



staff photo by Gabriel Elliot

Patty Fleitas, conductor of the Texas A&M Women's Chorus, is accompanied on the piano by Laurie Barber, a junior mechanical engineering

major from Van, as members of the chorus sing in the Memorial Student Center in preparation for their spring concert.

RHA pledges support for Jopling memorial

by David Calvert

Battalion Reporter
The Residence Hall Association approved a resolution Thursday night to support the residents of McInnis Hall in their efforts to have a plaque mounted on the dorm as a memorial to Wiley Keith Jopling.

Jopling was a resident of McInnis who died working on the 1981 Aggie Bonfire.

Residents of McInnis Hall collected money and had the plaque made, not knowing that all such memorials had to be approved by the University president and in some cases, by the Texas A&M University System Board of Regents.

The plaque has been approved by Dr. Carolyn Adair, director of student activities. The plaque is now under consideration by John Koldus, vice president for student services. If his office approves the plaque, the plaque will have to be considered by President Frank Vandiver.

New dorm presidents and delegates were introduced and final plans for the group's banquet were discussed. The banquet will be at 7 p.m. April 29 in 226 MSC. Tickets are \$5.

Stacy Graf, RHA president-

elect for 1982-83, announced the selection of the new directors: Janie Koester, director of facilities and operations; Claire Mommessin, director of external affairs; Gaye Denley, director of programs; and Diane Fletcher, national communications coordinator.

The selection of the directors of public relations and Casino were delayed.

Director of Casino Richard Myers said Casino '82 took in more than \$11,000 and said RHA could expect to net more than \$7,000.

"We had an excellent committee to work with," Myers said. "I couldn't be more pleased with the way things worked out. Casino went off without any hitches, and any small problems we had were solved as they came up."

Balloon flight to be powered by sun

United Press International
NEW YORK— The British team that flew a solar-powered balloon across the English Channel in 1981 will attempt to fly the craft a distance of about 20 miles from Santa Catalina Island across the Pacific Ocean to the U.S. coast just south of Los Angeles in June.

Donald Cameron, designer of the balloon, said the "double-envelope" design used to ac-

quire the sun's heat makes this balloon different from other hot-air balloons. A black Dacron inner bag captures the sun's heat, surrounded by a clear plastic outer envelope which holds the heat.

Crossing the Channel, about 25 miles, the air inside the balloon reached temperatures as much as 80 degrees F hotter than the outside air, achieving an altitude of 3,000 feet.

Concert to be held by Women's Chorus

by Betty Ann Reid

Battalion Reporter
The Texas A&M Women's Chorus will honor 20th century American composers by performing some of their works Saturday during a spring concert.

Admission to the 8 p.m. concert in Rudder Theater is \$2.50. The first half of the concert will feature classical music and the second will feature music from Broadway musicals, movie themes, jazz and pop.

This wide variety of music reflects the versatility of the Women's Chorus, Director Patricia Fleitas said.

"We want to reach the masses and be flexible enough to please everyone," Fleitas said.

Each year, the Women's

Chorus holds a Christmas concert of sacred music and a spring concert in Rudder Theater, as well as many other smaller concerts throughout the year.

These smaller concerts include 30-minute performances at banquets, meetings and conferences, and Fleitas said the Chorus is always looking for other opportunities to perform.

The choir also performed in a concert with the University of Texas Women's Concert Choir in March.

"The purpose was to expand our horizons and to give the Women's Chorus the opportunity to perform with another choir," Fleitas said.

The Chorus is the newest of Texas A&M's four vocal music

organizations, which includes the Singing Cadets, Century Singers and Reveliers.

The group was organized in 1979 and originally had 33 members who participated in a workshop at Austin with the UT Women's Concert Choir.

Since then, the Chorus has had from 45 to 60 members, Fleitas said.

The Chorus has from 10 to 25 new members every semester, Fleitas said.

The group holds auditions — a vocal tryout and an interview — during the first two weeks of the fall semester and during the first week of the spring semester.

Members in good standing do not have to re-audition.

Solar water heating system to be subject of workshop

Local residents can observe a fully assembled passive solar water-heating system during a solar water-heating workshop Saturday at A&M Consolidated High School.

The workshop will begin at 11 a.m. in Room 127. The free activity is sponsored by the Texas Energy Extension Service as part of the College Station Independent School District Community Education program.

The presentation will cover concepts, mechanics and economics of both active and passive solar water-heating systems. Active solar systems rely on such mechanical components as pumps while passive solar systems are less complex and operate on natural systems.

The passive solar water-heating system that will be on display is an integrated system

with the water tank above the collector. The system comes fully assembled ready to be mounted on the roof.

A representative will be available to explain the system's operation, installation and maintenance, and to answer questions about it.

An active solar water-heating system which can be built from a packaged kit will also be on display.

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