

Petite A&M grad a Secret Service agent



Aggies guard Lady Bird

Texas A&M graduates Charles Booth, Class of '60, and Shawn Campbell, Class of '76, were among the contingent of Secret Service agents protecting former First Lady Mrs. Lyndon Johnson during her visit last week to the Texas A&M campus for part of her annual highway beautification award. Booth, a veteran agent who has assigned to protect both President and Mrs. Johnson for several years before being assigned to the Houston office.

Campbell, a 1976 graduate, has made some inroads in her young life. She is the first woman agent in the Houston field office and is one of 24 females among 1,600 agents in the Secret Service.

On the Lady Bird Johnson detail with Campbell was 1960 graduate Charles Booth, a veteran agent who has assigned to protect both President and Mrs. Johnson for several years before being assigned to the Houston office.

When Booth and Campbell aren't busy protecting heads of state or nations, they do crime investigation. About 1,000 cases are currently before the 18-agent Houston branch.

But they mostly travel, as much as half the time during an election year and a fourth of the time during "normal" years.

"Wherever they go, we go," Booth said.

"I guess if President Nixon had gone to jail, we would have gone with him for protection."

The professional demands require one understanding by the agents' families.

Campbell, who never fired a gun before becoming Secret Service agent, is a newlywed of four months, married to Texas A&M alumnae James R. Campbell.

"Jim knew what he was getting into," she said. She has already been away for special training.

mate in the new dormitory, and Campbell says it's the best thing that ever happened to her.

She majored in political science here because she knew from the time of the Kennedy assassination in 1963 that she wanted to do something about such acts.

Booth, who earned degrees here in animal science and general busi-

ness, became involved in Naval intelligence and stayed with investigative work until he became a Secret Service agent.

Neither admits to having been in what they call "harrowing" experiences, but Booth was on President Gerald Ford's protection detail when Ford was shot at in San Francisco.

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Architect's design has movable walls

Robert Boyce has designed a new apartment that is guaranteed to take at least 180 Texas A&M University students mad.

The University facilities architect of a bad guy, his design incorporates movable apartment dividers (MAD).

The 6-foot-4-inch high, 44-inch wide panels will allow some 90 couples living in married student housing in the future the ability to arrange the walls in their apartments to suit themselves.

The basic advantage to these MAD units is the freedom it will give to the individual couple," Boyce said. "They'll be able to arrange the room to fit their needs or whims."

"If they spend a lot of time studying they can turn the walls into a big study area," he said. "If they want a large den, all they have to do is arrange the walls to have one."

The 350-pound panels rest on casters which make the units easy to

move, Boyce said. After they're placed into the arrangement the student wants, the wheels can be locked into position.

"The MAD units were also designed with sound-proofing and ventilation in mind," Boyce said. "One of the sides has carpet panels to help cut down noise."

"They also allow for more ventilation than is possible in a fixed-wall apartment," he said. "Since the panels are only six feet high, it leaves about two feet of space for air circulation."

The 90-unit complex plan will go before the Texas A&M University Board of Regents in September. If approved, the units should be up and housing students by the mid-term of 1980, he said.

"I think the idea will be liked by most of the students," Boyce said optimistically. "It gives them total control over the 538 square feet of floor space in the apartment."

Manilow cancels show

The Barry Manilow concert scheduled for Oct. 7 at Texas A&M University has been cancelled.

Manilow cancelled his concert appearance after accepting a movie contract, according to Jim Reynolds,

associate director. Eight other dates in the Southwest were also cancelled by the performer's movie obligation.

Reynolds said a replacement program will be announced later.

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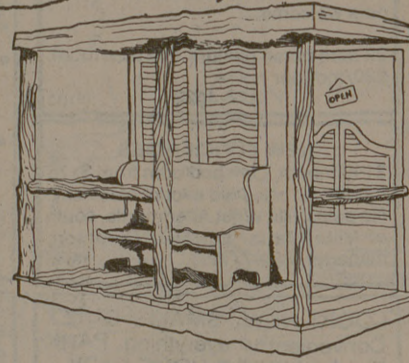
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