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'Children's Hour' is tense

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The Texas A&M University theater arts production of "The Children's Hour," a play by Lil-

lian Helman, opened Thursday night in Rudder Forum. About 40 people saw the tense and moving portrayal of two young women whose lives are drastically

changed by the lie of a girl. The play was low-key at first, with a group of teen-agers at a boarding school practicing their Latin, sewing and elocution.

Review

When Mary Tilford, played by Melissa Bradly, entered the scene, the atmosphere began to change.

She constantly bullied the other girls, forcing them to do things they did not want to do.

When one of the owners of the school, Karen Wright, played by Laura Bellomy, confronted Mary Tilford with lying and not doing her work, she faked a heart attack.

After being punished, Tilford ran away from the school to her grandmother, Mrs. Tilford, played by Sharon Barrow.

In order to keep her grandmother from sending her back to the school, Tilford lied, saying that Karen Wright and her friend, Martha, played by Miki Bone, were lovers.

Melissa Bradly's portrayal of a spoiled child with problems was so convincing that one woman in the audience said, "I just want to go and stick out my tongue at her."

The tension that followed the accusation can be credited to the persuasive acting of Bellomy and Bone, both of whom displayed such emotions of anger, sadness and, finally, helplessness, that I couldn't help but feel it also.

Tim Stimson, who played Karen Wright's boyfriend, should also be noted for his performance, as well as Roy O'Valle for his directing.

"The Children's Hour" will continue through Saturday. Another set of performances will start Thursday and last until March 7. Tickets are \$2.50 for Texas A&M students, and \$3.50 for the public. They are available at the door.



Photo by Steve Kennedy

Mary Tilford, played by Melissa Bradly, attempts to convince her grandmother, Sharon Barrow, that she should not return to school.

RVs preparing for Mardi Gras trek

By COLETTE HUTCHINGS
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The Ross Volunteers will leave Sunday to participate in the Mardi Gras King Rex parade in New Orleans.

The largest parade in Mardi Gras, the King Rex parade is held on the last day of the festival.

The RVs will lead the parade performing a King Rex manual of arms, a sequence of different weapon movements, Roy Brantley, RV commander, said.

"The fancy drill ends as a salute

to the King Rex who is usually a prominent citizen chosen to be the King Rex of the parade," Brantley said.

Brantley said about 2.5 million people are predicted to watch the nine-mile-long parade.

A total of 104 RV juniors and seniors will take part in the parade as well as the fish Drill Team, Brantley said. "We will be representing Texas A&M as well as the state of Texas," he said.

The RVs will go by bus to New Orleans and stay on the U.S.S.

Charleston for the three days and return Wednesday morning, Brantley said.

Carrying 12-pound weapons for nine miles can be tiring, Brantley said, but the RVs have been run-

ning to prepare for it.

The Ross Volunteers have been participating in the King Rex parade for the last 25 years, RV adviser Dave Stauch said.

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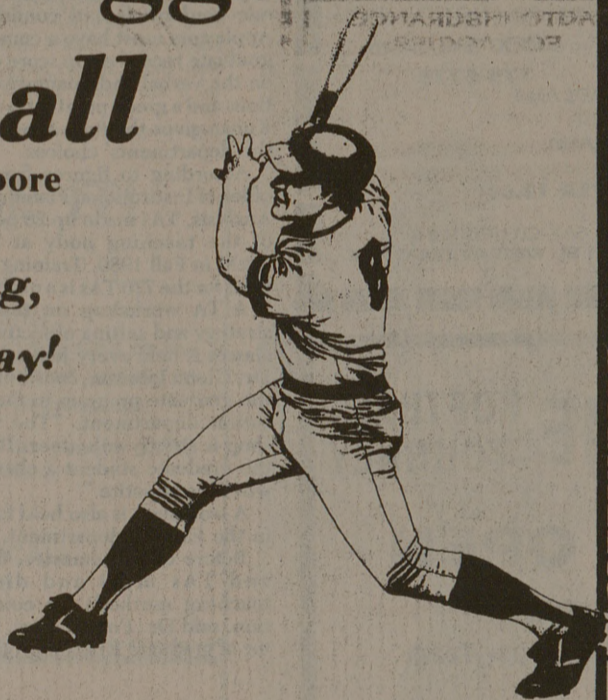


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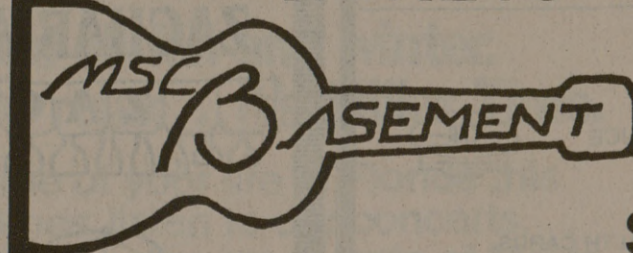
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