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Pianist-Comedian Victor Borge performed Sunday night in a concert sponsored by MSC OPAS.

Victor Borge tickles ivories, funnybones

By DENISE RICHTER
Battalion Staff

The stage lights were dim. All attention was focused on the man seated at the piano. Solemnly, he looked at the audience and said, "This waltz was written by a Portuguese." A Portuguese? Of course, he explained. One man — one Portuguese. Two men — two Portuguese.

This remark set the tone of Victor Borge's performance Sunday at Rudder Auditorium, a performance which skillfully combined classical music and classical comedy.

Borge, 72, was on stage at least 15 minutes before he started to play the piano. He spent this time speaking at length about his piano, wondering aloud why a man with only two feet needed a piano with three pedals and informing his audience that the keys were yellow only because his elephant smoked too much.

Finally, he started to play a piece by Mozart — sort of. The

first part was definitely Mozart; however, the ending combined "Chopsticks" and "Happy Birthday to You."

Borge shared the spotlight with Marilyn Mulvey, an opera soloist who has performed with Borge for seven years. During the course of her performance, Borge constantly admonished Mulvey to keep her hands off his piano and greeted her announcement of her next selection with "Oh, God!" and a grimace.

Borge accompanied Mulvey, but with more than music. As she sang, he sang along, mimicked her, pulled his coat over his head to cover his ears and fell off the piano bench when she hit an especially high note. Expecting more high notes, he pulled a seat belt out of his piano bench and secured himself to the seat.

The pair made a great comedy duo; however, their "serious" talents were showcased when they performed "Ave Maria."

Borge, a renowned comedian and musician, then exhibited his

literary skills through "phonetic punctuation." This routine, which has become Borge's trademark, consisted of Borge reading a paragraph and accompanying it with appropriate sounds for punctuation.

At the end of his performance, Borge said, "When the handkerchief comes out to wipe away a tear of laughter, that is my reward."

If this is the case, Victor Borge was amply rewarded by the Texas A&M audience Sunday night.

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Dietitians install officers tonight at local restaurant

By BARBIE WOELFEL
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The TDA was formed eight years ago and presently has 25 members, said Francis Henry, a Registered Dietitian and Nutrition Counselor and the TDA incoming president for 1982.

"New officers will be installed Monday night at 6:30 at Julie's

Place," Henry said. "Our slate includes Cheryl Earp, president-elect; Pat Haberstroh, secretary; Irene Barksdale, treasurer; Mary Sweeten, chairman of council of practice; and Alice Richter, chairman-elect of council."

The president-elect in this organization is the vice president.

All members are registered dietitians who passed a written test and completed 75 hours of continued education on different aspects of dietetics over a five-year period.

"The TDA is a chapter of the

American Dietetic Association which has approximately 40,000 members," she added.

Some members of TDA have a private practice in nutritional counseling. They advise patients who have been referred to them by doctors, providing them with personal diet plans and nutritional information.

Several public services including the United States Department of Agriculture and the Agricultural Extension Service and several private businesses such as Kraft or Campbell's Soup staff nutritional counselors.

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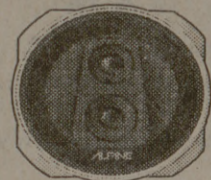
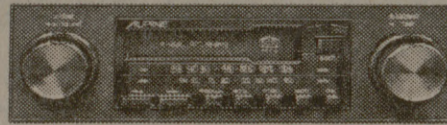
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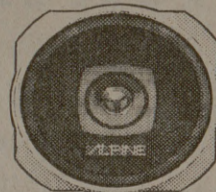
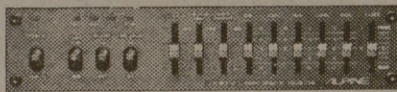


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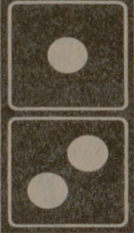

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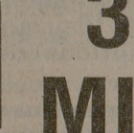
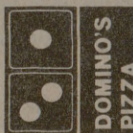
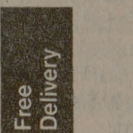
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