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#### Pittsburgh Symphony performs here tonight

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The Pittsburgh Symphony chestra will perform in dder Auditorium tonight. econcert, presented by the SC Opera and Performing ts Society, will begin at 8

The orchestra will perform nannes Brahms' "Second phony in D major," and la Bartok's "Concerto for

Brahms was born in Ham-Germany, in 1833. cond Symphony in D ma-"written in 1876, is a manstation of Brahms' deepted aesthetic beliefs. It is a piece, written ording to classical guide-

Bartok was born in Hunry in 1881. He settled in the ited States in 1940. "Conrto for Orchestra," written 1943, is considered the atest work of what critics I his "American period."

Michael Tilson Thomas, incipal guest conductor of eLos Angeles Philharmonic rchestra, will direct the per-

Tilson Thomas graduated om the University of South-m California in 1967 with a

ster's degree in music. In 1969, at age 24, he made New York debut with the ston Symphony Orchestra Lincoln Center, one month er he had been appointed istant conductor. He took er in mid-performance for ng music director William inberg and conducted the phony for the remainder he concert. Critics praised for his mature musician-



Michael Tilson Thomas Director of the Pittsburgh Symphony

After his unscheduled debut, he conducted 37 concerts with the orchestra to finish the season, and was appointed associate conductor in 1970.

He performed many guest engagements from 1971 to 1979 after being appointed music director of the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra.

Tilson Thomas has been a guest conductor of the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra since 1976, and principal guest conductor of the Los Angeles Philharmonic Orchestra since 1981.

Andre Previn, music director of the symphony, succeeded William Steinberg in 1976. He has been recognized internationally achievements as conductor, composer and pianist. He received two Emmy Award nominations for his U.S. television program, "Previn and the Pittsburgh.

The orchestra performs nearly 300 concerts a year. It has performed throughout the United States, Canada, Mexico, Europe, the Middle East and Japan.

Seating for the concert is still available for \$21, \$16.75 and \$13 for the general public, and \$17.75, \$14.25 and \$11.50 for students. Tickets may be purchased at the MSC Box Office in Rudder Tower.

## Art exhibit opens tonight

Jazz" opens tonight in the ing a method of paper cutouts Memorial Student Center Gal- and stencils, is sponsored by the

The opening is from 6 p.m. to p.m. The exhibit will be on display through May 11.

University Art Exhibits and the MSC Arts Committee.

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The exhibit, a collection of 20th century art, showed

An art exhibit entitled "Matisse: vibrant illustrations created us- through his work an intense in- stained glass windows. terest in color combined with a desire for clean controlled line. At the time of his death in 1954

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Completed near the end of his life, the jazz portfolio has been described as the "summahe had worked in painting, tion of Matisse's delight in line sculpture and the graphic arts and had designed books, stage sets and costumes, rugs and design." and color, his mastery of the graphic arts and his passion for design."

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#### Machine to aid blind students

by David Marchand

Battalion Reporter
Blind and visually impaired students will be able to read printed and typewritten material with the aid of a talking machine here by May, a Sterling

Evans Library official says. Susan Lytle, head of the library's Learning Resources Department, said Texas A&M purchased an almost \$30,000 Kurzweil Reading Machine — KRM III — for the blind in late March. She said this purchase followed a proclamation by the Texas Legislature recommending this machine.

Kurzweil Computer Products, manufacturer of the machine, says it is the first device that can scan and convert to synthetic speech almost any information printed or typewritten in English.

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glass top of the tracking unit, which scans the document much

like a copying machine.

The electronic control unit controls scanning, character recognition and conversion to

The control panel has unmarked push-button controls that enable the user to halt scanning, back up to repeat lines, skip forward, locate and spell out a particular word or change

By changing the program tape, the machine can be converted into a talking calculator capable of performing ordinary computations and some advanced mathematical functions.

Lytle, currently the only qualified operator of the machine here, said public demonstra-tions will begin in about two weeks - after some members of the library staff are trained to use the KRM III. The staff then will train students to use the

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May — Kegs by the pool

June — 2nd annual watermelon extravaganza

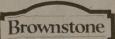
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