



## Editorial

# Senate finally calls for Marat/Sade action

The Student Senate unanimously passed a resolution Wednesday night suggesting that the cancellation of Marat/Sade is illegal because it violates the guarantee of freedom from "institutional censorship" spelled out in the Texas Election Code.

The resolution states "that the Student Senate of Texas A&M University respectfully but firmly requests that the Aggie Players be allowed to produce Marat/Sade, and also that the University policy procedures be amended to prevent any future illegal infractions of the Academic freedoms of the students of Texas A&M University."

Two things are significant about the resolution: it is eight weeks late and, as far as Student Senate resolutions go, it has strong wording. The Senate is calling for action. It wants the play produced and it wants insurance that academic freedom will not again be violated. Almost two months are passed since The Battalion printed the story of the play's censorship. John Tyler, sponsor of the bill and Student Government Vice President for Rules and Regulations, says he didn't learn of the censorship until two weeks after the first Batt article was printed. Even so, it seems that someone else in our Student Government should have been concerned with academic freedom during those two weeks.

The Batt agrees that the cancellation of Marat/Sade was an infringement of academic freedom and it has already presented an editorial argument condemning the action of Dean Maxwell. The Batt backs the Senate's efforts and hopes that the action called for in the resolution will come soon.

In Thursday's Battalion, I mentioned a letter complaining of how long maintenance for male dorms takes (Nice but unwanted fungi; Listen up, Nov. 20). Darrell Pye and Chuck Kirkham have had a growth of fungus on their walls for 11 weeks and complaints to RAs, counselors and housing have produced nothing. Pye said he was sure the fungus would have been removed within a week if he had been a woman.

I checked with housing but they were no help. Thursday's column explained why that phone call gave no answers. Dr. Charles W. Powell, director of student affairs, called me then and offered an explanation. He said that after housing has turned in a work order to the office of the Physical Plant all repairs are out of its hands.

Why didn't housing simply say that when I called?

The Physical Plant offered its own explanations for the delay. Henry Schmidt, general foreman of maintenance for Area 4, said the fungus is, in reality, not fungus at all. It is an acid released by the concrete and plaster walls when they get wet.

Faulty pipes on the fourth floor and a leaky roof have created the same problem in Rooms 134, 234 (Pye's and Kirkham's), 334 and 434, Schmidt said. The leaky roof was repaired and the walls left to dry.

Four to six weeks is required for the walls to get dry enough to scrape and repaint, he said. No artificial heat can be used; the wall must dry from the inside out.

Two weeks passed before the leaky pipes were discovered and repaired and the drying process began again.

Schmidt said the earliest the repairs could have been completed was 15 days ago but that a full load of work has delayed repairs. Maintenance has been aware of the problem and repairs have proceeded as rapidly as possible, he said.

Room 134 will be repaired as soon as matching paint can be found, Schmidt said. All four rooms should be completely repaired by the end of the week following the holiday, he said. Pye called me and said maintenance men had been to his room to study the job.

Women have no priorities for repairs, Schmidt said. Repairs are made as soon as possible in the order that the work orders are received. Priority is given only to cases where building, property or personal damage is imminent.

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WELL, PERHAPS WE COULD SORT OF PULL IT BACK A LITTLE ON BOTH SIDES, SIR, AND FASTEN IT WITH RUBBER BANDS...

IF IT DOESN'T WORK OUT, WE CAN ALWAYS TRY SOMETHING ELSE...

SOMETHING ELSE? SOMETHING ELSE!!

IT'S NO USE, SIR...I CAN'T FIX YOUR HAIR!

MAYBE I SHOULD GO OVER TO SEE CHUCK'S DAD...HE'S A BARBER, AND SEEING AS HOW I'M CHUCK'S FRIEND, MAYBE HE'LL GIVE ME A DISCOUNT...

IF I HAD BEEN BORN BEAUTIFUL, I WOULDN'T HAVE TO GO THROUGH ALL THIS...

ALL MY LIFE I'VE DREAMED OF LOOKING LIKE PEGGY FLEMING...INSTEAD, I LOOK LIKE BABE RUTH!

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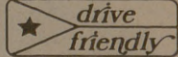
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