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Bolshoi Ballet to premiere at A&M with 'Swan Lake'

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The Bolshoi Ballet's American tour of "Swan Lake" will premiere at Texas A&M this fall because of the enormous success of last year's performance of the Nutcracker at A&M, an executive officer with the MSC's Opera and Performing Arts Society said.

OPAS and the Entertainment Corp. in New York City signed an agreement December giving Texas A&M exclusive rights to the Soviet troupe's Nutcracker performance in Texas and first rights to their future U.S. premieres.

Greg Flinn, OPAS vice-chairman of development, said the members of the ballet company were so impressed by A&M's hospitality and production equipment that they chose A&M for their American tour of Swan Lake in October. The troupe will return in November for the Nutcracker performance.

Flinn said ticket prices range from \$30 to \$50, and matinee prices are less than \$30. He said these prices are very good considering the reputation of the dance troupe.

After residing in Moscow for

more than 200 years, the ballet's history of excellent performances is extensive. All nine performances of last year's production sold out.

"I wouldn't have a problem paying that price because of the quality of program that will be seen," he said.

Anne Black, executive director of OPAS, said the OPAS committee is prepared for the long lines at the ticket office.

"We will be serving coffee and doughnuts for those who will camp out overnight," she said. "Last year, there were 800 people waiting in line before the ticket office opened at 9 a.m."

Black said people would expect to be charged \$60 if they went to a similar performance in Houston or New York.

The Bolshoi Ballet's performances benefited the University as well as the Bryan-College Station area, Black said. In addition to the positive reviews of the performance, national media coverage of the ballet enhanced A&M's reputation across the nation.

The production of "Swan Lake" will be Oct. 16 through 20. For more information on tickets, call 1-800-275-1000, or the MSC Box Office at 845-1234.



The Bolshoi Ballet will perform "Swan Lake" at A&M Oct. 16 through 20. Battalion File Photo

Students need current parking permits; no 'grace period'

By Todd Stone
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Summer parking permits expired Sunday, so students will need to replace their summer tags with fall parking permits.

Tom Williams, director of A&M's Department of Parking, Transit and Traffic Services, said students who have not received parking permits by mail need a current permit to park on campus. Students who preregistered in May received the 15,000 parking permits distributed by mail.

"If a student did not request that option (to

buy a permit), he can go to Rudder to get a permit," he said.

Fall permits, which are current until the end of the Spring '92 term, can be purchased at the PTTS office on University Drive and in the first floor of Rudder Tower. Cashiers will accept check, cash or credit card. The cost may be added to a student's fee statement.

Williams said no grace period exists for parking on campus without a permit.

"We're ready to go so you might as well get parking out of the way," he said. "They need to get their permits."

Williams said students will be able to avoid lines for permits through preregistration.

"Preregistering, as far as parking is concerned, is the answer to avoid any inconvenience," he said.

Williams said students should notice improvements in parking because of the North, South and University Center parking garages. The University Center Parking garage, across from Rudder Tower, opens Tuesday. More on-campus and commuter parking lots also are being consolidated to offer students more parking options.

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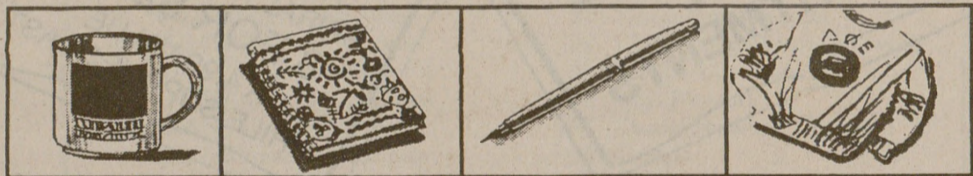
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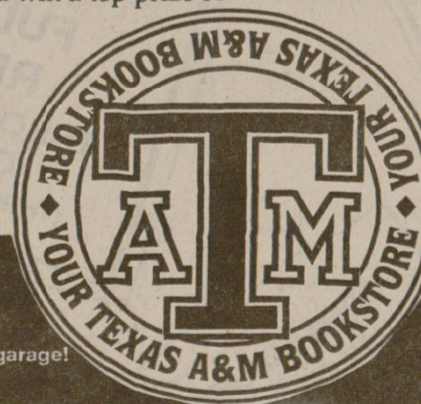
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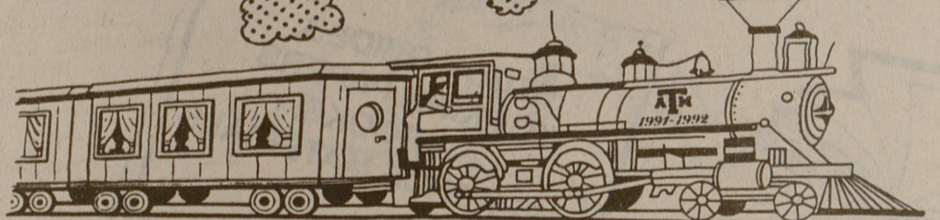


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