

Shaunna Green (April May) explains life and love to Tony Hall (Harry).

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The music is the only redeeming factor in "Here Comes th' Rain", a play written by Beau Sharbrough, a philosophy student at Texas A&M, and performed by the Aggie

This "original rock opera" is an incoherent, rambling philosophy on America, love and social responsiblity...probably. It's hard to get the point of the play.

The plot revolves around Harry the Singer (played by Tony Hall), and April May, the Big City Dancer (played by Shaunna Green). He loves her but she can't take his over-powering love.

Two of their friends are Al (played by Gary Wood), and A.J.(played by Karen Miller). They are "phil-osophical spies" in an underground Battalion photo by Betsy Kelley group called Sunshine. It's a cute but ridiculous concept.

Tony Hall sings the title song beautifully. His voice is powerful and he puts real feeling into the music. But his acting is stilted and he moves like a puppet on the stage. He's in appropriate company

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though. The rest of the cast's acting is also stilted and uninteresting. But most of this is Sharbrough's fault as the playwright.

No strong personalities emerge from his dialogue and direction. The philosophical monologues, skits and conversations say little with many words. The human relationships are unconvincing and pretentious. There is no soul to this play.

'Here Comes th' Rain" also suffers from bad choreography and over-crowding. The small stage in the Forum can't effectively handle 25 people dancing and prancing around. It's commendable to involve as many people as possible, but it hurts this production.

ever, is a song and dance number called "If Only I'd Known You Then". Shaunna Green's voice, the funky beat of the music and the energetic but simple dancing are

However amateurish the play, though, Sharbrough's musical talent is exciting. But his attempt to write, direct, conduct the music, and single-handedly put the play to-gether was ill-advised. "Here Comes the Rain" could have benefited from another's viewpoint and

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Consolidated finishes project for gaining TEA accreditation

self-evaluation project has been pleted by A&M Consolidated endent School District, and a ear improvement plan is being pared for submission to the set Education Agency (TEA).

EA said that all schools in the must be accredited by 1978. A ter from TEA directs schools to in the accreditation process. ng and finishing dates for work in the project is gered over a four-year period the deadline set for 1978.

H. R. Burnett, assistant ntendent of instruction, is the ct director for A&M ConsolidISD. In May 1975, the school ved its notice from TEA and ated a program. A consultant TEA's accrediting department, y huff, was assigned to oversee aid the district in its work.

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basic philosophies and goals for the district which the board adopted in These are the on August 1975. This was the first step.

A steering committee was then set up to organize and coordinate the work throughout the district created on each campus.

The campus steering committees organized various subcommittees to study all aspects of that campus: the different educational programs, facilities and personnel. They have submitted an evaluation of each.

Guidelines and forms were obtained from the National Study of School Evaluations which is based in Virginia. The final reports of these committees, completed in the fall of 1976, contained commendations for some current elements and recommendations for possible fu-

ture improvements.

These are the only actions required by the TEA in the accrediting process, but A&M Consol took one step further.

They invited a team of 30 with separate steering committees educators from across the state which visited the campus on Nov. 31 and Dec. 1, 1976 and submitted their evaluation of the school disagain containing recom-

mendations Both evaluations were given to TEA representative Ruff and to the

On the basis of the evaluations, a five year improvement plan is being prepared which outlines the imlementation of programs to meet the internal and external recom-

This plan will be submitted to the school board in April. When the board committs itself to the plan, a d the district in its work.

Copies of the self-evaluation reports are available in the principals copy is sent to TEA followed by too costly," Burnett said.

yearly progress reports.

Many recommendations call for more staff, more materials and more

equipment.

"There is a possibility, as we upgrade our programs, that it will be more costly," Burnett said.

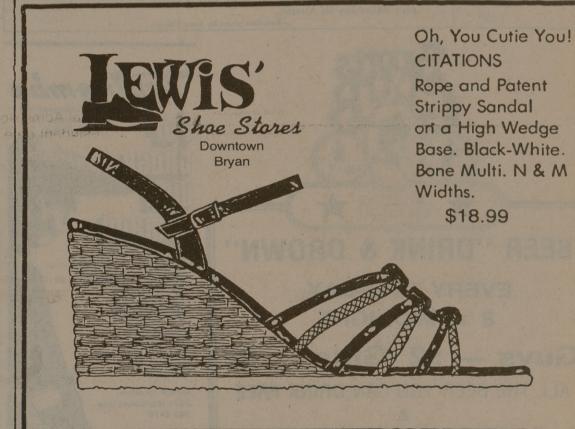
A lot of the cost has already been included in the last bond issue," he

For instance, one of the recom-mendations calls for more space for the shop class. This cost was part of the overall cost of maintenance and expansion of facilities under the last

It was also recommended that a display counter and cash register be provided for distributive education students. This is an example of the extra costs which would be in-

'We may not meet all the recommendations because it would be





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