

Michael Tilson Thomas conducts the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra.

Pittsburgh Symphony weaves musical spell

by Karen Schrimsher

Battalion Staff Pittsburgh Symphony stra, which performed in er Auditorium Wednesight, brought with it a conor who was as fascinating as music he conducted.

Conductor Michael Tilson nas moved his arms with grace of a ballet dancer while ng lucid tones from a flute. her times, he held the baton It were a knife, briskly stab-gat the violin section to com-short, romantic piece, full of dquicker, stronger strokes. he selections the orchestra rmed were Mikhail Glink-"Overture to 'Ruslan and mila," Bela Bartok's "Conofor Orchestra," and Johan-Brahms' "Second Symphony

Glinka's "Overture," written ferent from the other pieces the about a duke's daughter who is abducted by two monsters during a party. The duke promises

in 1820, is from a Russian opera orchestra played, both in its modern tone and its length; it is longer than many of the classical and romantic symphonies, and features a group of solo per-formances which seem to compete with the full orchestra.

Review The symphony finished its performance with the hour-long "Second Symphony in D major." Written in 1876, the symphony that the man who brings her has been called a manifestation of Brahms' deep-seated aesthetic beliefs contrast in mood and tempo.

The older members of the au-Hungarian composer Bartok dience seemed to appreciate wrote "Concerto for Orchestra" Brahms' soothing melody. A few in 1943. It is considered the of the musical phrases of greatest work of what is often "Brahms' Lullaby" were familiar, much to the delight of the The "Concerto" was quite dif- children in the audience.

Public invited to view skies at observatory

called his "American period."

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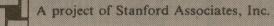
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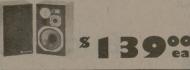
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