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Witness raises parole question

United Press International
FORT WORTH — Federal prosecutor John Sweeney last week listened to a character witness testify on behalf of a man accused of drug dealing. Sweeney studied the witness' face, and searched his memory.

And then Sweeney remembered. The witness was William Charles Curtis, described by police in 1975 as "one of the biggest heroin dealers" in Fort Worth. Sweeney had prosecuted Curtis and seen him sentenced to 25 years in prison.

"I knew I had seen his face, but I couldn't believe he was out of prison this soon," Sweeney said.

William Charles Price, accused of conspiracy and drug distribution, had called Curtis as a character witness before a federal magistrate Wednesday. Curtis testified he had known Price for years and considered him trustworthy.

Sweeney approached the witness to ask some questions. "Aren't you the same Popsie

Curtis who was indicted as a heroin pusher in 1975? The same Popsie Curtis who received a 25-year sentence in Judge (Eldon) Mahon's court?" asked Sweeney. Mahon, who pronounced the 1975 sentence, said he would ask the U.S. Parole Commission to explain why Curtis was released. He also ordered that Curtis spend five years on parole after completing his prison term which began on June 25, 1975.

The parole commission released him Nov. 20, 1979, and directed that he live in Houston under the supervision of a probation officer. On Jan. 25, the commission terminated his supervision after three years.

"What good does it do to impose a 25-year prison sentence and an additional five year parole in a major narcotics case if the defendant serves only four years in prison and then has his parole terminated three years after his release?" Mahon said.

Despite Curtis' testimony on behalf of Price, U.S. Magistrate Alex McGlinchey ordered Price held without bond.



Pianist Murray Perahia

staff photo by Dena Brown

Pianist Murray Perahia 'intoxicates' audience

By Angel Stokes
Battalion Staff
 Classical piano music is like good champagne, especially

when played by an expert like Murray Perahia. Last night a medium-sized audience was able to taste a vintage blend of Beethoven, Schubert and Liszt.

From the beginning the music was sparkling and refreshing as it intoxicated the audience in Rudder Theater and allowed them to enter a world of elegance, unknown in everyday life at Texas A&M.

The first movement from Ludwig Van Beethoven's "Sonata in D Major, Op. 10, No. 3" was alive and happy, but was followed by somber second movement that was almost like a dirge. The music seemed to express sorrow as it built and fell in deep swells of emotion reminiscent of the agonies of lost love.

The third and fourth movements were quick and playful. They sang of springtime and flowers. Seeming to promise better times, they were an uplift from the previous movement.

The "Four Impromptus, Op. 142" by Franz Schubert seemed to take the audience on a journey of wonders. They were at

first quiet and restful, but slowly grew in pitch and speed.

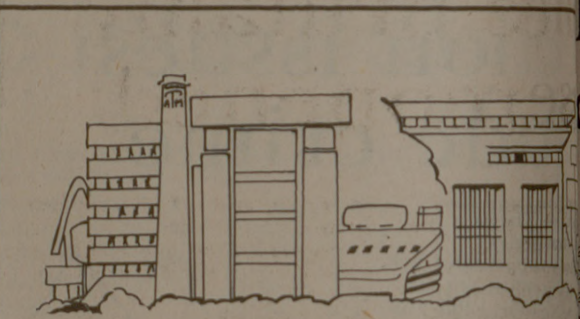
The best of the Schubert series was the second impromptu, Allegretto, which was a steady and furious mixture that begged the audience to listen.

The finale of the concert was the "Sonata in B Minor" by Franz Liszt. It immediately jumped to life with a mixture of rhythms that contained an underlying urgency. The music swept the audience along from one emotion to another.

The audience was carried breathlessly through the concert by Perahia as he brought to life the rigid form of the piano. It seemed almost impossible that such fluid movement of sound could be made from such a motionless instrument.

After a standing ovation, Perahia returned to again capture the audience by playing a piece from the Schubert Impromptu.

When the last note was played and the lights came up, it was hard to step back into sobering reality.



Around town

Bikers to hold motorcycle show

A two-day motorcycle show will be presented by the Wing Road Riders Association, Inc. Friday and Saturday at Post Oak Mall in College Station.

Highway touring motorcycles ranging in cost from \$8,000 to \$15,000 each will be featured.

The owners and riders of these machines will be on hand both days to meet mall patrons and answer any questions.

The association is a non-profit organization formed five years ago with seven members. The national membership now approaches the 19,000 mark. The theme of the group and its membership is "to always practice safety, fellow riders and above all to present a better image of motorcycles to the general public."

Softball registration being held now

The City of College Station Parks and Recreation Department will have registration for co-rec softball leagues through Friday at the Parks and Recreation Office located at 1000 Krenek Tap Road in Central Park.

Office hours are 7:30 a.m. till 5:30 p.m. and the fee is \$200, payable at the time of registration.

For further information, please contact the Parks and Recreation Office at 693-7273.

Dean's reception set for Wednesday

The Dean's Forum and Reception will take place Wednesday at 3 p.m. in Room 102 Zachry.

The dean of the College of Engineering, Dr. Robert J. Will, will make a presentation concerning the status of the college and its future plans. A question and answer session on current student issues will follow, moderated by student senators. A representative from every department in the College of Engineering will be present to answer questions.

A reception will follow the presentation, enabling students to have interaction with the deans and department heads. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

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Boyfriend charged in church shooting

United Press International
HOUSTON — A Houston man is charged with shooting his girlfriend in the head while she was praying in a Pentecostal Church. Apparently, the suspect was upset with his girlfriend's religious beliefs and church attendance, officials said.

Cynthia Handy, 25, was listed Monday in critical condition at Hermann Hospital. She was shot once in the head Sunday

evening just as services at Life Tabernacle Church were beginning.

Detective D.B. Osterberg said the congregation was standing and singing when a man forced his way into Handy's center-aisle pew just a few feet from the pulpit.

"He grabbed her by the arm and whispered something in her ear," said Osterberg said. "He then pulled out a small caliber pistol, placed it to the side of her head and pulled the trigger."

Police beat

The following incidents were listed in University Police Department records for the period of March 4 to 6.

- THEFTS:**
- Four hubcaps were stolen from a 1979 Volkswagen Rabbit in parking lot 40.
 - A backpack, containing materials valued at approximately \$400, was taken from outside the Texas A&M Bookstore March 4.
 - A charcoal grill was missing from the porch of an Avenue A apartment March 5.
 - An officer turned in a backpack March 6 that he found on the East Bypass near Highway 30. The student was contacted and said her MPACT card and \$15 were missing.
 - A gym bag that was left out-

side a racquetball court, Ware Field House was March 6.

- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF:**
- A tire on a 1979 Dodge pickup in parking lot 25 was slashed March 4.
 - Tires on a 1973 Oldsmobile were slashed March 5.
 - The door handles of Military Science Building found broken March 5.
- OTHER OFFENSES:**
- A Texas A&M student was intoxicated while at Hensel Park March 5.
 - A man who was intoxicated was found in his truck near Ford Cain pool.
 - A Texas A&M student arrested for driving while intoxicated and being in possession of liquor March 5.

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Police searching for sofa burglars

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If you have any information about the persons responsible for this burglary or the location of the stolen property, call Crime Stoppers at 775-TIPS. If you give your information and it

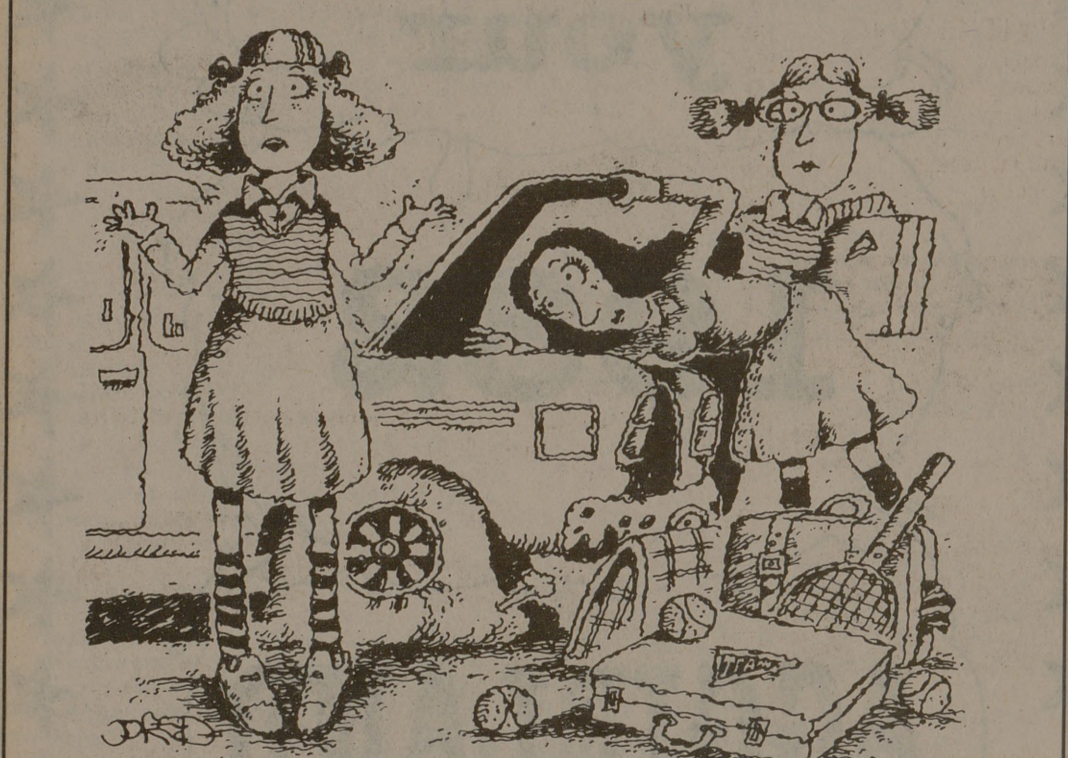
Michener knocks barbecue

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HOUSTON — Author James A. Michener, preparing a novel based on the history of Texas, is showing off the humorous stories gathered in 7,000 miles of travel around the state over the last five months.

In a speech to the Texas Historical Association Friday, Michener joked about the man he sat next to at a high school football game who had driven 88 miles to the game but did not know who was playing. He quoted him as saying, "I got to do something on this night."

Michener, 76, who will spend two years in Texas on his project, said he came to the conclusion barbecue is overrated.

"Texas barbecue is not as good as South Carolina barbecue... however, the 10 times better than we ever told it was," he said.



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