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## Irish pianist to perform at Rudder

By CYNTHIA GAY  
Staff Writer

When Irish pianist Hugh Tinney comes to Rudder Theater at 8 p.m. Thursday, his performance promises to be an international experience, said the head of the philosophy and humanities department.

"This is something in conjunction with the College of Liberal Arts, the Department of Philosophy and Humanities, MSC Opera & Performing Arts Society and the Consul General of Spain," said Department Head Herman Saatkamp.

Tinney will perform Chopin's Twenty-four Preludes, Op. 28, followed by Mozart's Piano Concerto No. 24 in C minor, K. 491 after intermission. He will be accompanied by the Brazos Sinfonietta directed by Franz Anton Krager. The official ensemble of the Brazos Valley Symphony Orchestra, the sinfonietta is comprised of members from the symphony.

Born in Dublin in 1958, Tinney caught Spain's attention when he placed first in the 1984 Paloma O'Shea Competition in Santander, Spain. Because of that winning performance, he will make a recording for RCA and tour 30 countries to fulfill more than 100 engagements.

Since 1978, Tinney has been a regular soloist with the Radio Telefis Eireann Musicians Symphony Orchestra. He made his United States debut at the Newport Music Festival in the summer of 1985. Tinney was coming to Texas solely to perform in Houston, Saatkamp said, and Texas A&M's College of Liberal Arts suggested his department invite Tinney for an evening performance on campus.

## Warped

by Scott McCullar



## Woman mayor eases Texas town through rapid expansion, change

Associated Press

**PONDER** — She's made bookcases, helped to build a patio, painted umbrellas and sun visors at craft shows and written children's books when time allowed. One of her goals now is to learn how to bake bread. Her other goal is help the city of Ponder get through a transitional period.

"Ponder is growing fast, and we're having to make a lot of changes because of that growth," Jo Montague, the mayor of Ponder, said. "I just want to make this a better community for everyone. We have to support the laws we already have. Some of them are just not being used. It's hurtful in a lot of ways because some people can't do what they used to."

And it is what she used to do that helps her to do what she does now. "I became interested in politics in '77 when I lived in Denton," Montague said. "I was a member of the League of Women Voters and was selected 'Outstanding Woman of America' for two consecutive years. The league taught me a lot. I

learned to really study the issues and to be precise.

"When I moved to Ponder, I started attending the council meetings and became involved. The last council voted in a planning and zoning committee and I was a member of that, but I think the league helped me more than anything."

Montague says she had not considered running for mayor until several people encouraged her to "go for it."

"I thought I would take the plunge," the mayor said. "It seemed like a good idea for a person not working full time to take care of the city."

Fifty-nine votes and six months later, she hasn't regretted that encouragement.

"I'm enjoying it. I have a good council. They're knowledgeable, able to discern fairly. They're not prejudiced. They want the same for everybody. They're able to take concepts," Montague said.

The all-male council also is able to accept that their mayor is a woman. "Being a woman mayor is a new

thing to men and women," Montague said. "I don't believe that there's any resentment toward me for that, but I do think sometimes that I'm being tested where fellows are."

"I believe not living here isn't being from here is more of a sentiment than my being a woman was raised in Cheney, Kans., a farm town outside of Wichita. I went to three different colleges and did journalism, English and literature. I guess I never finished cause it was more work than I wanted to do all the time."

Montague doesn't know if she'll run again for another term as Ponder's mayor.

"I'll see how this term goes for me. I don't want to neglect my family too much."

Her husband Dan, a psychologist and Seth, 11, her son, is supportive of what she is trying to do.

With set goals in mind for a transition, the mayor of Ponder doesn't fear the outcome of the term.

"I never thought I would be here at this," she said.

## Campus groups help candidates

# Students have impact on elections

By SCOTT SUTHERLAND  
Staff Writer

Don't be fooled by low student turnouts at election time. Students are involved in politics. Members of student organizations say students can make a difference in campaigns. "Sometimes the only support a student can offer is their body," says Kathy Poole, vice president of Texas State Young Democrats. "But in East Texas, that made a big difference." Poole, a former Texas A&M student, is referring to the recent race in U.S. Congressional District 1 — a hard-fought contest between underdog Democrat Jim Chapman and heavily favored Republican Edd Hargett, a former Aggie quarterback.

With help from the GOP, Hargett outspent Chapman by over \$500,000, but was unable to win.

Hargett led Chapman in Harris polls only a month before the election and newspapers reported that the race was over.

But Poole encouraged members of Young Democrats to volunteer their services to Chapman.

"Our efforts made quite a bit of difference in the Chapman race," Poole says. "We were a vital part of the campaign."

John Hatch, president of A&M's Young Democrats, says the Aggie organization lent a hand in the campaign.

"We were going down there on weekend shifts," Hatch says. "Ten would go one weekend and 10 the next."

"We were amazed how uninformed voters can be. Some still thought we had a poll tax and they couldn't afford to vote."

Bruce Robeck, a professor of political science and a political columnist for the Bryan-College Station Eagle, says students can participate in all phases of the campaign process.

But, he says, students aren't normally recruited just to work.

"Students may or may not be good workers," Robeck says. "For candidates they are a recognizable interest group. They encourage other young people to vote."

Campus political organizations

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— John Hatch, president of Aggie Democrats

also are encouraging other students to join their groups.

Because of the strong showing Republican candidates made at A&M in last year's elections, Hatch says members of Aggie Democrats have their work cut out for them in trying to turn the tide before the 1986 governor elections.

Hatch says this semester he wants to show Aggies that "Democrat" is not a dirty word.

"I think students at A&M need to see who the Democrats are," Hatch says. "People like Kent Caperton, Henry Cisneros, Garry Mauro and Lloyd Bensen are leaders we are proud of. I believe if A&M students were familiar with these men they would find a lot in common with them."

Mike Hachtman, Aggie GOP president, says he is fortunate to have so many students on his side, but he still has to work to keep it that way.

"We conducted the largest college voter registration drive in the country last year," Hachtman says. "At A&M, with a student body

that has 80 percent registered Republicans, we assume that eight of 10 students we register will vote Republican in the next election."

And Hachtman says the GOP members enjoy getting involved in campaigns.

"We supplied literally hundreds of volunteers for the Reagan-Bush headquarters in Bryan-College Station, and quite a few for Richard Smith in his race for the Texas (House)," Hachtman says. "And we are encouraging our members to start getting involved in campaigns now, because candidates are asking for people."

In Austin, the University of Texas has two active student political organizations.

During the 1984 presidential election, Millicent John, chairman of University Republicans, said her 1,000 members manned phone banks and placed hundreds of signs in the Austin area.

And, she says, in 1986 they'll be ready for the Texas governor's race.

"I'd say 75 percent of our members will be involved in that campaign," John says.

Dan O'Neill, president of Young Democrats at the University of Texas, says his group also is active in local politics.

"We played a big role in electing a new mayor for Austin," O'Neill says.

"We had a couple of people actually on the campaign staff and a whole bunch of us worked as volunteers."

O'Neill says his group concentrates on local campaigns a great deal. It's unique for university organizations to contribute so heavily to

local elections, O'Neill says, but Austin the Young Democrats known as a major force in local politics.

"We're the major volunteer force in the city," O'Neill says, "and cause of that we have established our own little power base as well."

Students tend to get more involved with local elections and see results of their work more directly than on a statewide or national basis, O'Neill says.

"Students like the fact that they get to know the candidate personally," O'Neill says. "They get to know more closely with a local candidate than they would on a national scale."

Although some may complain Texas Tech isolated in West Texas the size of Lubbock makes the election politically significant. Mark Shniderson, president of College Republicans at Tech, says Lubbock is situated in the center of West Texas and candidates like to visit there.

"It's an opportunity for them to hit a share of Texas voters that would be isolated in small towns throughout West Texas," Shniderson says.

Shniderson says he believes bringing politicians to the campus is beneficial to his organization.

"It keeps people thinking about politics and keeps them active," says.

The College Republicans at Tech worked very hard to help elect

Combest, Shniderson says. Combest is the first Republican to win the strict 19 congressional race since the Civil War.

During the 1984 presidential campaign, Shniderson and his group worked closely with Republican National Headquarters to promote publican candidates, especially President Reagan.

"In the end, our campus, which is divided into two precincts, voted most a straight Republican ticket," he says.

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