

# English profs back play

**Editor:**  
The members of the English Department listed below regret that an atmosphere prevails at TAMU such that Marat-Sade could not be produced here.

A university should encourage the free expression of ideas; we believe this responsibility has been compromised in this instance. We believe too that the professional judgment of the Theater Arts Division has been questioned.

We wish to express our support for the choice of Marat-Sade, a highly regarded play that has been performed at numerous campuses across the country, and should have been performed here.

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## History given

**Editor:**  
The following is an historical view of censorship.

In 1866 the New York Times allowed William Douglas O'Connor four columns in its Sunday edition to answer the howls of censors objecting to the work of a poet now included in all high school and college anthologies of American literature. In doing so, however, the Times felt justified in prefacing O'Connor's remarks with the following statement: "Until the social circle, the dinner table and the fireside are deemed fitting for every topic and for every act for which the sanction of Nature can be invoked, this volume cannot be accepted as fit for the audience which it seeks and claims."

The volume was *Leaves of Grass*, and the poet Walt Whitman—known to the readers of the twentieth century as "the Poet of Democracy" because he celebrated America as "essentially the greatest poem."

Yet because Whitman also believed in a universe where nothing sanctioned by nature was necessarily evil ("I am the poet of the Body and I am the poet of the Soul"), he was dismissed from his government job, attacked in the press, and ignored as a contributor by most of the literary magazines of the day.

Even Ralph Waldo Emerson—the first major American writer to recognize the worth of *Leaves of Grass*—urged Whitman "to deodorize his illustration," but the Poet of Democracy refused. Whitman realized that sexuality, as well as people caught up in sordid occupations (see his "To a Common Prostitute"), was a part of the divine plan he sang about in his poetry.

Jerome M. Loving  
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## Early detection

**Editor:**  
This is in response to Kay McMullen's letter to the Editor of Oct. 8.

It is unfortunate Betty Ford's privacy was invaded. Perhaps some of the newspaper articles were lacking in taste, however, hundreds of thousands of women read those articles.

Unfortunately, all the publicity given to early cancer diagnosis doesn't hit home until someone we know is touched by this disease. Now we all know someone; we know how important early detection is to a complete cure.

We know how many people can be cured, about surgical procedure and post operative care, about breast forms and padded bras.

We know about courage. If the publicity given Betty Ford's plight reaches just one woman who seeks medical care and whose life can be saved, I know Betty Ford would be pleased. We should be

hearing more about disease prevention. Perhaps it will awaken us all to the need for early cancer detection clinics in our own community.

Anne Hazen

## Ticket system

**Editor:**  
The ticket distribution article by Mike Perrin stirred some thoughts. I think the system he suggests would be nightmares for the student and the Athletic Department.

First, the student does not know how many tickets he wants to each game until maybe two weeks in advance of the game.

Secondly, the paperwork involved would add more to the present amount the Athletic Department already has.

Most everyone would want to get tickets between the two forty yard lines. Therefore, only the more well-to-do would get the better seats.

The system proposed by the Student Government appears to be a better system as long as seat numbers remain on the tickets. The seniority system privileges those who have made it academically as far as he has and justifiably should be rewarded for his efforts. The random distribution packets would bring an end to camping out for days just to get good tickets and would allow the ones who can't get tickets at 8 a.m. as good a chance to get good seats later in the day.

The only suggestion I have, as far as ticket distribution is concerned, is allotting tickets to other schools in sections along the goal line. The seats they now are allotted could be obtained by our own students. This will allow more of our students to occupy good seats and this is the way it should be. After all, students enrolled here should be given consideration over those at other schools.

Robert A. Petty

## Cafes defended

**Editor:**  
On September 17, an article titled "Retrospective Viewpoint of Northgate Eating Establishments is



... CROSS NO-MAN'S-LAND, THROUGH THE ENEMY WIRE, CAPTURE INFLATION AND REPORT BACK HERE—GO GET 'EM, CORPORAL MIDDLECLASS!

Diner's Guide" by James Landon is in my opinion, written in poor taste.

I have eaten at every restaurant mentioned in the article except the Dixie Chicken. All of the places mentioned serve good food. If they didn't, the health authorities would shut them down.

According to the last paragraph, Mr. Landon had not even taken the time to find out if what he was writing about was true. Articles like this ought to be verified by facts, not just opinion. Also, I was always taught that if you don't have something to say good about someone or something, don't say it at all.

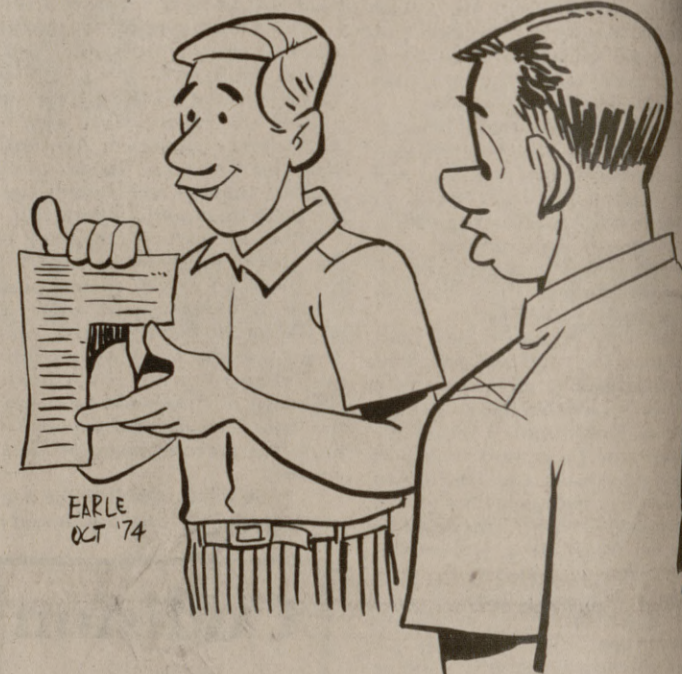
One restaurant which I feel was

unduly criticized was the Hut. I have eaten there numerous times. Never have I had poor service. Never have I had poor food. I think that if I had received poor service that the manager would have given me satisfaction. The place has been in business a long time. One point which I would like to mention is that the hamburgers are about size of Whataburgers, and they are not four inches in diameter.

I would rather not see articles like this one, ever again, in your paper or the businesses concerned any good.

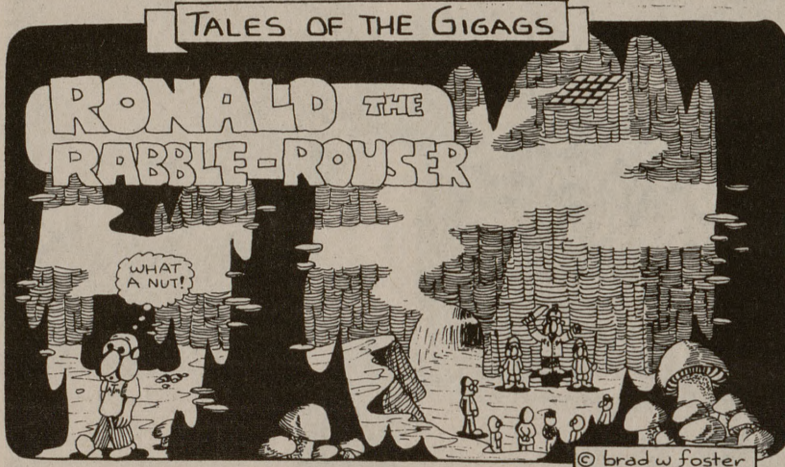
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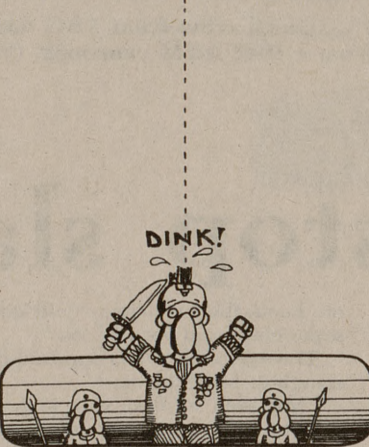
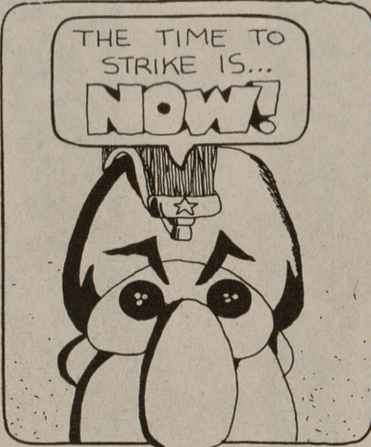
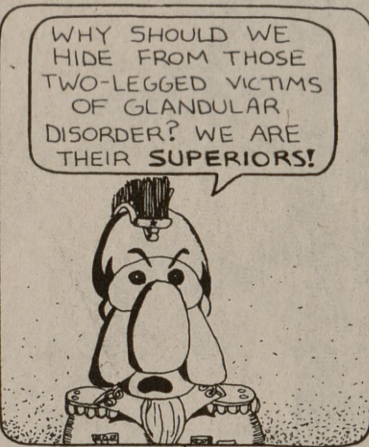
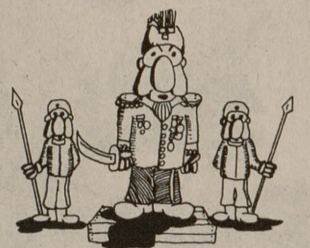


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