

# Chinese troupe awes Aggies

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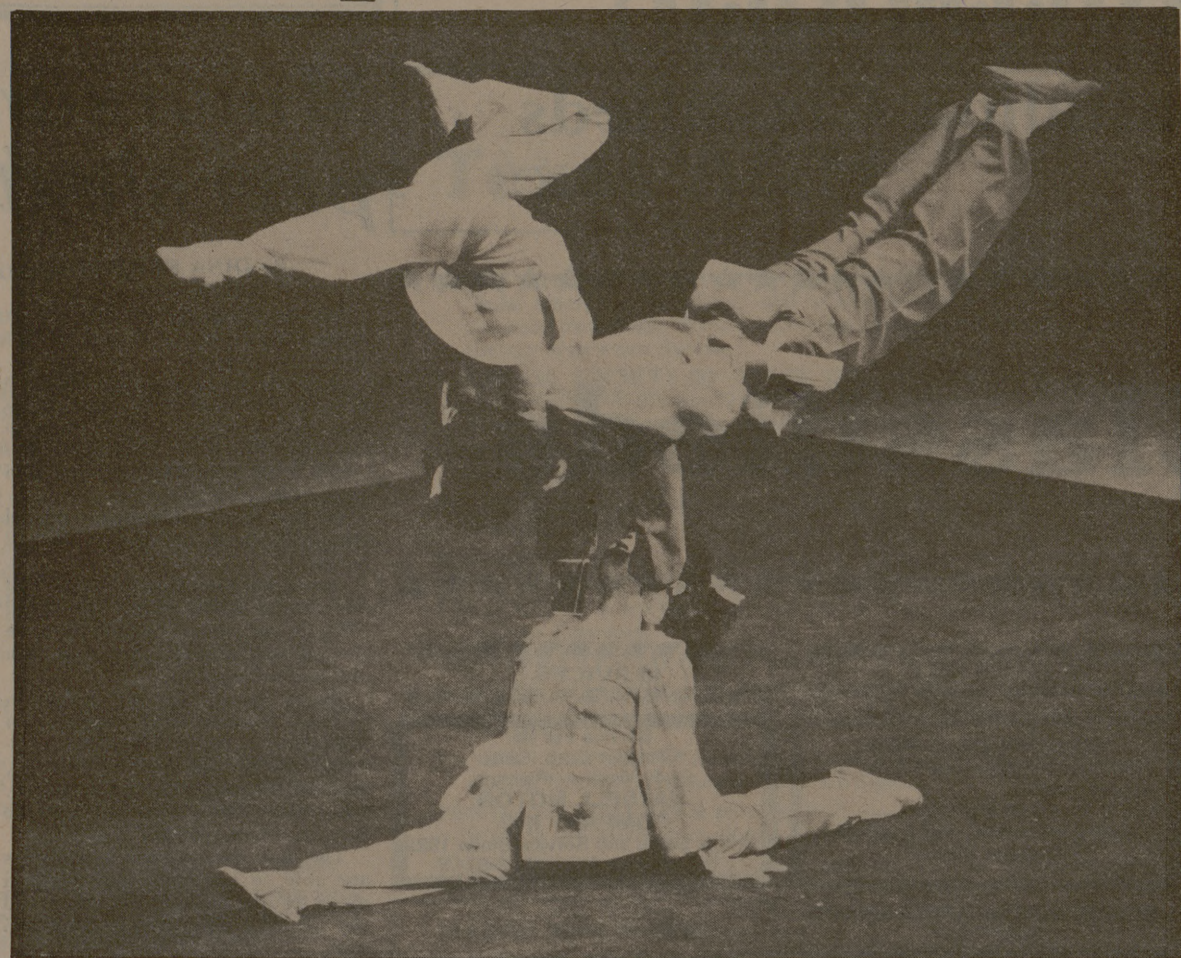
Men on swinging trapezes would look amateur, white rabbits silly next to the grace and mystique of the Chinese Acrobats and Magicians of Taiwan.

The company of 75 kept the Rudder Auditorium crowd of about 1,500 sitting on the last thread in the edge of their seats.

One performer balanced on one hand on top of six chairs stacked on bottles, others leaped through four rings of knives and fire, still another flipped cups from his foot to saucers balanced on top of his head.

The act that created the most tension in the audience occurred when a male performer leaped through the rings of knives and fire blindfolded. He did a series of somersaults before he leaped through the rings.

The magic acts kept the audience intrigued. Just when an explanation



Three acrobats challenged the law of gravity in a show at Texas A&M performers Tuesday night. The group, the Chinese Acrobats and Magicians of Taiwan, was sponsored by MSC

Opera and Performing Arts Society. It played to a crowd of about 1,500 in Rudder Auditorium.

Battalion photo by Ken Herrera

## Review

of a trick seemed apparent, the magician would make a gesture which removed any hope of ever figuring it out.

One magician "picked up" a large jar by merely putting his hands along one side, never seeming to touch it.

A participant from the audience, Mark Thurman, was asked to try to lift the jar in the same manner.

Thurman, who tried and could not, said "I don't know how he did it. The jar was heavy, glazed and smooth."

To sum it up, he said "there were no tricks about it." Or were there? The Tuesday night performance, sponsored by the Memorial Student

Center Opera and Performing Arts Society, kept the audience expecting the unexpected.

## Army officer to view Corps at season's first march-in

Texas A&M University's 2,000-member Corps of Cadets makes its first public appearance of the school year Saturday, with the commanding general of the Third Army ROTC Region watching.

The Corps will parade at Kyle Field at 12:20 p.m. in a march-in before the Texas A&M-University of Houston football game.

Brig. Gen. Richard S. Fye, Third ROTC Region commander, from Fort Riley, Kan., will be the reviewing officer. He and Texas A&M officials will view the Corps from a stand on the west side of the stadium.

Fye will be briefed on the Cadet Corps at 9 a.m. in Rudder Theater.

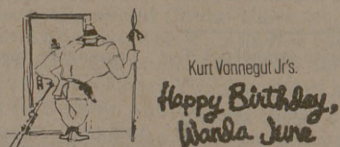
The briefing, conducted by Corps Commander William D. Dugat of Weslaco and the corps staff, is open to the public.

A U.S. Military Academy graduate, Fye assumed command of the Army ROTC region in July. The artillery officer with 29 years active service was assistant commander of the 25th Infantry Division in Hawaii and commanded the airborne division artillery for the 101st Airborne in Vietnam. His decorations include the Distinguished Service Medal and Legion of Merit.

It will be a graded military formation and count in year-long competition among Corps units.

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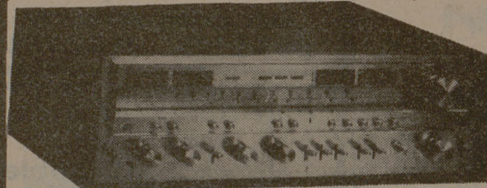
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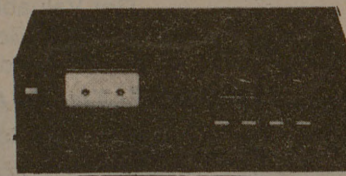
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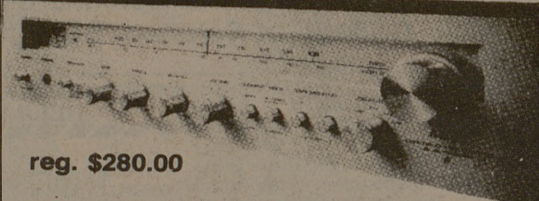


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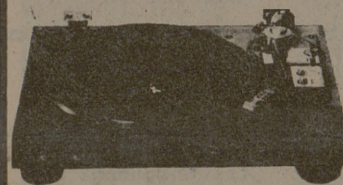
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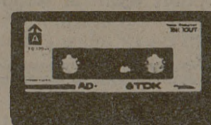
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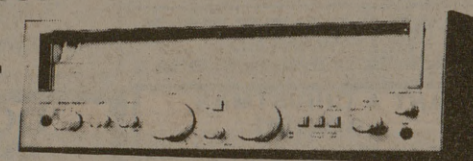


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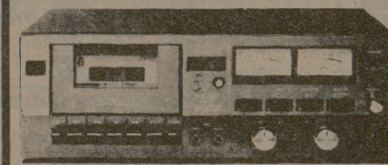


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