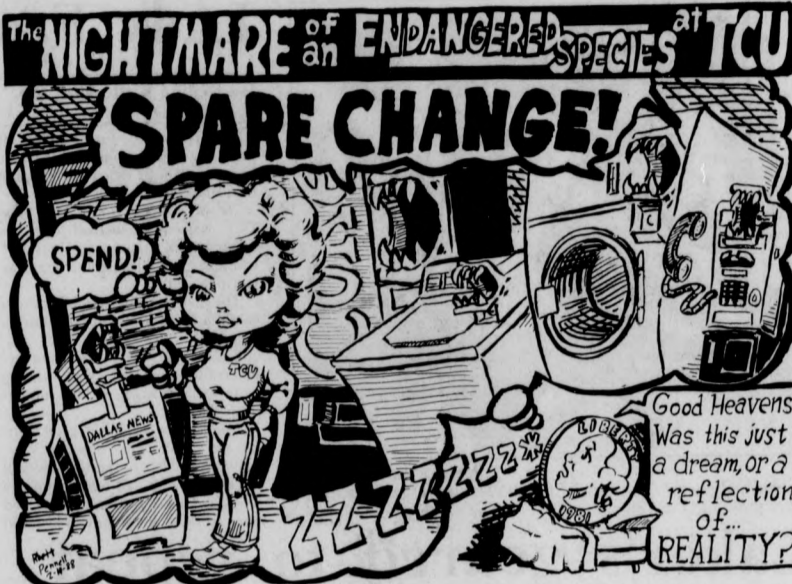
While this new system might foster more competitiveness in academics, the competition is inherent to any system of regular evaluation.

Unless campus-wide guidelines for what constitutes an A- or a B or a C- are implemented, professors will have latitude to apply the system individually. Although this may lead to some inconsistency, it is not because of the plus/minus system or philosophy, but because of its implementation.

A good idea should not be withheld because it may be applied incorrectly. Instead, measures should be taken to ensure the intent of the system is guarded.

There are some drawbacks to implementing the new system, but they are outweighed by its positive aspects.

Though the system should not be implemented to affect students presently enrolled, future TCU students should be evaluated on a system involving pluses and minuses.



Hating on a day for love

By Lucy Calvert
Columnist



As Valentine's Day approaches, newspapers and television commercials are littered with gift advertisements for "that special someone in your life." Grocery and dime store windows are plastered with those naked little cherubs heralding the day dedicated to lovers.

But I recently saw an ad dedicated to haters.

Through HATE, Inc., one can send someone a one-pound, heart-shaped box of chocolate-covered rocks or about a dozen dead roses.

What a sad, pathetic statement of our times.

What happened to giving a valentine because you liked someone?

Remember in your innocent youth, back in grade school when each person had his or her own bag for valentines? And your mother would take you to the dime store where you bought a box of cards, usually little animals hugging a giant heart, that had sappy rhymes on them like "Don't waste any time, Valentine. Be mine!"

Of course, back then we were too young to love anyone romantically, but Valentine's Day was a great excuse to avoid math problems or reading "Where the Red Fern Grows" aloud. You got to eat those candies with more sappy sayings on them, and drink red punch and eat pink cake with pink icing.

As we grew older and played the dating game in high school, Valentine's Day became a serious event, a measurement of popularity.

If your high school was like mine, there was some group who sold carnations. For a couple of dollars you could have a flower sent to a friend or sweetheart while they were in class.

Of course, the most popular girls walked around with a veritable carnation bush in their arms. The popular guys, wanting to keep their reputations as studs, broke off the stems and put the flowers in their pockets.

And if they were really hot, they put one between their teeth and posed for the yearbook photographer.

But now we are in college. Supposedly we are mature, rational adults.

So why is it that someone starts a business to make money off of other people's vengeance and contempt?

Isn't it bad enough that we harbor ill feelings against those with whom we have had our differences? Is there not enough pain or anger in remembering a fight with a lover or friend—a fight that may have severed the relationship?

Is it really necessary to pour salt in the wound by paying to have a spiteful message sent?

Remember when your mother used to tell you, "If you can't say anything nice, don't say anything at all?" Maybe Mom knew best.

Valentine's Day should be a day to celebrate love and friendship, not bitterness and anger.

Letters to the Editor

OLAS awareness

At the past ISA retreat, one of the main topics discussed was the emergence of a "new view." Basically, this defines a unique change in outlook concerning the way students interact with each other culturally, academically and spiritually.

The relatively new Organization of Latin American Students has been established for this very purpose—to elicit an understanding and awareness of various cultures, primarily the Hispanic culture.

Prior to the acceptance of any given tradition, however, there are many stereotypes that must be overcome. Often society sees only the external, distorted version of a culture and labels it according to

first impressions, be it negative or positive. One of the disadvantages to this method of critique is that the customs are seen not in their own light, but in the melting pot of the surrounding environment.

OLAS seeks to reveal the heart of true Latin America. Including such aspects as its art, food, music and philosophy refined through time, the Hispanic tradition is definitely one to be experienced. OLAS is a resource center designed to offer this experience. It is committed to illustrating and conveying the idea of what it is to be Hispanic.

Taking advantage of the potential the Metroplex has to offer in the way of Hispanic involvement, the group functions to accomplish two major objectives. One in-

volves participation, while the second concerns discovery. By enabling people to participate in a different culture's activities, OLAS allows them to appreciate it on its own merits and avoid overblown generalizations; in other words, discovering for themselves an alternate way of life.

Please help us broaden our views, as well as yours, by utilizing what OLAS has to offer. Becoming aware through discovery and participation can only serve to augment our experiences positively. OLAS would like to see this materialize.

Leslie F. Aistrich
Freshman/English

Support intercultural groups by presence

By MariCarmen Eroles
Columnist



When I walked into the room for the first International Student Association meeting this semester, the room was full.

That was a surprise, considering the low attendance of past years.

To tell the truth, I thought it would be like other years. We would introduce ourselves, say we were going to plan a lot of events for the semester and then we would go home.

But it wasn't. It was a lively, well-organized meeting where we got to know something else about each other. It compelled me to go back for the next meeting.

I was also surprised and pleased last year when the International Student Banquet turned out to be a great success because, frankly, we all had our doubts.

ISA has grown incredibly since last semester and its members are a lot more enthusiastic about everything that is going on.

They have events scheduled every weekend and the response is very good. In fact, some ISA members are known around campus because they know how to throw a party.

But that is not all ISA does. It also sponsors International Student Week where they try to create intercultural awareness among American students.

A very commendable goal, but it is not always achieved. Very few people on campus really care about intercultural awareness.

Forums, displays, the inauguration and other events held last year during International Student Week were somewhat empty because few students cared enough to get acquainted with other cultures.

But students are not the only ones who should be held responsible for expanding their horizons. Very few faculty members attended the week's events. Talk about setting an example.

International students are not like other students. They are special because they come from different backgrounds and they want to share those backgrounds with the rest of their peers.

Most international students speak their native language and English, and many more speak three languages.

Why not take advantage of what they have to offer? It really is a lot.

ISA has a Host Family Program which places international students in contact with Fort Worth families with whom they share different cultural experiences.

Although it might seem Germans, French or other western culture members should not experience culture shock, they do. Things as simple as eating schedules or greetings vary enormously from country to country, and the respect for these traditions and customs should be mutual.

How much do people really know about Japan, or Germany, or France or Indonesia? Probably only what they see through the media.

But in today's world, when business is becoming more and more internationally oriented, this knowledge of foreign cultures might be an edge to get a better job.

Lately, there has been a lot of recognition for ISA's efforts on campus.

People in the House are trying to give them seats or some other kind of representation and support.

But that is not as important as giving friendship and more tangible support by attending ISA events.

It is very nice to say we support something and look good to everyone else, but if we really do support a cause or a group we should be supporting them with our presence and not with good will alone.

I appreciate and commend ISA's efforts to gain recognition and popularity on campus, but it seems everyone is speaking for its members except them.

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The Olympics: a chance to show your patriotism

By Robin Shermer
Sports Columnist



Another four years have gone by. Since 1984 we have seen Mary Lou Retton on "Wheaties" commercials and battery advertisements. We have seen hurdler Edwin Moses get beat and come back to start another winning streak.

And we have seen Mitch Gaylord try to climb the Hollywood ladder on the big screen in "American Anthem."

Ah, another Olympics has come, and we are ready for another onslaught of American hopefuls to become American heroes.

In the next two weeks we will be glued to our tubes watching the Winter Olympics in Calgary, Canada. Memories of 1984 winter Olympians will come to mind like Bill Johnson, Scott Hamilton, Tiffany Chin and Rosalind Sumner.

All-American stuff

We will get goose bumps when we see the 'ole red, white and blue rising above spectators as another American gold medalist sings the "Star-Spangled Banner."

Tears will form in our eyes as an American figure skater loses his or her balance, and the dream is lost on one slip of the ice.

Our hearts will beat furiously as an American downhill racer cuts the snow-covered corner too close and sends himself hurtling into space, finally crashing into a wire fence or a spectator or two. Will he be able to get up from the life-threatening fall?

Ah, the excitement of the Olympics is here again. Nationalism is never so high as during the two weeks of this world event. Americans are never as proud of their country and their people as they are during this ultimate test of athletic skill and ability.

So what makes these Olympics different from other ones? We have these emotions every four years, so that's certainly not new.

But as you know, there are some new and interesting things to talk about. New Arctic events include a demonstration sport called curling which was invented by the Scots about 400 years ago, according to a "Sports Illustrated" article in its Winter Olympic preview.

In a nutshell, curling is similar to shuffleboard in which teams of four take turns sliding a 42 pound granite "stone" across the ice toward a bull's eye. Points are awarded to the stones closest to the center of the bull's eye.

Freestyle skiing is another new event in these Olympics. It involves competition in ballet skiing, aerial jumping and skiing through mogul fields. It offers a new twist to the skiing skills.

Another difference is the absence of a boycott. I've almost forgotten what it is like to watch good, tough competition between countries without political interference. But that is the topic for a whole other column.

This year's hopefuls

In addition to all these new and wonderful happenings in the 1988 Winter Olympics, we will get to see the usual spectacular sports of alpine skiing, bobsledding, figure skating, hockey, the luge, nordic skiing and speed skating.

And, of course, these events have sub-events including the biathlon, cross country skiing, the ski jump, the downhill, slalom and giant slalom skiing.

The choices are endless, especially if ABC is running the Olympics from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. every night starting Sunday until Feb. 28.

Ah, the Olympics — two weeks of prime time athletic events. Your girlfriend won't be able to pull you away from the hockey game, and you won't be able to pull her away from the figure skating.

So until Sunday and the Opening Ceremonies we must wait to see if the Americans can take the gold again.

Can Debi Thomas outskate Katarina Witt for the ultimate glory in figure skating? Can the United States hockey team beat all the odds and win the gold like in 1980?

Who will be the fastest skier, the best jumper, the most accurate shooter?

We've got three weeks to find out. See you in front of the TV with those tears and goose bumps and beating hearts.



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Can anybody help? - Arkansas' Christie Wilson tries to keep the ball out of the hands of Teresia Hudson (11) and Michelle Henry.

Laker's geared to repeat as masters of basketball

By Greg Selber
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Analysis

Watching a Los Angeles Lakers game is like going to the opera or the theater. To witness these golden-clad thoroughbreds racing up and down the basketball court is comparable to witnessing maestro Vladimir Horowitz on the piano.

In other words, finer culture knows no bounds. It can be found in sneakers and sweatsocks. When the Lakers get their fast break going, there is no team in the NBA, not to mention the hemisphere, which will survive.

Case in point—the Lakers blow a 20-point lead to the Chicago Bulls and face the embarrassing possibility of an upset on the sacred ground of their home court, the Fabulous Forum.

The Bulls are within two with five minutes to go. Enter Earvin "Magic" Johnson, the Houdini of point guards. Minutes later, after an electric ten-point detonation filled with several blitzkrieg strikes to the basket, Magic heads to the bench with the Lakers destined for the winner's circle.

Magic is the weapon head coach Pat Riley and the Lakers must make ultimate use of in their run for consecutive championships. He is a weapon no team can use more skillfully.

And the way Magic is most useful is by triggering the fast break.

Now, for the Lakers, as the dominating days of the great center Kareem Abdul-Jabbar are on the wain, they're beginning to depend more and more on the break. "The Big Fella (Jabbar) used to be the offense," Johnson said. "Now we look to run before we look to set up the half-court offense. It is still good to know that Kareem is there when we need him, but with the team we have now, it would be silly not to take advantage of the talent," he said.

Now the Lakers are looking for

their second title in a row, a feat which has not been accomplished since the Celtics (who else?) did it in 1968-69. Los Angeles appears to have the inside track, if the first half of the season is any indication.

The Lakers have the best record in the NBA at the All-Star break. They have been beaten only nine times. While they are not going to break their own record for wins in a season (69 in 1971-72), the team is looking as good as anyone can remember.

Chick Hearn, the Lakers' radio/television announcer of the past 25 years, certainly agrees.

"The emergence of (power forward) A.C. Green has given this team the big game rebounder it was lacking. If the Lakers don't repeat, then I would have to say it was a big choke job. They are playing that well."

Green is rebounding at the double-figures clip. This performance by the former Pac-10 Player of the Year from Oregon State has served a double purpose.

"A.C. is keeping the other teams honest. Nobody is trying to push us around much anymore. Also, his boards are getting the break off more quickly and getting the offense in gear faster for Magic," Lakers' Coach Pat Riley said.

One thing in the Lakers' favor is the lack of good competition in their Pacific Division. With the exception of the Portland Trailblazers and occasionally

Lady Frogs triumph 73-69

By Regina Anderson
Sports Writer

The TCU Lady Frogs pulled off their second major upset of the year Tuesday night by defeating the Lady Razorbacks of Arkansas 73-69.

"It was a super win for TCU. The TCU women's basketball team has never beaten Arkansas or Houston," women's head basketball coach Fran Garmon said.

The first major upset for the Frogs came in January against the Houston Cougars.

Garmon said two of the major factors contributing to the Frogs' victory were a change in offense and support from the fans.

"My job as a coach is to keep figuring out ways to win," she said.

Before the loss to the University of Texas the Frogs had been running a 1-3-1 and a 1-2-2 offense and it had been working, but after four losses in

a row Garmon decided it was time for a change.

"I decided to go with a 1-4 set. We put a guard and a post up high at the free throw line and started from there instead of using two posts and two wings. From a coaching point of view it can either work or fail. Lucky for us it worked," Garmon said.

The change in offense didn't affect the Frogs' field goal shooting. They shot only 46 percent from the field, hitting 29 out of 63 field goals. The Razorbacks shot 53 percent, making 32 out of 60 shots.

"We had a very balanced night. Arkansas did a good job of scouting us," Garmon said. "They are a very well-coached team. They went over what we had done in other games, and at first they didn't react (to the new offense) and we went on a 16-6 run. We caught them off guard, and then they had to play catch up."

The Frogs had four players scoring in double figures. Forward Michelle Henry had 12 points, center Valerie Barnett had 13 points, guard Teresia Hudson had 15 points and forward Kathleen Olson lead all scorers with 20 points and 8 rebounds.

"Kathleen Olson had a great night, shooting 8 out of 13 from the field and going 4-for-4 from the free throw line," Garmon said.

Sophomore Guard Karen Davis said the team played "excellent."

"The guards and the post played well together," Davis said. "We played like a team. Teresia did a great job of controlling the offense. The shots she made and her hustling ability helped the team during clutch time."

The Frogs finished the night shooting 73 percent from the free throw line, making 14 out of 19 shots. They had only 16 turnovers compared to Arkansas' 24. The Razorbacks out rebounded the Frogs 42-31.

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In one-on-one basketball in the men's division, Larry Kelly won and Greg Scott placed second. In the women's division Debra Williams came in first and Maribeth Forrest placed second.

In the free throw shooting competition, Donya Kuehl won both the overall competition and women's division.

In two-on-two basketball, the team of Patrick Hurley and Christine Palmer won with Eddie Hill and Debra Williams placing second.

Racquet Weekend

People interested in participating in Doubles Racquet Weekend should sign up in the Rickel Building by Feb. 12. Competition will be held in racquetball, badminton, tennis and table tennis.

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