

# Local

## Century Singers end first decade

By SUSAN DITTMAN  
Battalion Reporter

To help celebrate their 10th anniversary, the Century Singers are holding a three-day vocal workshop with internationally known opera singer Ellen Lang.

"The workshop, which began Tuesday and continues today and Thursday, is to give them (the Century Singers) exposure to someone else," said Nancy Theeman, director of Century Singers. "It's good for our morale to have an expert come in."

Lang said she and Theeman are friends from graduate school. "Nancy felt that I could help out the choir," she said.

The mixed choir, founded in 1971, was originally called the New Tradition Singers to observe the inclusion of women students at Texas A&M University. The name was changed to Century Singers in 1976 in honor of the University's 100th birthday.

When the group was first started, it only had 30 people, Theeman said. "It was really hard getting guys to sing. Now I have more guys trying out."

The choir now has 63 members — 32 men and 31 women. Although they must attend practice 4½ hours every week, the members receive no school credit for their participation.

"We are strict," Theeman said. "Members can only miss three practices all semester."

Auditions for Century Singers as well as the other vocal music groups are held the first two weeks of every semester.

To try out for Century Singers, persons must sing "Home on the Range" and sight read a piece of music, Theeman said. If they are accepted musically, she said, then they are interviewed to see if they



Photo by Steve Kennedy

Opera singer Ellen Lang demonstrates singing technique to the Century Singers while adviser Nancy Theeman looks on.

are willing to commit the time and effort.

Since a lot of the people in the choir held offices and were big wigs in their high school choirs, Theeman said, it takes some adjustment to belong to a University group. "It is humbling to be in a room with a lot of other big wigs," she said.

Since Texas A&M does not offer a degree program in music, most of the members are in Century Singers because of their love of music, Theeman said. "I know of one girl, in the group last year, who is going on and getting her bachelor's degree in music," she added.

"I don't think the quality of voice here is any less than at a school with a music department," Theeman said.

The Century Singers have given concerts in Austin and Palestine as well as in Bryan-College Station. "In this community this year, we have already done about a dozen concerts and we have about eight more to do," Theeman said.

On May 1 the Century Singers will present their annual spring concert at 8 p.m. in Rudder Theater. The program will include the Easter portion of Handel's "Messiah," and an overview of dance music of the 20th century complete with choreography, Theeman said.

### Workshop lasts for 3 days

## Opera star teaches vocals

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The tall, blonde opera singer rushed by saying: "Just let me get a cup of coffee and I'll answer all your questions."

Ellen Lang was just about to start a three-day vocal workshop for the Texas A&M University Century Singers. The workshop is being held in the vocal music office in the Memorial Student Center.

Lang, who has performed with several opera companies including the Buffalo, Baltimore and Santa Fe operas, said she didn't hear any classical music until she was 18.

Lang said she also enjoys performing popular music "mainly because the audiences love it so much." She has performed in "Showboat" as well

as in the Buffalo Philharmonic's pop concerts.

When asked whether she prefers classical music to popular music, Lang replied enthusiastically, "I love it all."

She said, "One of my missions in life is to help my students realize that music is music whether it's classical or popular."

Lang teaches private voice lessons at Mount Vernon College in Washington, D.C., and also conducts opera workshops at colleges and universities all over the United States.

Lang, a soprano, said the main point she wants make to the Century Singers during the workshop is that singing is physical, not vocal. She said the students need to learn how to "get out of the way of the vocal chords ... and allow the body to sing as opposed to forcing it to sing."



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The Texas A&M Freshman Drill Team brought home a first place overall trophy Sunday from an invitational drill meet held in conjunction with Mardi Gras.

Teams nationwide competed Friday at New Orleans' Tulane University. The drill team also marched in the Krewe of Iris Parade Saturday as honor guard for the parade queen's float.

"We practice from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, all day Saturday, and a lot of times half a day on Sunday," said David Garcia, the team's senior adviser. "That gives us the competitive edge to go down there and win."

The Fish Drill Team began in 1947. Maj. Calvin Reese started the unit as a diversion for freshman cadets housed at the Bryan Army Air Force Base. Freshman cadets had been moved to the base to avoid excessive hazing.

The FDT won first in the inspection and platoon basic category, where the cadets are questioned about general military knowledge and weapons. They are judged on their poise, military bearing, intelligence, and the manner in which they respond. In basic platoon drill, each team executes a set of predetermined commands.

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Stehlin wants to interview pre-med, pre-vet, and pre-dental students as well as ANSC, BISM, Biology, Biochemistry, Bioengineering, Microbiology and Zoology majors. The pay is \$850 per month for the first work term, and the positions are in Houston.

You must call the Co-op Office at 845-7725, for an orientation to co-op and to complete your application PRIOR TO YOUR INTERVIEW with Stehlin Foundation.

NOTE: In the past, the Stehlin Cancer Research Foundation only employed summer students. All students who worked for them were accepted into medical school. They are now changing their student employment program to a formal Cooperative Education Program and hope to attract quality students.

## SPRING ELECTIONS

### Filing open

9am-5pm Room 216A of the MSC  
Filing closes March 9 at 5:30pm

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