

# Choir presents Friday concert

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The Century Singers, Texas A&M University's mixed choir, will present their annual spring concert at 8 p.m. Friday in Rudder Theater. Tickets are on sale for \$2 at Rudder Box Office.

Lisa Kinney, business manager for the choir, said they will perform all kinds of music: pop, contemporary, a little classical, some Broadway show tunes and a tribute to Richard Rodgers.

Some of the Broadway show music featured will be from "A Chorus Line," "South Pacific," "Oklahoma" and "The Sound of Music."

"This will be a really good concert," Kinney said. "I think it will be what the public has been wanting to hear. We want everybody to come so we're trying to get the word out."

The 65-member choir is directed by Nancy Theeman, who is also the pianist for the Singing Cadets.

Since the Century Singers is the only mixed choir at Texas A&M,

many students audition at the beginning of each semester.

"This semester 200 students tried out," Kinney said, "but only seven were chosen. Most of the members have had some kind of voice training. We have students from freshman level to graduates and all majors."

Kinney said the choir practices an hour every day at noon in addition to a weekly Tuesday night practice.

"Everyone participates out of a love for music," she said, "and for the school too, because we don't receive any credit for this. There's a real close bond between everybody in the group."

The Century Singers have performed this semester in Austin, East Texas and extensively in the Bryan-College Station area at churches, lunches and on campus.

The Century Singers is one of four choral groups at Texas A&M begun by Robert Boone, director of vocal music. The others are the Singing Cadets, an all male group, the Women's Chorus, and the Reveliers, a small pop ensemble.

# Foresters win fourth in meet

By JED T. YOUNG  
Campus Reporter  
There's the Superbowl, the World Series, and then there's the World Series of Forestry.

That's what they call the annual Association of Southern Foresters Conclave (ASFC) meet that was held in Hillsville, Va. last month.

"The ASFC meet is called that because the competition is so stiff," said Dr. Andy Ezell, assistant professor of forest science.

The ASFC is a semi-national organization made up of representatives of 15 universities in southern part of the United States, Ezell said.

The representatives are usually members of forestry clubs or, according to ASFC by-laws, students in one of the natural resource disciplines such as wildlife or forest science.

and at the same time throw the other one off.

"Those physical events also involve using tools of the trade," Ezell said.

On the other side of the pole are the technical events. These events require a great amount of workable knowledge about the forest and the forest industry, Ezell said.

These events include timber estimation, photogrammetry, compass and pacing, dendrology, diameter estimation, wildlife identification and pole classification.

Timber estimation is calculating the number of board feet of wood in a particular area. Photogrammetry involves the evaluation of aerial photos of forest areas, while dendrology is the identification of tree species from the external characteristics only.

Pole classification is the evaluation of a stand of timber for the number of poles available and the grade of those poles. Ezell said this procedure is very important in a working situation, to the telephone companies for instance.

Also, compass and pacing involves finding the way out of a forest with only a degree direction and a compass.

Each year foresters from around the nation meet to compete in events that are "wood" oriented. The events are much like the skid-a-doo competition held annually on the Texas A&M campus. In fact, the winners of the competition here represent Texas A&M in the ASFC meet, Ezell said.

The Aggies placed fourth overall and were awarded the sportsmanship award that won them a standing ovation by the other 700-800 foresters at the awards banquet held at the end of the competition.

This award, presented for the first time this year, and was given to the team with the most spirit, cooperation and brotherhood. The judges said there was no doubt that the Aggies should receive it, Ezell said.

"I think these guys are doing a incredible job and have a real good chance of winning first next year," he said.

The winner of this year's contest was Virginia Polytechnical Institute, with Arkansas placing second and North Carolina coming in third in front of the Aggies.

Most of the Texas A&M team members are sophomore or junior forest science majors, and will be back to compete next year.

"The foresters that compete are not just a bunch of guys who can cut wood," Ezell said, "but are the very best from their school."

"The events aren't just muscle events only, but require brains and technique."

"Most events involve a direct application in the use of tools a forester would use on the job, such as height and diameter measuring instruments," said Ezell.

The 20 events are divided into two categories, physical and technical.

Some of the physical events include axe throwing, log speed chopping, log rolling, archery, knife throwing, pole climbing, bow sawing, pole falling and log biling.

Pole felling is the art of making a pole fall the direction you want after it has been chopped down. The winners in this event are determined by who gets closest to their designated falling point. Pole climbing is the task of getting up a 20-foot de-barked pole.

Log biling is when the two loggers try to ride the rolling logs in a river,

Wildlife identification is the identification of both plants and animals in the forest setting.

Ezell said that most people have a stereotype image of forest science majors. "People think that forest science majors have a hard time getting a job and if they do, they end up sitting in a tower somewhere," said.

Ezell explained that they have a 100% employment rate and the job does not consist of sitting in a tower.

"Foresters are mainly employed by paper industries, timber production firms, the government or consultant agencies," said Ezell.

"But that doesn't mean that they won't be putting out a fire or two," he said.

The forest science club members are preparing for the ASFC meet next year.

"This is the best undergraduate department that I've ever worked with," Ezell said. They had better watch out next year for the "Aggies in the forest."

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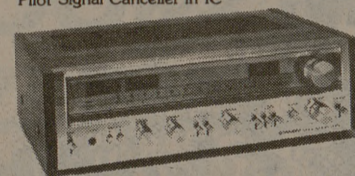
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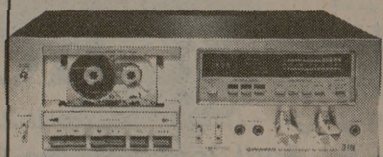
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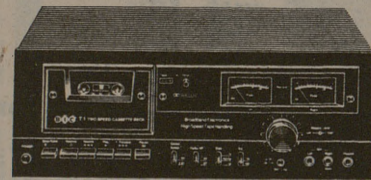
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