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In Advance

A&M to host noted orchestra, pianist

By Karl Pallmeyer
Music Critic

Poland's leading orchestra and one of the world's leading pianists are coming to Rudder Auditorium Saturday night at 8 p.m. when the MSC Opera and Performing Arts Society presents the Warsaw Philharmonic and Misha Dichter.

Dichter and the Warsaw Philharmonic are on a 24-city tour of the United States. Saturday's performance will feature Peter Ilyich Tchaikovsky's "Francesca da Rimini, Fantasy after Dante," Sergei Rachmaninoff's Rhapsody on a Theme of Paganini and Bela Bartok's "Miraculous Mandarin."

Dichter, the son of Polish parents, was born in Shanghai in 1945 and moved to Los Angeles when he was 2 years old. He began studying piano at age 6 and has studied under Aube Tzerko and Rosina Lhevinne.

In 1966, two years before he graduated from the Juilliard School of Music, Dichter won first prize at the Tchaikovsky International Piano Competition in Moscow. Dichter has recorded several albums and has written articles for *The New York Times* and other publications.

The Warsaw Philharmonic has been Poland's leading orchestra for more than 80 years and has performed with such great composers as Sergei Prokofiev, Igor Stravinsky, Bartok and Rachmaninoff. The orchestra began performing in 1901 but lost one-half

of its members during World War II. During 1947, the orchestra reformed under music director Witold Rowicki.

Kazimierz Kord became the Warsaw Philharmonic's music director and conductor in 1977.

In 1972, Kord made his American debut conducting the Metropolitan Opera in Tchaikovsky's "Pique Dame" — the opera's first performance in Russian. The next year, Kord brought Russian opera to the West Coast when he conducted the San Francisco Opera in its production of Modest Mussorgsky's "Boris Godunov." Kord has traveled around the world with the Warsaw Philharmonic and has guest-conducted with some of the world's greatest orchestras.

Tickets for the Warsaw Philharmonic and Dichter are available at the Rudder Box Office. Prices are \$15.75 and \$19.50 for students, and \$18.50 and \$23 for non-students. Call the Rudder Box Office at 845-1234 or MSC OPAS at 845-1515 for more details.

Before the performance, Brazos Valley Symphony Orchestra conductor Franz Anton Krager will hold a free lecture on Rachmaninoff's Rhapsody on a Theme of Paganini, Tchaikovsky's "Francesca da Rimini, Fantasy after Dante" and Bartok "Miraculous Mandarin." The lecture will be held in the Rudder Forum and will begin at 6:45 p.m.

Council to hear committee reports

The MSC Council will hear a round of reports from several of its committees during its meeting Monday night.

Reports will be heard from:

- Pageant — The council will hear a report on Saturday's Miss Texas A&M University Scholarship Pageant.
- Program Development — The council will hear how the

plans for this year's MSC All-University Variety Show are progressing.

- Opera and Performing Arts Society — The committee will report its progress to the council.
- Wiley Lecture Series — The council will hear a progress report on the series.

The council will meet in 216T MSC at 7 p.m.

Faculty Senate to debate midterms

The Texas A&M Faculty Senate Monday will consider eliminating midterm grade reports for all undergraduates except freshmen and providing more extensive regulation of University computer access.

Also, A&M Chancellor Dr. Perry Adkisson will speak to the Faculty Senate for the first time at its meeting Monday at 3:15 in 601 Rudder.

The items are included in a 29-page list of proposed changes in University regulations sent to the Senate by Rules and Regulations Committee Chairman Bill Kibler. In paragraph 23, the portion reading "a preliminary report showing current progress of all

undergraduate students will be available to each student," will be changed to apply to just freshmen.

The proposed changes also include a new appendix about computer crimes and several revised regulations on the issues involved in computer access.

If the proposed changes are approved by the Faculty Senate, they go on to President Frank E. Vandiver for approval.

The Senate also will hear a resolution on classified research at A&M submitted by Dr. Chester Dunning, an A&M associate professor of history, which suggests possible formal policies and guidelines on classified research.

Economist: Extending sales tax to services will cost Texas jobs

AUSTIN (AP) — Extending the state sales tax to services such as those provided by lawyers, accountants and architects would throw 42,700 Texans out of jobs in two years, an economist said Thursday.

Economic consultant Donald House said his study of proposals now before the Legislature to expand the sales tax to include most services indicates the plan would damage the Texas economy.

But those findings were sharply criticized by State Comptroller Bob Bullock, who has offered lawmakers a plan to expand the sales tax to what he said is the fastest-growing segment of the Texas economy.

House's study was prepared for several groups representing insurance agents, engineers, lawyers, real estate agents, doctors, architects, certified public accountants and chiropractors.

Monetary woes close 2 banks in Houston area

HOUSTON (AP) — Two Houston-area banks were declared insolvent Thursday because of bad loans and poor management, bringing the number of failed banks to 12 in Texas this year, officials said.

The Sealy National Bank in Sealy, about 50 miles west of Houston, and the Liberty Bank in Houston joined other financial victims of the depressed Sun Belt economy, said Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. spokesman Stephen Katsanos.

The only office of the Sealy bank will open Friday as a branch of the Austin County State Bank of Bellville, and the bank's deposits will automatically transfer to the Austin County bank, he said.

The Liberty Bank's offices will reopen Friday as branches of Central Bank of Houston and deposits will automatically transfer to the bank.

He said a high volume of poor-quality loans extended by bank management led to significant losses.

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