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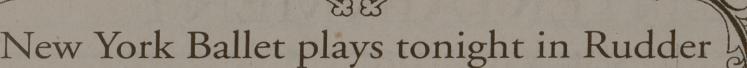
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By JULIE POLSTON

Feature Writer of THE BATTALION

The New York City Ballet will perform a tribute to George Balanchine in "Hommage a Balanchine" tonight in Rudder Auditori-

Under the direction of former principal dancer Peter Martins, the 17 dancers will perform several pieces from a variety of works by Balanchine set to the music of Stravinsky, Tchaikovsky, Gershwin and

The New York City Ballet is the largest dance company in the United States. The organization has about 100 dancers and an active repertory of about 100 works, principally choreographed by Balanchine and

Balanchine, whose training lies in the tradition of great Russian ballet, came to the United States from Europe in late 1933 at the request of Lincoln Kirstein.

Kirstein, who had the idea for what is

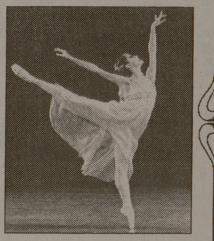
now known as the New York City Ballet, wanted to create an American school of bal-let to rival the European schools, as well as to establish an American ballet company. Balanchine is one of ballet's most cele-

brated contemporary choreographers, and he has created 435 dances in his lifetime.

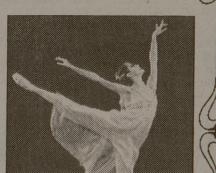
In 1978, Balanchine was one of five recipients of the first Kennedy Center Honors presented by President Carter at the White House. He has also been acknowledged by Queen Margrethe II of Denmark and the National Society of Arts and Letters. He recipied the Austrian Cross of Honor for Science and Letters. ceived the Austrian Cross of Honor for Science and Letters.

Shortly before his death in 1983, Balanchine received the Presidential Medal of Freedom— the highest honor that can be bestowed upon a civilian in the United

"Hommage a Balanchine" will be performed Oct. 13 and 14 at 8 p.m., and is sponsored by the MSC Opera and Performing Arts Society. Tickets will be half-price for all students on Oct. 14.



Helen Alexopoulos of the New York City Ballet will perform tonight in Rudder Auditorium.



## Russian pianist plays Wednesday afternoon

By ANAS BEN-MUSA Staff Writer for THE BATTALION

Russian-born pianist Sophia Gilmson will perform Wednesday at 12:30 p.m. in

emic. The concert will feature sclections from Sergei Prokofieff's "Music for Children, Opus 65 and Prokofieff's "Sonata No. 7" in B-flat Major, Opus 83. The

room 402 Acad-

show is pre-sented by the OPAS Stark Series and Department of Philosophy and Humanities Music Program.

"Prokofieff is a prominent Russian composer and I enjoy playing his compositions," Gilmson said.

Prokofieff's birthday was in 199 Gilmson studied at

Leningrad Conservatory graduated cum laude.

Gilmson has performed in recital at Carnegie Hall and country concert broadcasts by Rad Leningrad, Radio Vatican, a WQXR and WNYC in New Y

Gilmson is the Artists Teach and head of the Piano Department the College of the Mainlan She also owns a private studio Houston.

For her exceptional teach and numerous workshops, Gi son received the Houston Mi Teachers Association's Teacher the Year award.

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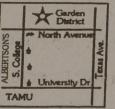
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