

Local

Russian pianist dazzles small crowd

By NANCY ANDERSEN
Battalion Staff
"I've never heard her — is she outstanding?"
"The best."
"I'm no critic, but I must agree with the guys sitting behind me — Bella Davidovich is the best pianist I've ever heard. Now before I go any further I'd like to explain that I haven't even taken the Humanities 201 Music Appreciation course, so I'm



Russian pianist Bella Davidovich receives the applause of the crowd during last night's performance in Rudder Auditorium.

Review

probably not the best person to be reviewing one of the world's leading pianists.
But you don't need to be an expert to know that this woman is great. She walks on stage with all the bearing of royalty and then she plays and lets you know that she is the queen of the keyboards.
During her MSC OPAS-sponsored concert, Davidovich performed Haydn's Sonata N. 21 F Major, Schumann's Humoresque Op. 20 B flat Major, Mendelssohn's Variations Series Op. 54 D minor and six Chopin selections.
But Davidovich doesn't just play the piano, no this woman plays the piano, too, stroking and weaving as she goes. She drives and drives with white streaks for hands and then moments later, she changes tempo and starts picking out single keys like a hunt-and-peck typist.
And for once I could tell when the piece ended. Davidovich has a patient Russian flair for the dramatic. She doesn't merely end a piece and remove her hands. No, Davidovich throws her hands off the keys as if they were red hot.
And that's what she is on her first

American tour. Davidovich recently emigrated from the Soviet Union after her 1978 western tour was cancelled by U.S.S.R. authorities.
Although the crowd was considerably less than capacity, those attending were highly appreciative. She received two standing ovations during the performance and the audience almost didn't let her leave for intermission.
"She's the best we've ever had," said one mink-clad woman.
"Gee, do you think we could get her again tomorrow?" asked another.

Clayton day to be Saturday

Saturday has been declared "Speaker Bill Clayton Day" in Bryan-College Station and Brazos County.

An appreciation barbecue for the Texas House speaker is scheduled for 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at the Texas Hall of Fame.

City and county officials signed proclamations Tuesday declaring the day to honor Clayton.

Profits from the barbecue will go to Clayton for legal fees. He was cleared last month of federal racketeering charges.

Irene Little, a graduate student in educational psychology, is the official chairman of the event.

She said 8,000 of the \$10 tickets have been printed. Texas A&M University students can get the tickets for \$5.

Campus Names

Dr. W.A. Porter, director of the Texas Engineering Experiment Station at Texas A&M University, has been elected to the board of directors of Electro Scientific Industries Inc.

Porter, an electrical engineering professor at Texas A&M, directed the Institute for Solid State Electronics.

Texas A&M University scholarships endowed by \$40,000 from the Class of 1950 have been awarded to Glynn Lunney of Friendswood and Randall Reinisch of Kernersville, N.C.

Reinisch, an Army ROTC cadet majoring in general studies, received a \$1,000 per year Sul Ross Scholarship named in honor of Col. James R. Woodall.

Lunney, a freshman petroleum engineering major, was named recipient of a President's Endowed Scholarship given by the Class of '50 in honor of former Texas A&M President Jarvis Miller.

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OCA tells traffic rep about parking woes

By USCHI MICHEL-HOWELL
Battalion Staff

Changes in parking space allotments for the next fall semester were the focus of a discussion between a member of the Traffic Panel and off-campus students, Tuesday night.

Paul Bettencourt, chairman of the Motor Vehicle Regulations Subcommittee of the University Traffic Panel came to the Off-Campus Aggies Meeting to get student input on the use of about 1,400 new parking spaces, currently under construction.

Presently 900 new spaces are being built adjacent to the blue-sticker day student lot at Zachry Engineering Center. One-hundred fifty of the new spaces will be allotted to staff and faculty, with the rest to students, Bettencourt said.

Five hundred spaces will possibly be rezoned at Kyle Field. Complaints were voiced about on-campus students taking up off-campus parking spaces.

Bettencourt said that it is not possible to check each student's true residence at the time he registers for a sticker. This semester, 58 students with incorrect stickers have been identified by University Police, he said.

The final decision on the lots will be made in early spring to be effective next fall, he added.

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