A&M vocal groups make own kinds of music

A&M University vocal groups have been booked up since the beginning of the semester. The last of 250 auditions are scheduled

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The groups are directed by Robert L. Boone, head director and director of the Singing

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Singers, the Women's Chorus and the Reveliers are individual organizations which offer students a Cadets; Nancy Theeman, director of the Century Singers; and Patty Fleitas, director of the Women's Chorus and the Reveliers.

> different types of music to fit the singer's preferences.

The vocal music program began in 1938 with the formation of the

Each group offers the students

Singing Cadets. "The (Singing) Cadets are the best known of the groups because they have been around the longest," Boone said.

The group of Singing Cadets comprises 60 to 65 men, whose main objective is to promote the

"We function as a representa-tive of Texas A&M," Boone said. The Cadets perform about 50 shows each year throughout the

The Century Singers are a large mixed chorus (approximately 50 members). Their repertoire consists of 50 to 60 percent classical music along with selections from Broadway musicals. They usually perform 10 to 12 concerts each

The groups first made their debut in 1970 as the New Tradition because at that time women were

the "new tradition." The name was changed to Century Singers in 1976 in honor of the University's centennial

The Women's Chorus, the newest of the vocal groups, is comprises 60 women and performs a mixed repertoire. The all-female group evolved in 1978 due to the arge number of women trying out for the Century Singers, Boone

'We could only accept a certain number of women to maintain the balance of sound (in the mixed group), but there were so many talented women trying out that a woman chorus seems the logical alternative," he explained.

The fourth and smallest of the vocal groups is the Reveliers. They are a small mixed chorus of 12 vocalists and five instrumentalists who perform a lighter program

and western. The group, formed in 1972, was first known as Arion's ers of the group he or shew. Children but changed its name to join. The old members of Reveliers in 1978 to be more in

character with Texas A&M. They perform mainly at ban-tions of quets and meetings, Theeman viewers.

Since the entire vocal music program is extracurricular, the groups are allowed a little more freedom in music selections than similar organizations in universities with music departments,

If the University offered a music department, we would probably be required to maintain a more standardized, educational reper-toire, he added. "We like the freedom to do what we want.

Approximately 250 students are auditioning for the three vocal music directors. After auditions, the students are interviewed by

organization vote on the members based on recor tions of the directors and in

Once in the group, the in vidual is a member for as long

he or she wants to be involve Boone said. However, the Singing Cale are required to maintain a grid point ratio of 2.0 to remain group, Theeman said. Officer the other groups are also required to maintain a 2.0 but the of members have no specific ratio

maintain. "If someone is falling behin their grades we advise him out for a semester to bring up," she said. "After all, w here on a voluntary basis and

Singing Cadets still promote Brown Texas A&M through music

Battalion Reporter
The Singing Cadets have been romoting Texas A&M University through music for over 40 years Established in 1938 by Dr. J.J Woolket, the main purpose of the all-male chorus is to promote the University, explains Robert L. Boone, director of the organization. Boone directed the Singing

Cadets for 21 years. The group performs approximately 50 times each year — about five times more than comparable organizations at other universities. They travel an average of 3,000 to 3,600 miles during a year.

The group will perform at the Astrodome Sept. 26 at the Astro's last home game of the season

They also perform annual concerts in San Antonio, Dallas, Austin, Fort Worth and Houston.

The Cadets often work with the Texas A&M Mothers' Clubs and the Texas A&M alumni clubs throughout the state. For each performance, the organization is paid \$600 or 40 percent of what is made at the concert, which ever is larger. The performances usually bers are active in the Compa are fund raisers to provide money said. for scholarships

The name of the organization the White House, on the Eds. can be misleading, Boone said. Singing Cadets" dates back to the the orgins of the group — when all Show. In 1979 the Cadets Texas A&M students were in the second place at an international second place at an international second place at an international second place at an internation Corps of Cadets. Today, only ab- music festival in Hawaii.

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N.M. professor aids statthers and in El Paso water fight

New Mexico State University professor has been called into service in the state's battle to keep El Paso from taking any of New Mexico's

underground water.

Former NMSU professor Ira Clark met with the state's legal team this week to review the results of his 18 years work on the history of New Mexico's regula-

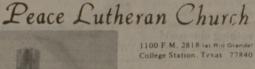
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ing water unconstitutionally strains interstate commerce. The suit is tentatively schent of or duled to begin Dec. I before sinai Mec District Judge Howard Bramand, Tue who said he will decide by more than the october if he will take orally soon and I mony in the case, or rely soley all

written arguments. Simms also said NMSU wow and nomists may testify in the El Paid. "In a suit. If the economists do test Simms said, their testimon would probably center on thept Mexico if El Paso is permi

use its water. El Paso has filed well-dri applications seeking 296,000 are feet of water annually. An acres of water contains 325,829 gallo





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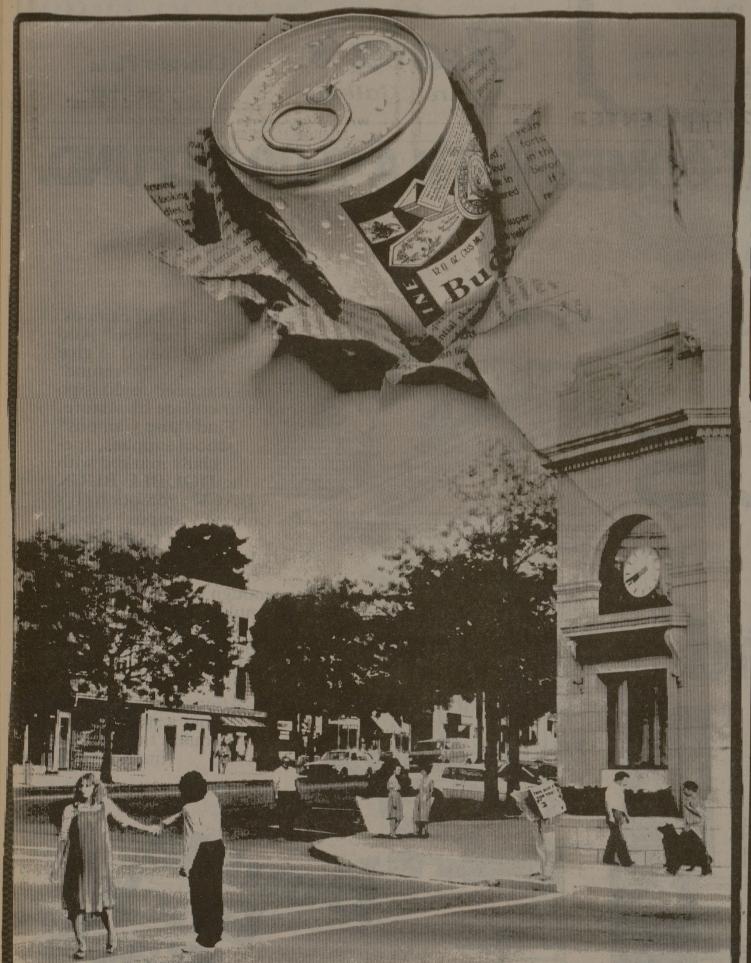
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