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Fish Drill Team members (l to r) Joe Cronin, Bob Dalton and Jaime Fuentes perform the ripple movement of a drill which brought the team a win in the Texas A&M drill meet three weeks ago. Last weekend, the drill team won the Texas state championship.

Teams place 2nd in meet, but win state championship

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The Texas A&M University Fish Drill Team and Women's Drill Team both won the Texas state championship last weekend with second place finishes at the Lone Star Invitational Drill Meet at Trinity University in San Antonio.

The championship is based on the two best scores from three meets at the University of Texas, Texas A&M, and Trinity.

It was the last performance of the Fish Drill Team together.

"It's kind of an emotional experience," Michael Holmes, drill team commander, said, adding the state championship has been their goal all year.

Anita Bowden, commander of the women's team, said it was their biggest competition of the year. Their chief rival, the women's team from the Air Force Academy, came in first at the Trinity meet, but Bowden said the two groups have a friendly rivalry.

"It was a lot of fun," she said. Both groups also marched in the Battle of Flowers parade, which is

part of San Antonio's Fiesta Week activities.

The groups competed in three areas: inspection, basic drill and precision drill, senior drill team adviser Jim Brewer said. The fish competed with actual weapons, while the women were in the mock weapon division. They were graded by a Marine Corps judge.

The fish team came in second in all events, behind the University of Texas-Arlington. UT-A didn't come to the Texas A&M meet, so the Aggies had an advantage in adding up point totals for the state championship.

The women's team placed first in

the inspection category and second behind the Air Force Academy in basic and fancy drill.

Holmes said the basic drill differs from fancy drill because while each team does the same basic drill, each has its own fancy drill also, where it can show off.

Inspection is worth 200 points, basic drill 350, and fancy 450. The final placing is based on the total of the three.

The fish drill team is composed solely of freshman members of the Corps of Cadets, while the women's drill team is open to any female cadet.

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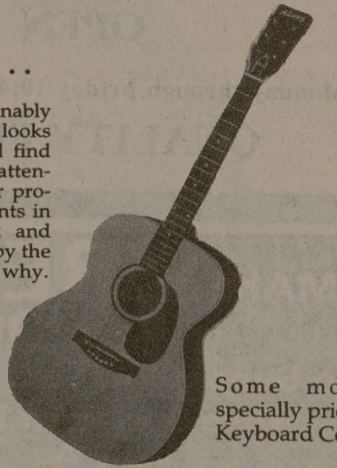
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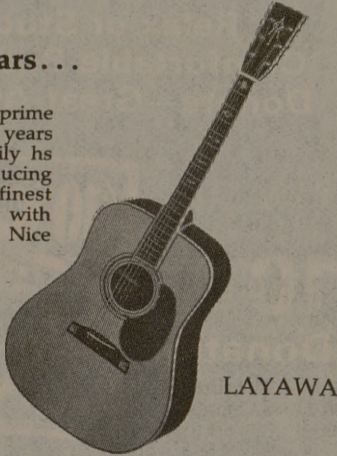


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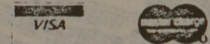
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