Theatre arts majors Vickye Boone, Mary Hawver and Sharon Glenninding rehearse a dance scene in "Cave Cat," a play about youth and individuality. "Cave Cat" opens tonight at 8 p.m. in Rudder Forum. Performances are set for Friday and Saturday, too.

Theater student rekindles spirit of '60s in 'Cave Cat'

Please try to understand
I want to be me
I need to be free
I need to believe in everything I see

— Pat Martine

By KATHLEEN McELROY
Battalion Staff

Straddling the borderline between youth and adulthood, some decide to jump off. In the '60s the term was "doing your own thing."

Texas playwright Ford Ainsworth examined this search for freedom in his 1968 play "Cave Cat," in which the main characters are animals — all except the hero, who can't decide whether he wants to be a lion like his parents or a leopard like his demonstrator friends. So he decides to be a cat.

Even in the '80s Texas A&M University student Pat Martine thinks Ainsworth's play and its themes are still relevant. That's why he's presenting "Cave Cat" today, Friday and Saturday in Rudder Forum.

Martine, a senior in theater arts, composed the opening theme, "I Need to Believe," for the Texas A&M production to set the play's mood. But he's more an arranger of "Cave Cat" — he's added special lighting techniques, modern dance, slides of actual demostrations and modern music to Ainsworth's basic play.

But Ainsworth apparently doesn't mind these additions — he and Martine met a few years ago after Martine had seen a production of "Cave Cat" in Georgetown, his hometown. And the playwright, who is the language arts adviser for Round Rock High School, is coming to College Station Saturday night to see the new version of his tragicomedy, which has been produced across the nation.

"He was pleased with it," Martine said. "He's helped — he hasn't actually offered any advice or told us what we should do in this show."

The special effects, Martine says, accent the era in which the play was written without changing its basic theme — youth fighting to stay individual.

"It takes a look at the frustrations of youth," he said, "and people can still relate to that today." He says his effects are geared toward his college audience. He uses music from the rock-jazz group Chicago for the modern dance sequence.

He's proud of the song he wrote for the production, but said, "The real talent in it is Alan Croley's singing and Scott Zesch's piano playing." Zesch also composed the music for the piece.

Until this production, most of the theater work Martine had done had been acting, but after all the work he's done on "Cave Cat" he said, "In my situation as a student-director, acting is definitely easier than directing."

The future? "I'm not going to say," he replied with a smile (the smile of someone who really doesn't know).

Chip Washabaugh plays the troubled youth, the Cave Cat. Mary-Alice Helman and David Troxell portray his parents, Momma and Poppa Lion. There are eight other roles, with 20 students in all working on the production. The Aggie Players, the theater arts organization on campus, sponsored the $350 production. Martine said the budget is low because he has had help from friends who have done some free work for him.

Working on "Cave Cat" since December, Martine hasn't had time for the other theater arts productions.

"I haven't been involved in anything else since I've been concentrating on this," he said. Because Martine has spent so much of his time to "Cave Cat," theater arts professor Richard Sodders is giving him credit for the production in his advanced theater directing class.

"I've always thought "Cave Cat" would be a great musical and I've talked to Ainsworth about it," he said. "And maybe one day — who knows?"

Tickets are $2 for students and $3 for non-students. All three shows start at 8 p.m., and tickets are on sale at the door.

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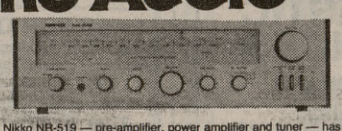

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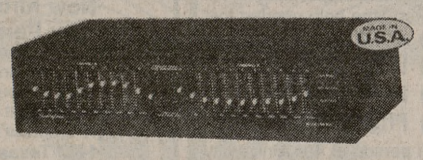

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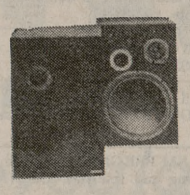

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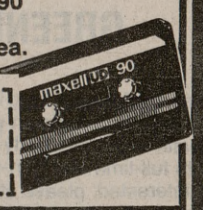

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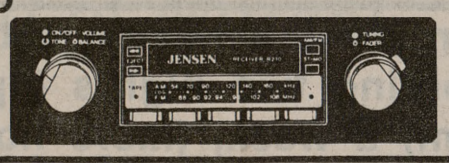

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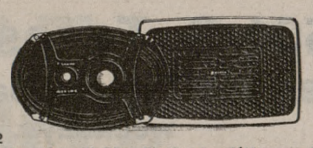

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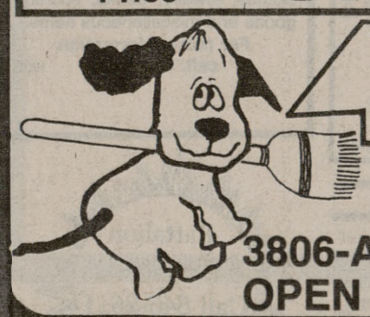

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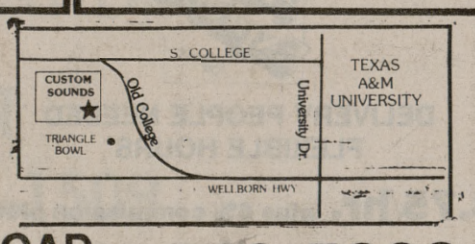

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