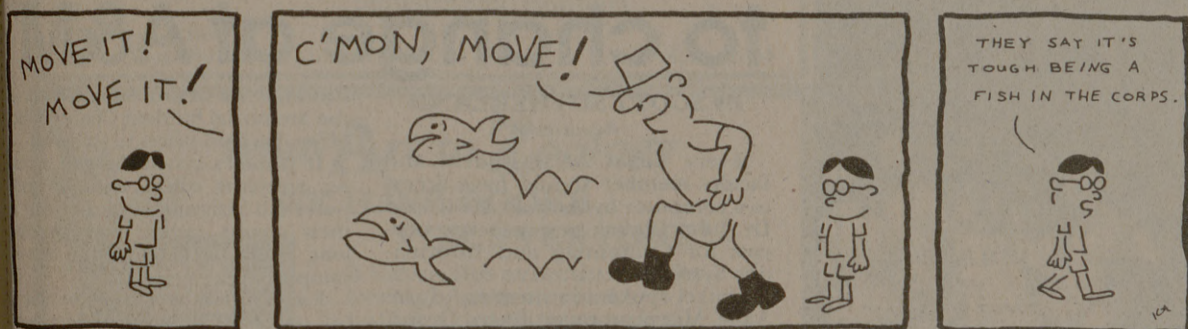


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Concert

Saint Louis Symphony struts its stuff at A&M

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Leonard Slatkin conducts the Saint Louis Symphony Orchestra

The Saint Louis Symphony Orchestra has won two Grammy Awards this year, and last night in Rudder Auditorium the 101-member orchestra showed Texas A&M why.

As Music Director and Conductor Leonard Slatkin stepped onto the stage at 8 p.m. the lights were turned up and the Memorial Student Center Opera and Performing Arts Society's 13th season was under way.

Slatkin, an American-born and American-trained conductor, waved his baton and the symphony's version of "The Star Spangled Banner" could be heard in the halls of Rudder Tower.

After "The Star Spangled Banner" Slatkin paused to briefly converse with John Korman, the associate concertmaster.

Then Slatkin, who appeared confident and happy to be on Rudder stage, masterfully conducted the orchestra as they played Antonin Dvorak's Overture, "Carnival," Op. 92. The piece took about 10 minutes and upon its conclusion the audience gave the orchestra a warm round of applause.

The orchestra stood and Slatkin acknowledged principal oboe player Peter Bowman.

Bowman left the stage for the next piece — Aaron Copland's ballet "Billy the Kid," but that didn't mean the excellent oboe playing was over. Marc Gordon's oboe performance during the piece was superb and he too was acknowledged by Slatkin at the end of the ballet score.

Slatkin's baton at times pierced the air like a knife and at other times glided through the air like a butterfly. The percussion, timpani and violins all were coordinated perfectly throughout the piece, proving that Slatkin was in complete control.

Slatkin elected to present the entire ballet score, which lasted for

about an hour, for the sake of narrative continuity.

After a brief intermission, Slatkin returned to the stage with no musical score in front of him and the symphony commenced playing Piotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky's "Symphony No. 4 in F Minor," Op. 36.

The first portion of the four-part piece sounded perfect, although Slatkin seemed to think the violins were getting too loud at times.

At the beginning of the second part of the piece, Slatkin handed his baton to associate principal cello player Savely Schuster. He didn't retrieve the wooden stick until the final part of the piece.

Instead of using the baton during the third part of the piece, Slatkin

simply raised a finger or an eyebrow to let the orchestra know what he wanted.

Carl Schiebler quickly cleaned the air tubes on his horn during this third part of the piece.

Slatkin opted to use his baton for the final part of the piece, although he probably didn't need it. After all he needed neither a score nor a baton for the piece and he still was under control.

At the end of the Tchaikovsky piece, the audience applauded. Slatkin appeared as though he wanted to conduct more. When the audience finally came to their feet, someone shouted, "More."

Execute

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that using the death penalty keeps others from committing murders.

Attorney General Jim Mattox, who has witnessed nine executions, on Wednesday said he doesn't believe the death penalty prevents crime.

"The fact is, it probably does not serve as a general deterrent to other individuals. I think there are very few people involved in the criminal justice system who believe it is an overall deterrent to criminals as a whole," Mattox said.

White said that doesn't matter, because the death penalty fits the crime.

"It doesn't have to, in my judgment, be proven in any event because I think it's an appropriate punishment for the crime that has been described by our law," the governor said.

White also shrugged off complaints from other death row inmates and death penalty opponents who claim that as executions in Texas are becoming so common, the public isn't paying attention.

The lack of publicity "may very well diminish the deterrent effects" of the death penalty, White said.

"But just because someone doesn't read the newspaper or watch television doesn't forgive them from being punished for capital crimes."

On other subjects, White told his weekly news conference:

- He will support efforts to broaden the state Open Meetings Act to include television cameras. Earlier this week, the attorney general issued an opinion saying government officials can't bar tape recorders from their public meetings but can prohibit videotaping.
- Most state government agencies should have few problems complying with federal court rulings that say state employees must be paid overtime for work in excess of 40 hours a week.

'Lemon Law' used for first time

Associated Press

AUSTIN — The Texas Motor Vehicle Commission, using the state's new Lemon Law for the first time, on Thursday certified a Chrysler, a Dodge, a Buick and a Chevy as lemons and ordered the manufacturers to give refunds.

"The message is the commission is determined to enforce the law as we believe the Legislature intended it to be enforced. We are going to see to it that the manufacturers live up to their responsibilities," said Chairman Robert Hoy of El Paso.

The 1983 Legislature approved the law as a last recourse for new car owners who face continued problems. But a court challenge by Chrysler held the law in abeyance until April of this year.

Under the law, purchasers can seek refunds if the car has been in the shop for a total of 30 days or

more during the warranty period. The law covers only new vehicles.

On Thursday, the commission ordered four refunds and continued one case. In a sixth case, the commission denied a refund but kept the case open to look at new problems with the car.

"We want to get the message out to the manufacturers and to the dealers that there are problems and these problems need to be promptly attended to," said Hoy, an auto dealer who sells Mercedes-Benzes, Volkswagens and Subarus.

General Motors sent a lawyer from Detroit to challenge refunds recommended by commission hearing examiners. In a Longview case, the commission voted 4-2 to order a refund on a 1984 Century with a persistent coolant leak.

"There was no more than one cubic centimeter of liquid on the ground," said GM lawyer Dennis

Helfman.

The car's problems fell far below the "substantial impairment" requirement set in the Lemon Law, Helfman said. He predicted the commission's decision could lead to "horror stories" involving customers who want refunds because of minor problems.

Hoy said, "I think there is a point passed which the consumer is just not obligated to continue to go back. If you don't draw the line somewhere, you spend the life of the car going back one more time to give them one more shot."

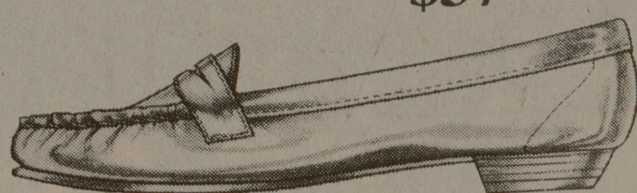
In one GM case, the commission ordered a refund to Bill Hiller, whose van is on its third engine since he bought it in Amarillo.

"The anguish and the hardship on my health owning such a vehicle is incomprehensible," Hiller, who didn't attend the meeting, said in a letter to the commission.

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and the money pays for the type of services provided for the organization. Every recognized organization should pay its fair share. In the case of fraternities, we are flexible in the area of house funds, which is money used for paying rent or saving to build a house.

But some fraternities don't want the University scrutinizing their finances.

David Giunta, president of Sigma Phi Epsilon, said the chapter has its own system of banking, controlled by its national council, and that one more control would strangle the members.

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