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Sands dies, unleashes riots

United Press International
BELFAST, Northern Ireland — IRA prisoner Bobby Sands died today on the 6th day of an uncompromising hunger strike, a gold crucifix in his hands, and thousands of Catholics burned buildings and showered police with gasoline bombs in an almost instantaneous rampage.

There are hundreds and hundreds of them here and we cannot contain them," a police car in Catholic West Belfast radioed within hours of the announcement that Sands, 27, had died in Maze Prison with his mother, father, brother and sister at his bedside.

For three hours of darkness after he died, the Catholic ghettos rose in fury, hurling gasoline bombs and stones at security forces, throwing barricades across streets, burning buildings and hijacking cars.

But the spasm was brief and not deadly. Police said no injuries had been reported.

Mr. Robert Sands, a prisoner in the Maze, died at 1:17 a.m. He took his own life by refusing food and medical intervention," the brief official statement by the Northern Ireland Office said.

There was no immediate statement from the members of Sands' family at his side when he died — his mother, Roseleen; his father, John; a sister, Marcella, 26, and brother, John, 19. The four left Maze Prison within an hour of Sands' death.

Sands, who was serving 14 years for possession of firearms but was elected to the British Parliament while on his fast, maintained he was a "political prisoner of war." He had turned down all appeals to end his strike to win political concessions for IRA prisoners — a demand Britain's Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher had rejected just as adamantly, maintaining he was a common criminal.

In the end, the young man had wasted into a skeletal figure, looking like a "90-year-old man," said Oliver Hughes, brother of another IRA hunger striker.

Sands spent his last day Monday, blind and in a coma on a waterbed, clutching a gold crucifix while his mother, father, brother and sister prayed at his bedside.

Hugh Atkins, Britain's top official in the province, called Sands' starvation death "needless and pointless," and appealed for calm in the six counties, which Britain rules directly from London. Bombing and violence have killed more than 2,000 in 10 years of strife in Ulster.

Despite calls Sunday by Sands' mother for no violence on the death of her son, Catholics streamed into the streets in the early morning hours as the news of his death spread.

"They're out with the bin lids," a police spokesman said describing the traditional IRA rallying call beaten out on garbage can lids.

Three hours after Sands died, six buildings had been gutted by fire in Catholic areas, including a bank, a paper mill, a paint shop and an abandoned Methodist church.

Belfast's Oxford Street bus station was set ablaze, and a burning panel truck blocked the railway lines near Belfast Central station.

Police said no injuries had been reported in the first spasm of violence and as first light filtered through a heavy mist, the mobs melted away.

In Londonderry where rioting normally is worse than in Belfast, hundreds of people gathered in pre-dawn darkness and sat silently on the open square in front of the town's city hall.

All factions in embattled Northern Ireland expressed fear Sands' death would touch off a small-scale holocaust, and prominent figures in both camps have made fervent appeals to avoid violence.

The most poignant came from Sands' mother, Sunday. "My son has offered his life for better conditions in prison, but not to cause further death," she said tearfully.

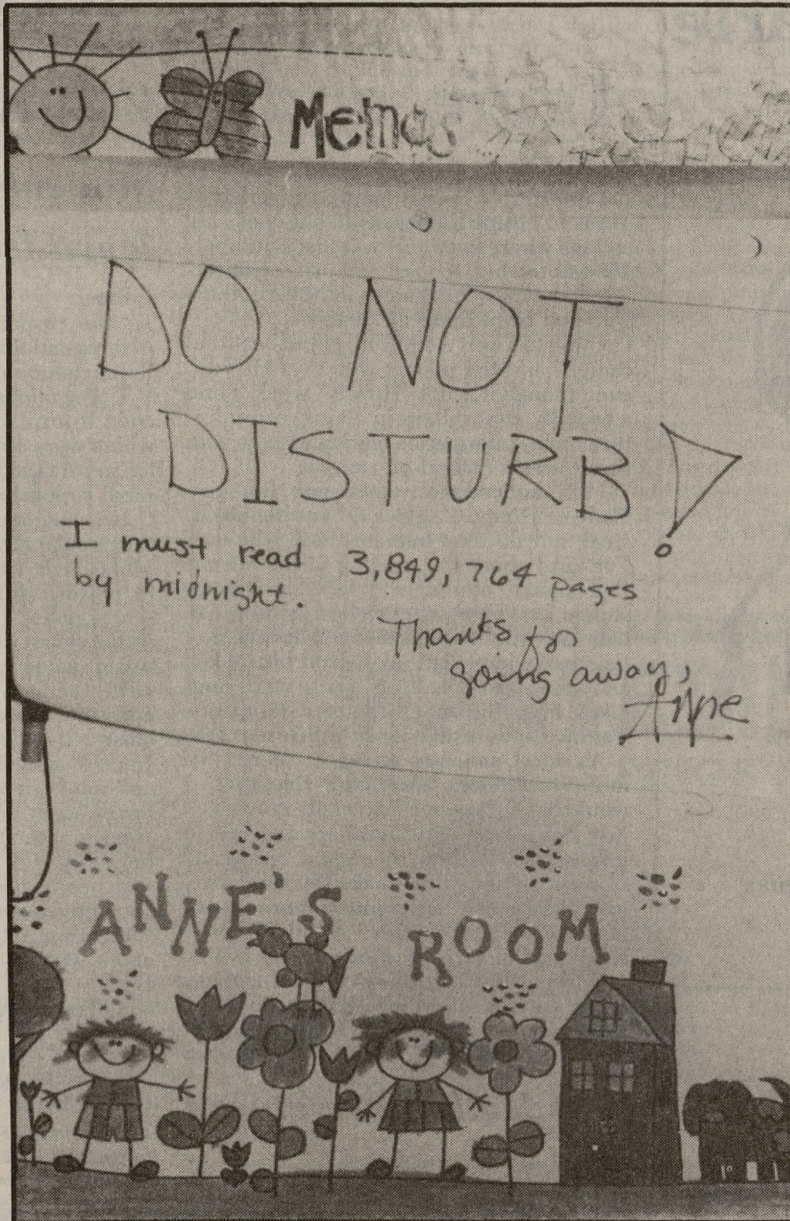


Photo by Carolyn Tiller

Dead week dilemma strikes again

It looks like party time is long gone for this freshman theater arts major from San Antonio. These signs appearing on Anne Suite's door on consecutive nights this week probably reflect the frustra-

tions of many students suffering from the let-me-out-of-this-place, dead-week blues as they attempt to do a semester's work in the few remaining days before final exams. Finals begin Monday at 8 a.m.

Q-Huts undergo administrative, user policy changes

By MARTY BLAISE
Battalion Reporter

Now is the time to make arrangements to reserve the Quonset Huts for parties next fall — but don't go to the YMCA Building to do so.

Administration of the Quonset Huts have been transferred from the Department of Student Affairs to the Department of Student Activities.

"Reservations to use the huts next fall will be made in my office, 221 Memorial Student Center," Dave Bergen, student activities adviser, said. Bergen volunteered to be in charge of the huts.

The reason for the departmental change, Bergen said, was the fact that the Department of Student Activities handles outdoor facilities, including Hensel Park, and it was decided the Quonset Huts should fall under the same jurisdiction.

The Quonset Huts, two round-roofed metal buildings off Highway 60 near Easterwood Airport, are commonly known to Texas A&M students as the "Q-Huts" — a good, economical place to throw a party. The huts, originally used for physical

plant storage, became available to dormitories in 1976.

Bergen said Ron Blatchley, director of student affairs, submitted a proposal to Dr. John Koldus, vice president of student services, to transfer administration of the Quonset huts, and Koldus approved the change. Accompanying the departmental transfer are also some changes in policy regarding use of the Quonset Huts, Bergen said.

Policy changes include the following items:

—Reservations to use the huts will be made at the same time all other University reservations are made — Nov. 15 for spring semesters and April 15 for fall semesters. However, since April 15 has already passed, fall reservations for this year were first accepted Monday.

—Check deposits for renting the huts will be taken the day before the event to eliminate extra paperwork. Deposits will be returned after the organization checks out properly.

—User fees will be increased. New rates will be \$50 for Monday through Thursday and \$75 for Friday through Sunday.

—Sound system fees will increase to \$30.

Bergen said deposits and disc jockey fees will remain the same. Deposits are \$50 a night for Monday through Thursday and \$75 a night for Friday through Sunday. Disc jockey fees are \$40 a night.

"Priorities for the huts will also be changed. The Q-Huts will be available to all University organizations on a first-come, first-served basis," Bergen said.

The Department of Student Activities has also submitted a proposal to the president's office for \$15,000 to be allocated to the Quonset Huts.

"The department is asking for \$10,000 for repairs, and \$5,000 to conduct a feasibility study for comprehensive plans to improve the buildings," Bergen said.

He said the highest priority repairs regard leaking roofs and the replacement of foam ceiling insulation. Other repairs are also needed, along with the need for three to five box fans, he said.

There are future plans for total renovation of the Quonset

Huts, estimated at a cost of \$500,000. "This would include air-conditioning, electrical improvements, a new sound system, tile floor, new lights and road work," Bergen said.

The huts were built in the '40s or early '50s, and then in 1973 they were renovated to be used for party rooms in 1973. Nolen Mears, Corps area coordinator, said. Mears helped make the Quonset Huts available to students.

Mears said renovation was first completed on Hut B which opened in the spring of 1976. Hut A opened in the spring of 1977, he said. "The huts were originally designed to give dorms a place to have parties at low costs," he said.

However, Texas A&M now wants to make the Quonset Huts an all-purpose facility to be used for banquets, receptions and classrooms, Mears said.

Both Mears and Bergen cited financial problems as the main delay in current renovation of the huts. Bergen said if the \$15,000 proposal goes through, however, it will be a big step.

May have to cancel news program

Budget cuts threaten KAMU-TV

By PAMELA EADES
Battalion Reporter

If Congress approves President Reagan's proposed budget which requests massive reductions in federal spending, KAMU-TV stands to lose \$56,000.

The package of budget cuts is being evaluated by Congress and its final recommendation should be out this summer. Among the proposed cuts is a 25-percent reduction in the funding for the Corporation for Public Broadcasting. The CPB is a federal agency which provides funds to PBS stations for programming purchases.

KAMU-TV, which is owned and operated by Texas A&M University, is the Public Broadcasting Service station in College Station. The station receives about \$225,000, or a little less than a third of its budget from the CPB.

Rodger Lewis, the program director for the station, says the station may have to cut back everywhere possible if the budget cuts are approved.

"One thing we might have to do, if it really comes right down to it, is we might have to cancel the news," Lewis said.

The 15 News program costs the station \$300 a night to produce.

Mel Chastain, general manager of KAMU-TV, expressed little concern about the issue. Budget constraints will

always be a part of public broadcasting and rightfully so, he said.

"If we're doing something worthwhile, we should be able to generate the funds to keep doing that (broadcasting). If we're not doing something worthwhile, they (the federal government) ought to pull the plug," Chastain said.

But, Chastain said he thinks the station will survive even if the budget cuts are approved — the station has survived budget cuts before.

Since 1975 the University has been gradually reducing its support of KAMU and allowing the station to appeal for public donations. Currently, the University pays for most of the faculty and staff salaries at KAMU-TV.

Viewer contributions make up about 20 percent of the total KAMU-TV budget. This money, projected at \$138,000 for 1981, is used to help buy programming.

Funds are raised in several ways. Three festivals or pledge drives and an auction are held each year. Underwriting, the sponsoring of particular programming by individuals and businesses, and volunteer services also raise funds.

Viewers and underwriters seem to be responding to the station's pleas with more of their dollars to replace the money it might lose.

All of the KAMU-TV fund-raising projects this year have been successful, collecting significantly more money

than the goals set for them at the beginning of the year. The third annual auction, held April 5 through 9, raised \$28,279, 40 percent more than its \$20,000 goal. That's about 87 percent more than the \$15,677 the auction raised last year.

The station has been so successful in raising money from the public that it has been able to purchase a universal buy from PBS for the second consecutive year. The universal buy includes all the programs produced by PBS. The cost — just under \$100,000.

Nationally, viewers also seem to be contributing more to PBS stations. After a March festival, viewers had pledged an average of \$38.57 to the 134 stations involved in the drive. The average pledge last year was \$34.26. The usual pledge during a KAMU-TV festival is between \$16 and \$24.

In order to determine what the public wants its dollars to buy, each donor is asked to comment on favorite programs, but the public survey method has flaws. Lewis said people might say the programming is excellent, but they might not watch it.

"What people said and what people do are not always the same. That's the reason that commercial stations and advertisers rely so heavily upon the ratings," he said.

KAMU-TV cannot rely on the same ratings system used by commercial sta-

tions, however, because the Bryan-College Station community is too small. Other methods would be too expensive.

The most popular programs at KAMU-TV seem to be science and arts programs — the most expensive programming the station airs, Lewis said. "That's why the commercial networks haven't really gotten into them (science and arts programs). They can feed you garbage at a very low price," he said.

The most expensive program the station will air next year is Playhouse, a series similar to Masterpiece Theater. It will cost more than \$18,000 a year. The MacNeil-Lehrer Report, another popular program, will be back next also for more than \$18,000.

In addition to increasing appeals for viewer contributions, the station might have to cut back on broadcast hours and the variety of programming it offers. This has been done before.

Only last year did KAMU-TV expand its hours to include weekday mornings. The station was able to do this because of increased viewer support.

Also for the first time, the station was able to purchase the universal buy last year. It was able to do so again this year, but without the CPB funds next year, it might have to go back to purchasing individual programs. This is more expensive and will force the station to choose which programs are the most important.

Placement Center deemed superior

By WAYNE COOK
Battalion Reporter

The Texas A&M University Placement Center has been ranked best among major western schools by recruiters of college graduates.

"We are very proud," Lou Van Pelt, director of the Texas A&M Placement Center, said.

The center's services combined with the quality of Texas A&M graduates attract recruiters, many of which return year after year, he said.

"If you don't have a good product to sell, you won't sell it more than once," Van Pelt said. "Recruiters continue to come because of the track record of those they've hired before."

Van Pelt said approximately 60 percent of graduating seniors use at least one of the services the Placement Center provides. Besides scheduling interviews with recruiters, the center provides job-hunting literature and will help students prepare resumes.

Industry recruiters are reserving interview space through the Placement Center as far as two years in advance and to meet demand during peak recruiting periods it is open 12 hours a day.

Van Pelt said the office this year arranged between 35,000 and 40,000 interviews.

Western College Placement Association Inc. conducted the sur-

vey of 426 employers regarding 139 schools. Schools were categorized by enrollment, with Texas A&M classified in the 25,000 or more category.

Private and public schools in Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Oregon, Utah, Washington, New Mexico, Nevada and Texas were ranked.

Each school was ranked from poor to outstanding in nine separate areas.

The areas considered were physical facilities, availability of company literature, quality of student data forms, interviewing reception and assistance, candidates meeting listed specifications, student preparation, professional staff commitment, faculty interest and overall quality.

Texas A&M placed first in seven areas and second in two areas to gain first in the overall ranking.

The rankings of other schools in the survey are unavailable to Texas A&M officials as each school in the survey received only its own results.

"It (the survey) was done the way it was done to give each institution the knowledge of where they placed in the categories that the employers felt important," Van Pelt said.

Although he was pleased with the Texas A&M's rank, Van Pelt said one improvement of the center he would like to see would be to automate some procedures.