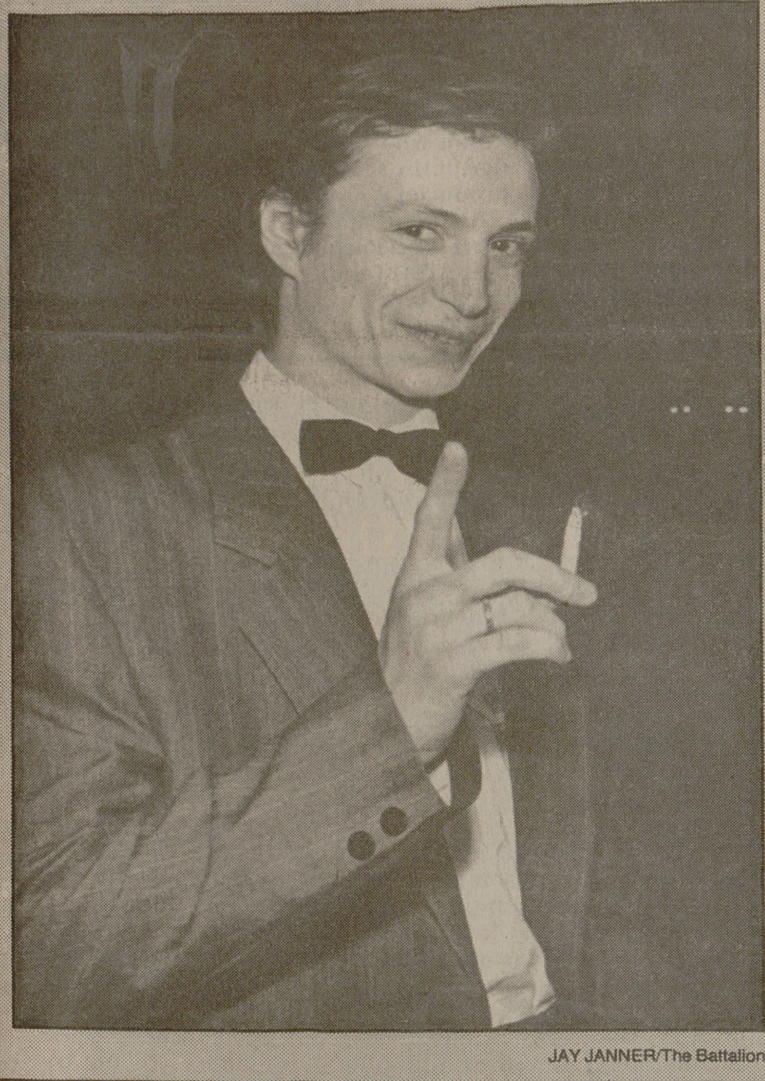




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The Bolshoi Ballet-Grigorovich Company has captivated audiences with their premiere this weekend just as Texas A&M has captivated the company. Interpreter Ellen Zelidin (above left) translates for Oksana Konobeyeva who plays Marie and Dmitry Tuboltsev who plays the Nutcracker Prince while they look at a group of pictures of the dancers in The Battalion. (Left) Dancer German Rubchikhin smokes an American cigarette backstage after Friday's debut. Tickets are still available for performances this week. The MSC Box Office has more information at 845-1234. For complete coverage of the world premiere, please see pages 4 and 5.



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History professor chosen for Advisory Committee

By TROY HALL
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A Texas A&M University history professor recently was appointed to serve on the Advisory Committee on Naval History.

Dr. Betty Unterberger was selected from distinguished U.S. historians, librarians, curators and archivists to serve on the nine-member committee.

The selection process took about three months, Unterberger says. "Nominees had to fill out many long and involved forms to be sure there are no competing business interests or anything that might impair objectivity," she says.

Although Unterberger has not received all the information concerning her committee duties, she relates this appointment to other distinguished committees on which she served in the past.

While serving on the Historical Advisory Committee to the Department of the Army and Department of State, Unterberger advised the committee about many different topics.

"I really did a lot of advising and the advice was seriously considered by the committee," she says. "I was usually sent a great deal of material before meetings so I could familiarize myself with issues and problems, so I could be in a position to offer suggestions and advice."

She has been particularly interested in declassifying government documents since graduate school.

While serving as chairwoman of the U.S. State Department Historical Advisory Committee, Unterberger labored to secure legislation making government documents more accessible.

"The year I chaired the state department committee was the year the Department of State introduced a totally new program of declassifi-

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— Betty Unterberger, history professor

cation," Unterberger says. "The program was onerous, and I knew it would seriously inhibit the efforts of scholars to do research on American foreign relations about issues that were of crucial importance."

"I spent a great deal of time making every effort to try to modify the process so it would not be so onerous, so there would be greater opportunity for scholarly access to important documents."

She says she believes the Freedom of Information Act has not helped a great deal to secure more rapid declassification or broader declassification of government documents.

She also says scholars and journalists could write more authentic work if they had access to these important documents.

Unterberger says she hopes her appointment to the Advisory Committee on Naval History will put her once again in a position to influence changes in the declassifying process.

She says she believes the same problems obtaining government documents will arise while on the Advisory Committee.

Unterberger's interest in international history has earned her a reputation as a prolific international writer.

Her newest book, "The United States, Revolutionary Russia and the Rise of Czechoslovakia," published by the University of North Carolina Press, has been well received by history experts in both Czechoslovakia and the Soviet Union.

Walesa leads Polish election Polls predict runoff

WARSAW, Poland (AP) — Lech Walesa, who united Poles in their struggle against communism, won the initial round in Poland's first popular presidential election Sunday but appeared headed for a runoff, according to state TV exit polls.

The Solidarity chief had 41 percent of the vote, a 2-to-1 lead over Prime Minister Tadeusz Mazowiecki and political unknown Stanislaw Tyminski, according to the polls.

The polls indicated Mazowiecki and Tyminski each had 20.5 percent of the vote, far ahead of the remaining three candidates.

It was a stunning setback for Mazowiecki, a former Walesa ally who instituted unpopular economic austerity measures after taking Poland's first postwar non-Communist government.

Pollsters questioned every 20th voter at 404 polling places around the country, or up to 15,000 people. The results were issued on nationwide TV minutes after the polls closed at 8 p.m. (1 p.m. CST) Sunday.

The poll indicated that farmers, who represent 40 percent of Polish society, deserted Mazowiecki en masse.

Only 4 percent of the farm vote went to the prime minister, according to the poll. Farmers have been angry at the abolition of guaranteed prices for their produce under the government's shock economic reform plan.

If no one wins 50 percent in the vote, a runoff must be held between the two top vote-getters Dec. 9.

At Mazowiecki national headquarters in Warsaw, a spokeswoman said Walesa seemed far ahead in several areas around the country but that supporters were not discouraged.

Walesa himself expressed optimism after voting in Gdansk with his wife, Danuta, and their second son, 18-year-old Slawek.

"I voted for the candidate who is supposed to win," he said, smiling.

"Tyminski conducted an American-standard campaign, breaking every rule."

— Ryszard Legutko, political commentator

Mazowiecki walked to the polling station in his central Warsaw neighborhood, accompanied by his daughter-in-law wheeling his 4-month-old granddaughter in a stroller.

"I am happy it stopped raining. Otherwise the turnout would have been much worse," said the prime minister, the East bloc's first non-Communist head of government.

Tyminski had been considered a dark-horse candidate. An emigre businessman, he returned to Poland this fall after 21 years in Canada and Peru.

"Tyminski conducted an American-standard campaign, breaking every rule," political commentator Ryszard Legutko said on state television. During the campaign he was accused of slander for charges that Mazowiecki had committed treason against the nation.

The new president will take over from President Wojciech Jaruzelski, the Communist general who ordered martial law to crush Solidarity and imprisoned Walesa and Mazowiecki in December 1981.

He also is expected to receive the symbols of authority from the still-existing World War II government in exile in London, which never recognized the Soviet-backed state.

Walesa, 47, is the charismatic leader of Solidarity, the first independent labor federation in the Soviet bloc, which led the anti-Communist rebellion. He contends even more reforms are needed more quickly or a social explosion is coming.

Four Israelis killed; gunman escapes

EILAT, Israel (AP) — A lone gunman slipped across the Egyptian border Sunday and fired an automatic rifle at a bus and three military vehicles, killing four Israelis and wounding 27, the army said.

The attack was the third from Arab territory in two days. At least four Palestinian guerrillas were killed and two Israeli soldiers injured in other incidents in Israel's self-declared security zone in southern Lebanon and off the Mediterranean coast.

The dead in the border attack, three soldiers and a civilian bus driver, were shot on a road running along the Israeli-Egyptian border about 15 miles northwest of the Israeli Red Sea resort of Eilat, the army said. It said most of the wounded were civilian workers at an Israeli air base.

The gunman, who was described as wearing a uniform, escaped back into Egypt. He was shot by an Israeli security guard and trailing blood, the army said.

An Israeli army patrol chased him, firing, but did not pursue him across the frontier, the army said.

A senior Egyptian security source in Cairo said an Egyptian border policeman stationed in the area had been arrested as the suspected assailant.

Israel army radio said the assailant's blood-stained flak jacket with "Allah" written on it was found in the area. It said the attack was claimed by the Moslem fundamentalist group Islamic Holy War-Jerusalem in a statement issued in Amman, Jordan.

Israeli and Egyptian reports said the attacker was armed with the Soviet-designed Kalashnikov assault rifle.

The gunman fired intermittently for about a half-hour as vehicles drove along the road, the national news agency Itim said. Apparently he remained undiscovered because drivers were unaware of what happened or thought a traffic accident had occurred.

Egypt and Israel have been at peace since 1979, and the border is less heavily defended than other Israeli frontiers.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir called on Egypt to capture and punish the assailant and to prevent further attacks.

Egyptian Foreign Minister Esmat Abdel-Meguid called the attack "very regrettable" and said he hoped it would not affect relations between the two countries.

Also Sunday, a pipe bomb exploded at a bus stop Jerusalem but no one was injured, police said.



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Dr. Betty Unterberger

"I received a letter from the Soviet Union, which had indicated they were very impressed with it, and they were going to immerse themselves in it for purposes of self-criticism," she says.

She says her latest book has gener-

ated considerable interest from many A&M students.

Unterberger says she looks forward to working on the nine member Advisory Committee, which will have its first meeting early next year in Washington, D.C.

Pan-Hellenic Council receives charter

By TROY HALL
 Of The Battalion Staff

The Texas A&M Pan-Hellenic Council now is integrated with similar college councils nationwide after receiving its charter from the National Pan-Hellenic Council.

The A&M Pan-Hellenic Council was honored with the national charter during November's regional convention in Houston, making the council officially part of the national organization.

A&M's council is the governing body of five

service fraternities and sororities.

Fraternities under the Pan-Hellenic Council are Alpha Phi Alpha and Kappa Alpha Psi. Sororities affiliated with the council are Alpha Kappa Alpha, Delta Sigma Theta and Sigma Gamma Rho.

The A&M Pan-Hellenic Council coordinates activities between service fraternities and sororities much like the Interfraternity Council and Panhellenic Councils, Felicia James, student activities adviser for the A&M Pan-Hellenic Council, says.

"The three governing bodies of the Greek system have been working together to program dif-

ferent things as a Greek body," she says.

The organization has been recognized by the University since 1989 although it only recently received its national charter.

James says official recognition by the national office is just a formality since the council has been fully operational since it was recognized by A&M.

Receiving the national charter shouldn't change the way the council is operated, she says.

"Each Pan-Hellenic Council on each campus is different, is run autonomously and is tailored to the campus's culture," James says.