



**Classical group**

Tracy Sowders plays as other members of the newly recognized A&M Classical Piano Group listen. The group plans to meet each Tuesday night in the MSC lounge to perform and conduct club business.

Battalion photo by J. Wagner Tynes

## Cohabitation not so bad, survey shows

United Press International

LOS ANGELES — If you are unmarried and living with your lover, chances are you have a stronger relationship than if you tied the knot, a new survey reports.

A love research survey of 568 couples concluded recently that couples who live together rather than marry get along better and build stronger, more permanent relationships.

"Marriage is often for the in-laws, the IRS, the mortgage bankers — everybody but the couple," said Jonathan Young, a marriage counselor who headed the survey project. "Cohabitants are more often happier than married couples."

The survey found that young people tend to be less selfish and more willing to contribute to their lover's happiness.

The younger respondents reported a greater willingness to do favors for their partners, make sacrifices and even suffer for the well-being of their lover," Young said.

The findings also showed that married people and those living together were more altruistic and more willing to admit their feeling of attachment," he said, much more so than people who were in dating relationships.

## Texas A&M receives metal flaw detectors

Chicago Bridge and Iron Co. of Houston has given ultrasonic flaw detection equipment to Texas A&M University's College of Engineering.

L.R. Birdwell, in charge of CBI's southern area operations, made the presentations. The equipment was accepted by Fred J. Benson, vice president for engineering and non-renewable resources, and College of Engineering officials. It includes a Sperry pulse-echo-type unit and two Branson detectors. Their new value totals \$13,000.

"These ultrasonic detectors can be used in a variety of teaching and research applications," commented Dr. Charles Rodenberger, engineering assistant dean. Primarily for detecting flaws in metal beneath the surface, the equipment also is capable of analyzing laminates, among other applications, he said.

The ultrasonic detectors were presented for the Mechanical and Engineering Technology Department's metallurgy labs.

Birdwell is a 1954 Texas A&M graduate.




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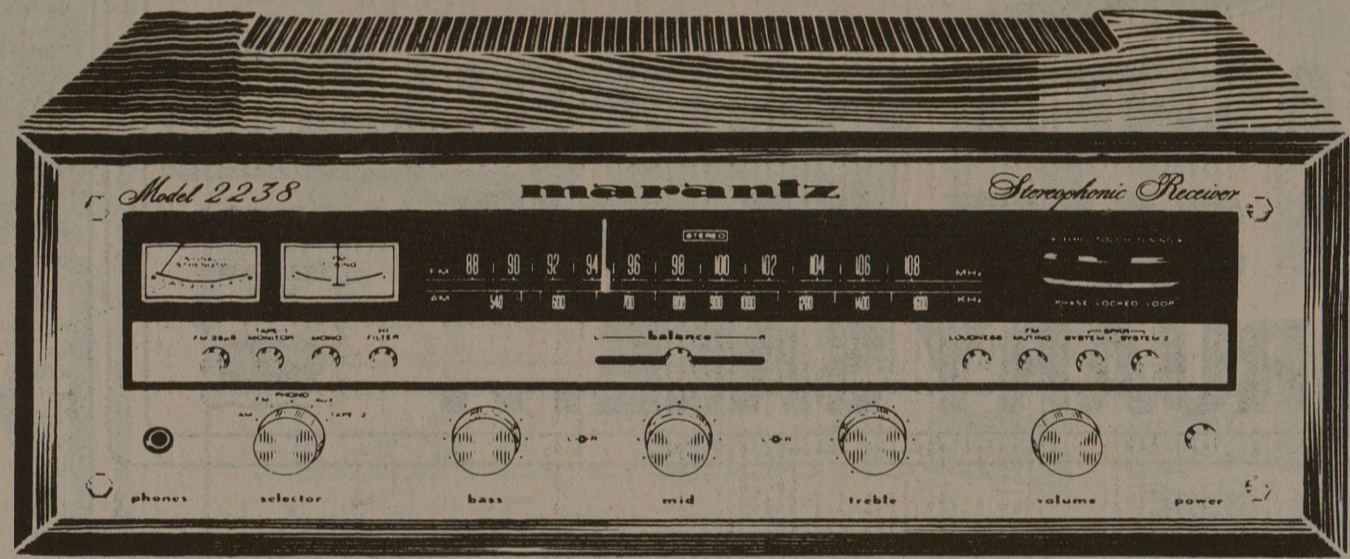
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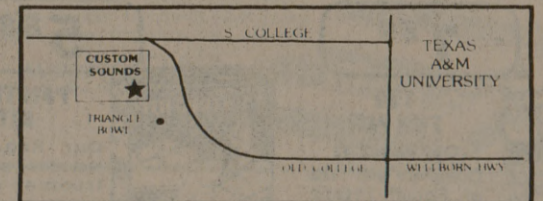
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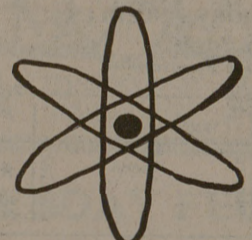


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