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# Monty Python **English humor**

For those movie goers not familiar with Monty Python, be prepared to laugh, and laugh, and

Monty Python & The Holy Grail, at the Cinema I, is comedy that is most ridiculous and hilarious. The jokes come fast and furious, sandwiched between slapstick, social commentary, and delightful animation.

The humor is English and though there are several stictly English in-jokes that leave Americans bewildered, they shouldn't deter anyone from se-eing the film. There is so much to take in, it's not possible to catch it

The film is a spoof, and perhaps a comment, on the sacred legend of King Arthur. King Arthur and his brave knights of the Round Table are seen as bloodthirsty,

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King Arthur gathers his knights and at God's request (finally we see what God looks like), goes in search of the Holy Grail.

The quest takes Arthur to the land of the Knights of Neee, who say, (what else?) NEEEE, NEEEE and demand from him a shrubbery. A shrubbery? Arthur meets the Black Knight and the French who hurl at him such insults as, "You cowardly licker of other people's bottoms!

There is a good deal of grotesque violence in the film, perhaps to make the point that King Arthur and the boys were all they've been cracked up to be. The costumes, special effects, and make-up are so disturbingly realistic that they are sometimes frightening.

# **Toby Rives helps** students through personal contact

By CAROL SHAKESHAFT

A&M's Assistant Director of Student Affairs, Toby Rives, says her primary function is to "deal with students who have concerns about anything: academic, roommates.

"If a student doesn't know where to go, this is a good place to start.' Rives considers her most important function at A&M to be her personal contact with students and the coun-

seling and advice she gives them. While her formal administrator's office in the YMCA Building would seem to discourage the personal touch, Rives claims that students do drop by with their problems. "I'm

them come to some resolution. One group of students who have come under the protective wing of Rives are those older than average Rives, who returned to school late in her career, is particularly interested in encouraging students who have decided to come back for

more education. She has organized S. O. T. A. (Students Older Than Average) which provides an identity group for its members who "are out of the mainstream of Joe College-Coed type activities.

When asked if she had any opinions on a daycare center for children of students, a service which would make it easier for women to return to school, Rives said that there is no offered once but was not subscribed

Being a woman in the man's world of higher educational administration presents some problems, says Rives, but she considers herself "one of the fortunate women of the world.

She feels that one problem career women have is that they often feel a special pressure not to fail, to prove themselves better than the men they work with. She thinks it is time to make it clear to men that women, like men, can make mistakes and still be competent.

Women aren't the only ones who have career problems, "men have pressure too," said Rives. She sees the feminist movement as beneficial to both men and women and feels that it will provide more socially acceptable roles for both sexes.

While it is true that women are discriminated against, Rives says that there is no area on the A&M campus which discriminates against women and feels that there isn't any place in the university community where women aren't accepted.

She feels that only strong women students come to A&M, and therefore can cope. She adds that there is a need for strong positive role models for women students and a forum where they can meet and talk would be helpful. She is not sure a Women's Studies room in the MSC would be appropriate.

Rives has a small library of material specifically for women in her office and has made it available for anyone interested. She also is president of Phi Delta Gamma, a graduate, invitation only, society for women in all fields.

Rives is attempting to carve her niche at A&M and to provide services and programs that are of value to students. She asks input from those she serves, the students. Without student contact and advice, she will have to rely upon her perceptions of what students want, which might not always correspond with what students feel they need,

## **War Games** played by Grommets

By MARK KING

Grommets at A&M are a group of Aggies that get together one day a

week and play "Army. Actually the club calls it War Games and the activity is a far cry from the "Army" children play.

The Grommets meet each Sunday at noon and all afternoon they play the Generals, the Lieutenants, and, the strategists, for each of their table War Games. Club member Tim Harrelson, said the games mainly entail setting the strategy for different battles and wars in various

conflicts of the earth's eras. As a Grommet, people become Wellington, charging Napoleon at Waterloo; John Paul Jones, not giving up the ship; American armed forces, storming the beaches of Normandy on D-Day; and even Marines, holding down Hamburger Hill, at Khe Sahn, South Vietnam.

The Grommets are planning a War-Con Tournament with other Texas colleges in the area later in the year. The tournament will be a weekend affair, with A&M as the



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