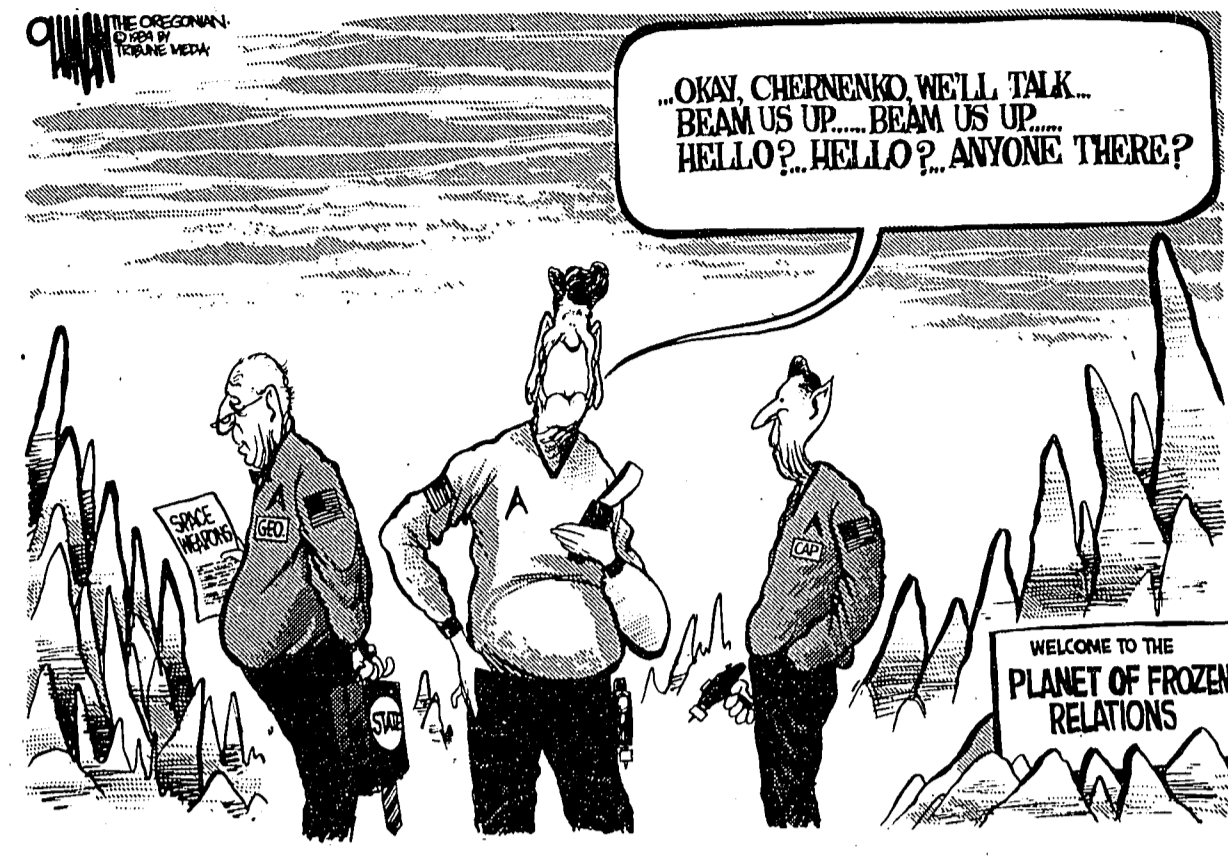


opinions



A bargain for our entertainment dollar

By DICK DAVIS  
Greenville Record-Argus

Complain, complain, complain. I have friends who are constantly griping about paying toll on the Pennsylvania Turnpike. "Why should we shell out our hard earned money when similar interstate highway systems are free?" they whine.

time to relax and get away from it all. The high point of my holiday was the hours I spent on the turnpike. I discovered another reason for the state Bureau of Travel Development to be proud. The turnpike was much more enjoyable than Interstate 95 in Virginia. True, the vehicles traveled just as fast on I-95, but the major north-south artery connecting Maine and Florida is too flat and well-furnished to compete with our toll road.

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They mean that the toll road, opened in 1940, hasn't kept pace with society.

I say we should be thankful for the turnpike. Where else can you play tag with semi-tractor-trailer trucks while careening up and down mountains and maneuvering through hairpin turns? Where else can you motor between rusting guardrails and soft shoulders while keeping an eye out for falling rocks?

We shouldn't expect to be thrilled like this for free. At about 1 cent a mile the turnpike is a bargain for our entertainment dollar. Imagine what you'd pay at an amusement park for fun like this.

A vehicle with at least two wheels, a driver's license, a little cash and a strong stomach are all that's needed for excitement on the four-lane thruway. Seat belts and tranquilizers are optional.

I had the good fortune to travel the 110-mile stretch of the turnpike between Pittsburgh and Breezewood last week en route to a brief vacation in the south. Contrary to an ugly rumor being spread throughout the county, I did not go to Minnesota for a vice presidential interview with Walter Mondale.

Forget the fact that I visited with friends and had

But my favorite feature of the turnpike is the fact that it violates the Law of Life's Highway. The law, which says, "If everything is coming your way, you're in the wrong lane," doesn't apply to the turnpike. There, no matter what lane you're in, you're never sure what's coming your way.

I did notice a few disturbing developments on the toll roads which I hope do not become a trend. The potholes I enjoyed dodging on a trip last year had been patched. Uneven and cracked pavement had been repaired. And no longer will I be able to pay \$1 for a slice of cheese on white bread from a turnpike vending machine. The installation of fast-food franchises at some rest areas guarantees us the same wondrous cuisine we're used to at home.

If the Turnpike Commission doesn't watchout, it's going to blow it.

A source in Harrisburg informs me the commission will take steps in 1984 to attract more customers. The state will flood the roadway between exits eight and nine and create the Pennsylvania Pikeside, sources said. No additional equipment will be needed to test the water.

I hope the plan is carried through. It will give the taxpayers another reason to say we've got a friend in Pennsylvania.

I heard this while I was helping several kids and by the time I had a chance to look over the reporter was gone. Thus in thirty seconds or so — just a few minutes after we had opened up — the reporter apparently got all the information necessary to complete an article that was written before the event took place.

I read the Collegian and often try to defend some of the criticisms other students have for your paper. Circumstances such as this, however, make me wonder whether

the criticisms are deserved despite the high awards your paper traditionally receives.

I trust this is the exception and that steps will be taken to prevent such occurrences from happening in the future.

Kenneth Paul Martin, President  
Penn State Stamp Club  
(not Penn State Stamp Collecting Club)  
July 12

reader opinion

The exception?

I was happy to see the two articles "Stamps are a real life hobby" and "Children show stamp designs" in today's issue of The Daily Collegian but was dismayed by errors contained in each of these articles.

A relatively minor error in the first article is that Marjorie Sente is President of MJ Philatelics, Inc. not Philatelics, Inc.

In the second article, I am incorrectly credited with designing the electronic stamp games (should also have been plural) which we used to teach children stamp technology.

These games were loaned from the American Philatelic Society, the largest national organization of stamp

collectors in the U.S., whose national headquarters are located in State College.

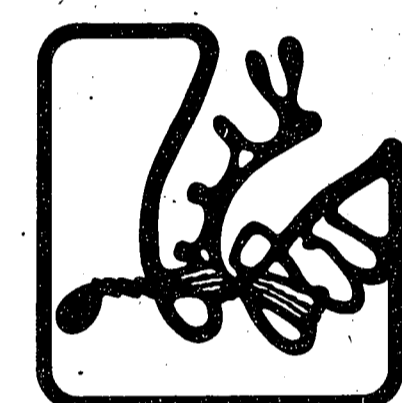
Also, Max Kenworthy, who also helped with the demonstration, is not mentioned in the article.

Finally, we did much more than just give the kids free stamps, covers, and literature. We demonstrated proper stamp collecting techniques such as how to soak a stamp off an envelope and how to hinge a stamp to an album page.

Most of this information could have been found on the sign for the event or by simple observation over a period of two to three minutes.

The reporter, however, approached Mr. Doty stating that she was from the Collegian for which she had written an article and that she needed a few quotes to finish the article.

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Friday, July 27  
GSA film, 6:30 p.m., Room 101 Chambers. Also July 28.  
Student Filmmaker's Organization meeting, 6:30 p.m., Room 26 Mineral Sciences Bldg.  
Saturday, July 28  
P.S. Wargamers Club meeting, 12:00 a.m., Room 210 Hammond. Also July 29.  
GSA meeting, 6:30 p.m., Room 112 Chambers.  
Student Filmmaker's Organization film, 6:30 p.m., Assembly Room HUB.  
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Political disputes abound as Olympics approach

By D. BYRON YAKE  
AP Sports Editor

LOS ANGELES — The arrival of Nadia Comaneci at the Los Angeles Olympics evoked pleasant memories of another time, but she had to share center stage yesterday with some noisy political squabbles.

There has been speculation that Comaneci, the Romanian gymnast who started the world with her perfection at the Montreal Olympics in 1976, might be the torchbearer for the Games' opening ceremonies tomorrow.

Comaneci insisted, however, that she hasn't been asked and Peter Ueberroth, head of the Los Angeles Olympic Organizing Committee seemingly dashed the possibility that she will be.

That possibility holds both nostalgic and political interest because Romania is the only Eastern bloc country attending the Games. The other Eastern bloc countries lined up behind the Soviet Union's boycott.

Other political disputes at the Olympics: — U.S. boxing officials tried to prevent four referees from judging or refereeing fights involving American boxers. The effort failed.

— American basketball officials cried foul over an Olympic schedule that calls for the U.S. women to play two early morning games within 24 hours.

— Three Libyans who applied for journalistic credentials to cover their country's six-man team were denied entry to the Games and to the United States.

— Four U.S. athletes were sued for \$3.5 million by Puma USA Inc. for changing contracts to Adidas.

— Athletes were evacuated from a dormitory at one Olympic village while police checked out a suspicious package. It turned out to be two rolls of toilet paper wrapped in a smock.

— Two Soviet ships were denied entry into Los Angeles and Long Beach ports for security reasons, officials said.

There was also a possibility of weather problems for the opening ceremonies tomorrow. Forecasters said rain was a near impossibility, but they weren't saying that about smog.

There were some developments on the playing fields.

The U.S. women's basketball team lost 107-65 last night to a collection of male players from the NBA Southern California Summer League. Still its coach, Pat Head Summit, was optimistic.

"I think this is the best women's basketball team we've ever had," she said.

There were complaints about the team's Olympic schedule, however, which included two early morning games within 24 hours. The American women meet Yugoslavia in its opening Monday game and Australia on Tuesday. William L. Wall, executive director of the Amateur Basketball Association, was angry.

"They don't think about the athletes," Wall said. "The game is not sport, it's money and television."

The U.S. men's basketball team finished its pre-Olympic exhibition games with an unblemished 9-0 record, the latest a 91-86 victory Wednesday night in San Diego against the National Basketball Association All-Stars.

Three Libyans, hoping to cover Libya's six-man sports delegation at the Games, were denied entry into the United States, according to Ueberroth. He said they will not be permitted either to enter the United States or to cover the Games. Ueberroth declined to say why the U.S. State Department refused to admit the Libyans.

Puma USA, Inc. filed suit in Superior Court in Los Angeles against four members of the U.S. team, demanding \$3.5 million in damages on the claim they agreed to wear Puma footwear but switched to Adidas. The civil suit names Kim Gallagher, Jodi Anderson, Pam Spencer and Pamela Page, plus coach Charles Debus and Three Stripe Promotions.

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By TIM DAHLBERG  
AP Sports Writer

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"We based it on the fact that it

was a close decision, it would put the referee or judge in a no-win situation," Baker said. "Either way he would rule would be questioned."

The three referee-judges are from Poland, Bulgaria and Cuba. The jury member is from the Soviet Union.

Under the judging rules used during the Olympics, the five-member jury is called into action if the five ringside judges split 3-2 on a decision. The jury must vote at least 4-1 to overturn a decision.

Baker said the United States request was not made because of any doubts of the competency of the officials, but because of the way their decisions might be interpreted due to the boycott.

Hull said the committee decided not to change the rules partly because it felt the possibility of the referee-judges being used in fights involving the 12 American boxers was remote.

7 PSU athletes to compete at Games



Jana Angelakis

The Penn State presence at the 23rd Olympiad has increased by two with the addition of a former Nittany Lion shooter and a former University track star.

Glenn Dubis, who competed on Penn State's rifle team from 1979 to 1981, will participate for the U.S. squad in air rifle and English match at the Summer Games. Dubis, from Bethel Park, was an All-American in 1979. As a senior, he was part of the last Penn State rifle team, which finished ninth nationally.

Knud Hjeltne competed on Penn State's track team in 1973 and 1974 and now throws the discus for Norway. Hjeltne finished seventh in that same event at the Montreal Olympics of 1976. He still holds the Penn State school record for shot put and discus.

One former Penn State athlete, however, has been forced out of the Games due to injury. Dan Canter, who had been named to the 17-man U.S. Olympic soccer team earlier this month, tore ligaments in his foot during practice.

Canter — from North Plainfield, N.J. — plays professionally for the New York Cosmos of the North American Soccer League. A ruling last month by the Football International Federation Association, soccer's governing body, opened the door to Olympic participation for any players whose World Cup squad did not advance to World Cup tournament qualifying rounds.

Other Penn Staters in the Olympics include: Terry Bartlett, who will participate for Great Britain's gymnastics team; Jana Angelakis, who will compete for the U.S. fencing team; and Chris Larson-Mason, Charlene Morett and Brenda Stauffer, who will play for the U.S. field hockey team. Angelakis, Larson-



Terry Bartlett

Mason and Morett were all members of the 1980 Olympic squad. Gymnastics, field hockey and shooting events all begin this Sunday, the first day of competition. Fencing action starts Wednesday, Aug. 1.

Bartlett is a three-event All-American for Penn State, having

finished fourth in the vault in 1982, and sixth on the horizontal and parallel bars in 1983. He is the top-ranked British gymnast.

Angelakis' achievements include two national collegiate titles, six national junior championships and three national senior championships.

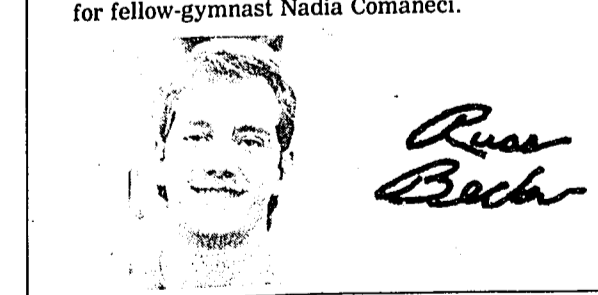
Olympic moments destined to shine in California sun

The nations of the world sit and stare. Then in an instant, it happens, and the focusing of world attention onto one lone city for a fortnight every four years is justified. The world will forever remember because the moment has arrived.

The awaited moment I speak of is born at the Olympic Games, and when it unfolds, no one needs to be told, "Hey, this is it." — we can feel it.

We felt it in 1968 when Bob Beamon pounded his fists on the ground of Mexico City in disbelief as he had just jumped two feet further than any other human before him.

We felt it as Olga Korbut revolutionized women's gymnastics at the 1972 Olympics, and again four years later in Montreal when perfect scores of 10 were raised for fellow-gymnast Nadia Comaneci.



At the 1976 Innsbruck games, Austrians in particular could sense the moment as countryman Franz Klammer, seemingly skirting to fulfill the prayers of every Austrian, hurled himself down the face of an Alpine mountain in front of a hysterical home crowd.

And Americans will never forget the moment in Lake Placid when — draped in red, white and blue — U.S. goalie Jim Craig called for his father in the stands amid pandemonium.

Attached to these moments are the lasting memories of Olympians past — the picture that brings a tear to the eye. Indeed, the moments make all of the commotion about the Olympics appear worthy.

They reach as far back as 1896, when Jesse Owens handed a disgraced Hitler four golden defeats in Berlin,

and will continue for as long as there are Olympic Games.

But "for as long as there are Olympic Games" might not mean forever — the Games for 1988 and beyond are hardly a certainty. Some say that the torch is being passed for the last time.

With consecutive boycotts, international terrorism, controversial drug testing and professionalism having more than tainted the Olympic ideal, critics claim that the Olympics just aren't what they used to be, or should be — that the Games' own high standards will be their fatal flaw.

What the critics fail to realize, however, are the intangibles involved with the Olympics. Since the Games' revival at the turn of the century, the world has carried on a love affair with every Olympiad — each one turning out a grander spectacle than the last.

Disbanding the Games at this point because of the previously mentioned faults would be tantamount to cancelling Christmas due to overt commercialism. Like a six-year-old holding its breath in K-Mart until Mom buys the latest yuletide craze, the world would "turn blue" until the Olympics returned.

The Games will therefore survive because their value extends beyond the gold, silver and bronze awards to the chance to cherish another moment.

With the opening ceremonies of the Los Angeles Summer Olympics scheduled for tomorrow, the next moment is destined to shine shortly in the Southern California sun. It may come from Carl Lewis with a Jesse Owens-like feat, controversial British/South African runner Zola Budd with a touching performance, or even from the Cracker Jack smile of America's gymnastic sparkplug Mary Lou Retton.

No matter who earns the distinction of presenting the next moment in Los Angeles, they are to be congratulated, for they will have joined an elite group of special athletes that has caused the world to sit and stare in hope of feeling the moment again.

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