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## Perahia performs concert tonight

**Battalion Staff**  
Anyone interested in music, especially piano music, shouldn't miss Murray Perahia in concert tonight at 8 p.m. in Rudder Theater.

Perahia was the first American to win the Leeds International Piano Competition in London in September 1972.

Currently, he is performing and conducting Mozart's piano concerti with the English Chamber Orchestra for CBS Masterworks Records.

Tonight's concert will include a Beethoven sonata, "Opus 10, No. 3," Schubert's "Four Impromptus, Opus 142," and the Liszt "Sonata."

## Provost

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Coming from a position as dean of the College of Geosciences, Eaton supervised about 85 faculty and five department heads. Now he oversees about 2,000 faculty and about 80 department heads in the 11 colleges at the University.

"Here, every academic endeavor that's represented by people on the campus falls under my purview," he said.

In addition to his other duties, the provost is responsible for taking over the University president's duties in case of his absence.

"He (University President Frank E. Vandiver) left two hours after I came to work on the first day," Eaton said. "I got off to a fast start."

In general, Eaton said his new position carries more responsibility than his previous one.

"Basically it's a much greater breadth of responsibility, and a greater number of people answer to me here," he said. "As a net result, it's a much faster track."

Eaton said he sees several very

general responsibilities associated with his position as provost.

"First is the responsibility of the vice president of academic affairs — to serve the various academic constituents of the University," he said. This includes serving the student body, faculty and administration.

"Another one is to lead in matters like academic innovation, or in research in its relation to graduate teaching," he said.

"In relation to the faculty, one thing I have to do from time to time is to constrain. There are a lot of very bright people on the faculty and they have lots of bright ideas and while it would be wonderful to pursue all of these, somebody has to sort through these and make selections."

As part of his more formal duties, Eaton also reviews degree programs, course proposals and plays a role in shaping the curricula of the University in periods of change.

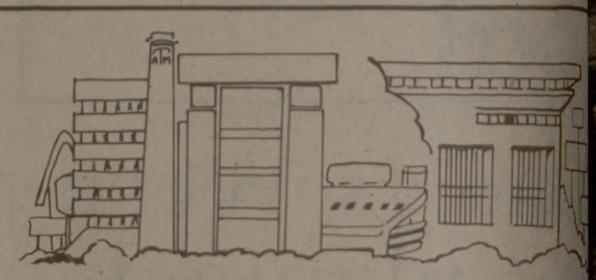
He also plays a significant role in the University's long-range planning activities.

Despite the emphasis on moving toward new goals, Eaton said there are a few things that should remain unchanged.

"I would like to see us continue what I regard as a very outstanding leadership program at this institution. I am very bullish on Texas A&M University. One of the several elements that's made me more bullish on the University since I've been here was the student body and a lot of the student activities, things like SCONA.

"I find a lot of the students here poised and matured beyond their years and I've really been impressed.

"I think it's one of the unique strengths of this University. I don't think this exists on many other campuses. I think we've got something here that we ought to be very proud of."



## Around town

### Horticulture Science gets new head

**Dr. H. Grant Vest Jr.** has been appointed head of Department of Horticultural Sciences at Texas A&M University.

Vest is currently head of the Department of Horticulture at Oklahoma State University where he has served since 1976.

Prior to going to Oklahoma, Vest was associate professor of horticulture at Michigan State University from 1970 to 1976. Vest is a native of Utah having received bachelor's, master's degrees at Utah State University and a Ph.D. at the University of Minnesota in 1967.

Vest succeeds Dr. Warren S. Barham who stepped down in September 1980 to devote more time to research and serve as president of the American Society for Horticultural Science. Vest's appointment is effective June 1.

### Watercolorist to conduct workshop

Well-known watercolorist **Danny Gamble** will hold a day watercolor workshop at the Brazos Center in Bryan, Texas, March 29-31. Cost of the workshop is \$15 per class. Classes will be held from 9:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. Every class will be from 6:30 p.m. until 9:30 p.m.

A free watercolor demonstration will be given on March 28 at 7:30 p.m. in the Brazos Center. The demonstration is open to the public.

To make your reservation for the workshop, send your name, address, phone number and a \$15 deposit to Betty Blevins, 4026 Green Valley Drive, Bryan, Texas 77801. Be sure and state which classes you wish to attend. For further information concerning the demonstration of the workshop, call the Arts Council at 770-2193 or Betty Blevins at 770-0801.

The workshop and demonstration are sponsored by the Brazos Valley Art League and the Arts Council of Brazos Valley.

### Community classes to be offered

Beginning soon, more than one hundred classes and activities will be offered to area residents through the **College Station Community Education** spring session of classes.

Registration for these classes will be held March 29 in the cafeteria of A&M Consolidated High School located on 2818 and Welsh Road. College Station residents may register beginning at 7 p.m. and all other area residents may register beginning at 7:30 p.m. Late registration will be held March 30-31 in the Community Education office, 109 Timberline, College Station.

Classes will be offered for all age groups in the areas of vocational, technical, and office skills; music and drama; personal enrichment; arts and crafts; health; fitness; recreation; and communication. Most courses run for 6-8 weeks with an average tuition cost of under \$20.

For more information on the types of classes offered, contact the Community Education Office at 696-3820.

### Former CIA Director to speak here

Former CIA Director **Admiral Stansfield Turner** will speak at Texas A&M University on March 22 at 8 p.m. in Rudder Theater. The topic of his speech will be "International Hot Spots." His talk is a presentation on how to identify and interpret information on the unrest in the world's political arena.

Admiral Turner directed the CIA from 1977 to 1980 under President Carter, which put him in control of the entire U.S. intelligence community.

Admission is free. For more information please contact MSC Political Forum at 835-1515.

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## Peso to decline more, prof says

**United Press International**  
ALPINE, Texas — An associate professor of finance for the American Graduate School of International Management says the Mexican peso probably will fall to a level of 200 pesos to \$1 before leveling off sometime in 1983.

Currently, the peso is valued at about 150 to \$1, a rapid slide from its 27 to \$1 level prior to the final devaluation last summer.

Speaking to about 100 businessmen studying the effects of the Mexican economy on West Texas, Dr. Paul M. Dickie said the peso is "grossly undervalued," judging from the Mexican economic situation. He said the Mexican government has kept the peso artificially low as a means of encouraging the tourism and exports needed to turn the country's economy around.

"The true value of the peso is about 100 to \$1," he said. "But a further decline in the price of oil will make it necessary for Mexico to borrow an additional \$4 billion."

Felix Guerrero, of the United States Department of Commerce in Houston, told Mexican bankers the U.S. policy of promoting twin plants has become permanent.

"The twin plant program has not been exploited fully by the Mexican government," he said. "In Houston we receive 30 phone calls a week or more all over the United States from businessmen asking how we can set up a plant in Mexico."

Guerrero referred to the tariff regulations which force U.S. products to enter a country for assembly or finishing and return to the United States with taxes paid only on the value added to the product.

"American labor unions traditionally opposed the twin plant program," Guerrero said. "But in the last eight years, the persistence of organized labor has decreased."

Bill Mitchell, marketing director for the Bernudez Industrial Park of Juarez, Mexico, said American-owned twin plants along the border represent the second highest source of dollars in Mexico, with tourist revenues in third place. Mexico's main source of dollars remains oil.

Dickie predicted major problems surrounding Mexico's economy from the International Monetary Fund as a result of oil prices going down and the government's inability to control spending.