

## Groups use musical talent to represent A&M

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Reporter

Say it with music. The inspiring words of Irving Berlin are reflected in the goal of the musical groups on the Texas A&M campus — to represent A&M through music. "We propose to represent A&M using music as our avenue," says Mike Montana, president of the Singing Cadets.

An additional goal is the pursuit of musical excellence.

Edith Jacobs, president of the Women's Chorus, says, "We have a great love for music and sharing it with others."

A&M is represented by six musical groups other than the Aggie

Band, which play music ranging from classical pieces to modern jazz.

The Vocal Music Office in the basement of the Memorial Student Center houses four of these groups: the Women's Chorus, the Singing Cadets, the Century Singers and the Reveliers. The Texas A&M Symphonic Band is headquartered in the Band Hall and the Texas A&M Jazz Band also is a recognized student club.

These groups serve as ambassadors of A&M on campus as well as at various activities in Bryan-College Station. They also perform out of town.

But representing A&M is not the only reason members participate.

"It offers them a chance to keep up with their instrument," says Bill

Dean, director of the Symphonic Band. "It's good therapy, students often tell me, from the daily grind of their studies."

The Jazz Band seeks to educate its audience.

"We represent a form of music that is a dying art," says James Steibing, director of the Jazz Band. "Our goal is to keep it alive."

The price these students pay to represent A&M and pursue their music is a high one, consisting of four to five hours of practice a week and countless performances, despite the fact that A&M offers no degree in music.

The groups' dedication to musical excellence is evident in their list of awards and performances.

In May 1984, the 55-member

Women's Chorus performed in England and Wales, where they were awarded the Valley Forge Honor Certificate for excellence in community programs.

The 60-member Singing Cadets, the oldest and probably best-known vocal music group at A&M, has traveled to such places as Rumania, Mexico and Hawaii and has appeared on the Mike Douglas Show and the Ed Sullivan Show.

The group also served for eight years as escorts and entertainers for the Miss Teenage America Pageant. The Singing Cadets hold open practices every Friday before home football games in the MSC flagroom at 5 p.m.

"We have traveled more places and spoken to more people about A&M than any other group on campus," Montana says.

The Jazz Band's 20 members perform before each A&M home football game in the MSC flagroom and will participate in the Central Park Jazz Festival next semester. They also hold open practices in the Commons every Monday night at 7 p.m.

The 85-member Symphonic Band will perform for the Bryan Rotary Club this fall, as well as the Houston and Dallas A&M Mothers' Clubs next spring.

The Century Singers is a mixed choir with 55 members, and the Reveliers is a jazz ensemble consisting of 12 vocalists and four instrumentalists.

## 'Dapper' bank robber still eluding police

Associated Press

DALLAS — A still-free bandit blamed for one of Texas' longest-running bank robbery sprees began his career with amateurish disguises and sometimes klutzy entrances, authorities say.

In what law enforcement authorities believe was his first Dallas-area robbery seven years ago, he wore a fake goatee and dark glasses.

"I noticed him because he came up to the front door and walked into it. It made enough noise," said a former bank employee who watched a robbery at Pan American National Bank in 1978."

Then the man wore an open-neck shirt and zippered jacket. He also had a wig and tinted glasses. But now he's been dubbed the "dapper bandit" because he has taken to sporting a three-piece suit.

He is suspected in 14 bank robberies where \$500,000 was taken, and has eluded police despite a \$15,000 reward for his capture and photos posted in numerous Dallas-area bank lobbies.

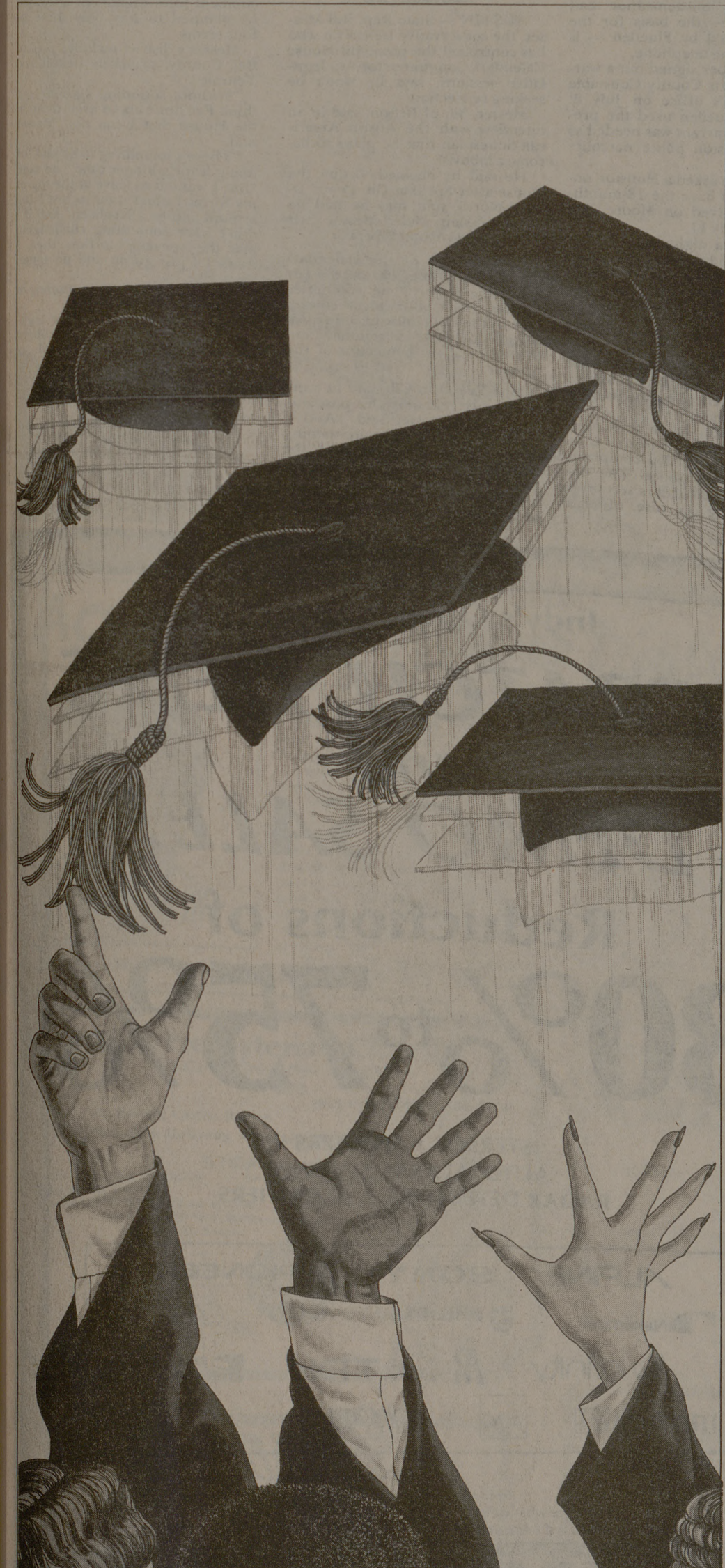
The bandit has hit eight banks in the past 20 months, four of them in the past five months. Police said the man robbed the Swiss Avenue Bank

and Medallion National within two hours on Aug. 27.

Authorities believe the bandit's first target was Pan American Bank, where the bank employee who asked that her name not be used said money fell out of the bandit's briefcase when he hurried out of the bank.

"He just wasn't as cool as I understand he has been since," she said.

Authorities said the man has an uncanny knowledge of bank procedures and has since become a master at subtle disguises, including black-rimmed glasses and a thick, brown moustache that could be fake.



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