

Dancing in the streets



Sound Investment produces dividends

New Image

Quartet finds pure harmony

Anyone who appreciates the sound of the human voice will be pleased to take in the harmony of "New Image" at this year's Pioneer Days.

The a capello quartet will enter-tain people at Pioneer Days on Maln Street starting at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, June 16 with their captivating

brand of harmony.

An a capello group means there is no accompanying instruments, said spokesperson Cathy Alger.

New Image consists of Don Hill singing base, Don Gillespie singing baritone, while Mrs. Alger sings lead and Benny MacLeod is soprano.

The group blends both male and female vocal harmony on such well

known songs as New York, New York, Kiss Him Goodbye, In The Mood, and Coloring Book.

Vocal harmonies have made a comeback lately thanks to groups like the Nylons, whose version of Kiss Him Goodbye hit the charts

recently, said Mrs. Alger. And many other bands such as the Manhatten Transfer, are in-corporating vocal harmony in their

music, she said. Even Art Garfunkel has taken a stab at harmony, with his popular

song So In Love, she said. New Image actually got together when they were singing "do wa" type background vocals for another band recording a demonstration

tape, said Mrs. Alger. But feedback from listeners was positive so the members started to

arrange some music for themselves. Singing harmony without instruments is more difficult than regular bands because each member is usually singing a dif-ferent note and the chords have to be "totally balanced," she said.

Singing doesn't have to be as ac-curate when it's accompanied by instruments, she said.

"We feel it's much more gratify-

New Image gets together once a week for about three bours to rehearse. But each member puts in a lot of individual time perfecting the songs, said Mrs. Alger.

The quartet has performed in Toronto, at the Oakville Centre and in Orangeville. Anyone who wants to get in touch with New Image for performances can contact Mrs. Alger at 877-8654 or 454-5777.



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