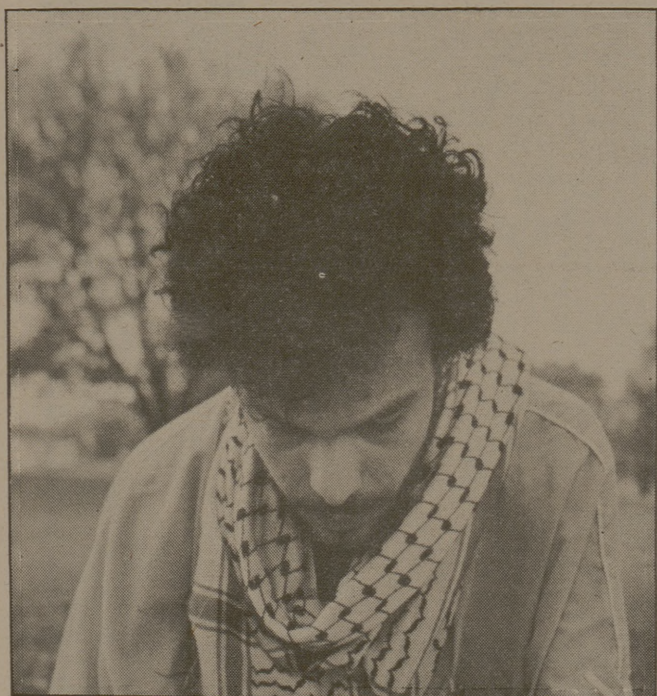




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- 6 Letter from the co-editors** An examination of the art of writing, the heart of writing, what it means to us and to the creative writers who contributed to this week's issue.
- 7 Creative drive gives varied results** A varied group of writers were winners and finalists in the 1985 Texas A&M Writing Contest. The authors of the first place poem and the first place story talk about their work.
- 7 Kabul, 1974** In the first place poem, written by Therese Norris, she paints a picture of Afghanistan as seen through her eyes at age 16.
- 8 "Taking his position...."** Collected here are eight poems that were finalists in the 1985 Texas A&M Writing Contest. Our contributors range from English majors to petroleum engineers. So apparently the writer in general can now take the madness of the world and do only one thing — write.
- 11 I Can Still Count** In the first place short story, Kimberly Trant writes about an elderly woman caught in the shortness of time available to her from her family and from her life. But, Emalina is well aware of the time that passes.

FEATURES

- 4 Red Cashion's clan is true maroon** Red Cashion, a local businessman and former student tells his story and offers advice for the young whipper-snappers.
- 4 Litmus to be a literary tool for students** The new literary magazine, in the limelight because of a mini-scandal, is going full swing and is expected to be available soon.
- 5 Pickin' Cotton Saturday** The 57th Annual Cotton Queen Pageant is this weekend. The festivities start tonight.
- 5 Arts run is tomorrow** MSC OPAS and TAMU Roadrunners are sponsoring the third annual Run for the Arts. The 5K race begins tomorrow morning at 8:30.

ENTERTAINMENT

- 3 This 'Baby' Came a long way** Marcy Basile looks at a movie reminiscent of the good old days of Godzilla.
- 3 Album reviews** 'Tears for Fears' new album is sure to be a hit. Review by Walter Smith.
- 3 Basile bashes Behlen** The suspense was killing us all — but Marcy picked 'em right and Shawn's buying.
- 16 At the movies** Marcy, in her own *special* way, tells us what's where and what it's about.