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## OPAS budget exceeds \$1 million

By BRANDI JORDAN

Reporter of THE BATTALION

Bringing Mikhail Baryshnikov and Twyla Tharp to Texas A&M University for performances next month will cost the Memorial Student Center's Opera and Performing Arts Society (OPAS) an estimated \$200,000.

OPAS operates on a zero-balance budget and does not operate to make a profit, said Jennifer Clawson, OPAS student committee chair.

"The money that we earn from ticket sales and contributions is just enough to pay to bring our programs to Texas A&M," Clawson said.

OPAS operates under an annual fiscal budget which begins in August, Clawson said. The committee never knows exactly how much money they have because their budget changes all the time, she said.

### Non-profit organization sets ticket prices to cover cost of performances

The OPAS budget for the 1992-1993 school-year is just over \$1 million based on the cost of the programs planned for the year.

To determine ticket prices, MSC OPAS Executive Director Anne Black decides what the break-even cost on the show will be, based on the performers' professional fee.

"Anne scales the house into more expensive and less expensive seats just to break even for the program," Clawson said. "All we're paying for is professional fees, transportation for performers, lodging for performers and advertising in the Eagle and The Battalion."

"Baryshnikov is a special program because we reserved a certain amount of student tickets, and when they're gone, they're

gone."

OPAS usually offers students a special price on all OPAS tickets, no matter where they are in the house, Clawson said.

OPAS offered a half-price student ticket for the recent Balanchine performance because plenty of tickets were available for it.

OPAS student tickets for Baryshnikov are sold out, but there are still regular adult-price tickets remaining for the performances. Prices range from \$58 to \$100.

Jeff Cavazos, an archaeology major from Arp, Texas, said the ticket prices do not shock him.

"I'm not surprised the ticket prices are so expensive because not many people ever get the opportunity to see Baryshnikov,"

Cavazos said.

"But most students I know just don't have the money for a one-time event. They'd rather spend their \$58 on a variety of events over a longer period of time."

OPAS's next performance is the musical "Once On This Island," the story of a slave girl who falls in love with the aristocratic landowner on an island.

"A lot of people have called it 'The Little Mermaid of Broadway,'" Clawson said. "It's your basic guy gets girl, guy loses girl, guy gets girl kind of love story. It's supposed to be great."

The musical is scheduled for Mon., Nov. 16. Ticket prices range from \$11.50 to \$22 for students, and \$14.50 to \$27 for regular-price tickets - a sharp contrast to ticket prices for Baryshnikov.

For more information regarding OPAS events, call 845-1661.

## In Advance

•Today is the last day to register for the John Ben Shepperd Student Leadership Forum which will be held this Saturday from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The forum is open to all Texas A&M students interested in exchanging ideas with business, social and political leaders. Included among the scheduled speakers are a NASA representative, a former aide to Sen. Lloyd Bentsen and various other Texas leaders. Students can register for the forum in room 216 of the Memorial Student Center. There is a \$5 registration fee. For more information contact Nancy Adams at 845-1515.

•Wednesday is "Greek Challenge Night" for the Lady Aggies final volleyball game of the season. All Greeks are encouraged to attend the game, which begins at 7 p.m., and sign in at the tables that will be set up at the entrance of G. Rollie White Colosseum.

## B-CS clinic to host day for volunteer awareness

By CINDY CORNELIUS

Special to THE BATTALION

Health For All, Inc., a non-profit health care clinic in Bryan, is gearing up for "Make a Difference Day" scheduled for Saturday Nov. 14 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

"Make a Difference Day" is a national program sponsored by USA magazine designed to boost public awareness of volunteer organizations, said Ginnie Sharkaw, a publicity and development committee volunteer for the clinic.

Saturday, men and women ages 40-65 who have no medical insurance, and cannot otherwise afford medical care, are encouraged to come to the clinic to see if they qualify for a free physical examination. The clinic is located at 2609 N. Texas Avenue in Bryan.

"Those who qualify will receive a complete physical, including testing blood pressure, blood sugar, cholesterol and vision," Sharkaw said.

The women's physical will also include a Pap smear and mammo-

gram. The clinic provides free medical attention to those who cannot afford health care or health insurance.

It is staffed by doctors and nurses from the Bryan-College Station community as well as medical students from Texas A&M who volunteer their time.

"We do what we do because we care," Sharkaw said, "and we would like to touch the hearts of other people who could help us help others in need."

Health For All, Inc. has been serving the Bryan-College Station area since 1987. The clinic is open on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Sharkaw said she hopes that "Make a Difference Day" will stimulate the interests of potential clinic volunteers.

"Volunteers are what makes the clinic run," she said.

Sharkaw said she urges people interested in an exam to call the clinic ahead of time at 778-4704 and make an appointment.

## Library buys 'Sex,' solicits controversy

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

HOUSTON - The Houston Public Library's decision to order Madonna's controversial book "Sex" has come under fire from the leader of an anti-pornography group.

"I cannot believe this," said Geneva Kirk Brooks, president of Citizens Against Pornography.

"Who does the public library belong to? It belongs to the people."

Brooks took her complaint to City Council on Tuesday, and Mayor Bob Lanier said the library would review its decision.

David Bates, public information officer for the library, said money contributed by an anonymous donor is being used to order four copies of the \$49.95 book.

Two of the books are for general circulation in the Fine Arts section and two are for the reference section.

Bates defended the decision to buy the book, which has been under fire since its publication last month.

"Madonna is a cultural phenomenon. Most of what she does is news. And our patrons would have an interest in what she's doing," Bates said.

It is important, he said, to keep books in the library that represent a broad range of viewpoints.

"The library adds something to the collection every day that somebody's going to disagree with," said Bates, who said he has more than a dozen complaints since the order was made.

But Brooks, who has picketed convenience stores for selling Playboy and Penthouse, said "Sex" violates the city's community standards resolution drafted in 1978.

"This book violates our community standards on almost every page," Brooks said told council members Tuesday.

The resolution, which has no legal force, cited as "particularly objectionable public portrayal of sodomy, masturbation, sadomasochistic acts and any lewd exhibition of the genitals."

Before it was adopted, a federal judge nullified an anti-pornography ordinance on the grounds that it was too vague, too broad and tried to eliminate, not regulate, establishments selling explicit sexual books and films.



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#### Information:

- \* There is a \$5.00 registration fee.
- \* Lunch will be provided.
- \* You do NOT have to be a student leader only possess the desire to stimulate your leadership abilities.
- \* Pick up a registration form in 216 MSC, Student Programs Office.

Saturday, November 14, 1992, MSC Room 201  
8:00 am - 4:00 pm

If you have ANY questions please contact: Tony Martellotto, James Weinstock or Stephen Dunn at the Student Programs Office, 845-1515.

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