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'I'm giving odds that we have th

Listen Up— **Right On Rock & Roll**

Editor:

Right on Texas R&R, Elton John, and Communications. Those construction workers who sneered at the longhairs on

Nov. 8 have a lesson in spirit coming to them. A&M has a reputation for its audiences of apathy and downright disrespect. A great deal of the blame is laid towards the poor sound, seating and sight characteristics of G. Rollie White. Yet technicians very slowly and carefully set a stage Wednesday night, very obviously not for the band that was coming, but for someone who was to follow. What happened then showed that we can indeed be carried to our feet by something that far exceeds the constraints of sheer brute strength, and that all the

blame has not been ours. Family played first, reaching all too momentary glories of hard on rock. They played just long enough and just well enough to whet an appetite for some real music, something to transcend the half empty but expectant hall of Rollie White.

After intermission, amazing gall was first to appear, it seemed, but is Beethoven taped all too wrong an introduction for a man who is demonstratably not unfamiliar with what has passed before in music?

Elton John came on alone,

across the stage, in unbelievable green sequined tails and cheap white plastic women's sunglasses. He sat at the piano, still alone, played and sang, the amplifier making all sound harsh and all to unclear. One waited, and the spaces made by lights and amps for his backup group were filled. Then began the night. Play on they did, alternating emphases, throwing corny showmanship, but wistful, Hollywood style lighting flashes, and the music ever growing deeper. Many did not stay long enough. I can not imagine

how they could leave many for their myriad reasons had not come at all. Yet the quailty of the driven instrumental, the ability to perform at length to build the audience and the show, the confidence, the capability and the change,

these things make the Artist of this kind of stage.

Elton John played old things and surprised us with even finer new. He touched the classical and the classic forms of jazz. He made G. Rollie a place alive, and he played long enough to make it

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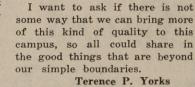
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We do not expect this kind of thing, we did not hear differently soon enough. If it were to take place again tomorrow, there would be enough folk out to fill the house and make all satisfied. Yet not enough knew; the money end makes similar shows less likely. I for one want again to thank those who brought, who came, and who played.



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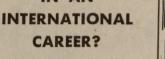
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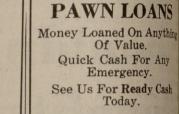
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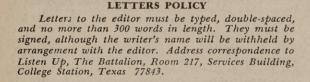
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