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performed to a less than capacity audience in Rudder Theater Friday. the limelight equally with freshman Billy Thomas and junior Thomas 'King Lear" revolves around a story

The ending of the play is both

and dramatic, as in all of Sa speare's tragedies. The great

members of their families

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family betrayal in both Lear's and Gloucester's families.

The tragic ending of the play might have been avoided had Gloucester's only son been Edgar and Lear's only daughter Cordelia.

In the beginning of the play, Lear decides to split his kingdom up amongst his three daughters, Gone-ril, Regan and Cordelia, depending on their statements of love and loyalty to him. All give grand statements of false affection except Cordelia, who simply and honestly gives a profession of simple love and duty to the monarch, which results in his anger at her less than flashy statements and her banishment from the kingdom.

Meanwhile, the noble Earl of Gloucester's bastard son Edmund plots to take power for himself by forging a letter from his noble brother Edgar describing the latter's desire to murder his fother. On Ed desire to murder his father. On Edmund's advice, Edgar flees the king-

mund's advice, Edgar flees the king-dom. Gloucester's fears that Edgar is a "strong and fastened villain" are increased when he learns from Ed-mund of his son's flight. The title role of King Lear is played by veteran Royal Shake-speare Company actor Jeffery Dench. He plays the part of the ag-ing king, whose family is betraying him, beautifully. His booming vocal projection and dominating stage

Miles II, play the roles of Ed mund and Edgar respectively.

Thomas is brilliant as the bastard son Edmund who deceives both brother and father to obtain his greedy goal of power. He outshines everybody in the cast with the exception of Dench.

Miles handles himself well as the noble Edgar, the deceived half brother of Edmund, who eventually returns from flight to help his father and execute justice by killing his brother.

Freshman Robbie Taylor cannot be left out of the list for good perfor-mances. His portrayal of the Fool was excellent as he brought the audience to laughter with both his foolish antics and quick wit.

I must admit that the first act left me rather bored, and judging from the audience around me, I wasn't alone. It started off well enough, with the first 30 minutes or so extremely intense, but soon tapered

agically dea daughters, amid the stench betrayal and deceit all around kingdom. By the end of the play

about everyone is dead exert Edgar, the Earl of Kent ad Duke of Albany. But there is a small silver in all the tragedy that has just place. Lear is finally pat he and torment that has held him the play's beginning, and hop has rejoined his one loval and be daughter, Cordelia. Edgarsee to the task to be the new king # appears to be able to rule effe as a strong and fair monarch.

There were only a few fail the opening night's perform Besides a few premature line eryone in the cast kept the pla thing will have to be done and show's three swords, all of were drastically bent after sword fighting that was done cast will also have to project during all of the incessant beating coming from backstage The Aggie Players' product "King Lear" is a vibrant portra one of Shakespeare's classe

The stage is creatively set up and costuming is beautiful. Stellar formances from Dench and Th make the production an overall

Eight arrested, 200 injured during Klan protest in Dallas

DALLAS (AP) — Despite the po-lice chief's pleas for Ku Klux Klansmen to avoid a downtown march, the group protested the de-partment's new affirmative action hiring plan in a demonstration that turned into a melee, with eight arrests.

An anti-KKK group charged the hooded Klansmen and a group of skinheads Saturday. Eight were arrested on charges ranging from assault to disorderly conduct. Police clubbed members of the

crowd of about 200 and some protesters suffered minor injuries.

"It was the silliest darn thing L've

ever seen," Deputy Police Chief R.L. Schifelbein said. "We were hoping that the Klan would come, say their

piece and just get out of town." Schifelbein said the Klansmen came from Connecticut.

Fred Bell, one organizer of a group that came to protest the Klan, said violence was not his intention. "What can I say about the masses

expressing their natural outrage?" asked Bell.

Earlier this year, the City Council implemented the affirmative action hiring plan in response to critics' charges that the police department did not reflect the city's racial

makeup. Racial tensions heightened cent weeks with the fatal show of three police officers and other men who were shot by police

Police Chief Billy Prince, wh urged the Klan not to march criticism of the department by nority elected officials had fost an environment of ill-will bet

the minority community and pol On Friday, off-duty officer D. McCarthy, 33, was guined d during an attempted robbery grocery store where he was work Police searched for three susp Saturday.

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