

# 400 people attend rites for Williams

NEW YORK — About 400 people — including friends, actors and theatergoers — walked through an undecorated room past the coffin containing the body of Tennessee Williams, one of the greatest American playwrights.

Some of the mourners Sunday broke down in tears, one suffered a heart attack, others quietly reflected on the life of the author of "A Streetcar Named Desire" and "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof."

Williams, who battled with alcohol and drug abuse, was found dead Friday in his suite at the Elysee Hotel in Manhattan. He was 71. Authorities said Saturday Williams choked to

death on a medicine bottle cap. A ruling on whether the death was accidental is not expected for several weeks.

Many of the mourners Sunday carried a single rose into the Frank E. Campbell Funeral Home and left the flower on a table next to the coffin, a symbolic appreciation of "The Rose Tattoo," another of the author's Broadway hits.

The coffin was decorated with a small laurel wreath, a wood cut of a religious scene and a large wooden cross.

Actor Tony LoBianco attended the wake before his appearance in Sunday's matinee performance of "A View from the Bridge."

"He's our hero," LoBianco

said. "There are only three or four great playwrights that we have."

The man who suffered a heart seizure after passing the coffin was treated in the viewing room by emergency medical service attendants.

Williams requested donations be made to the Actors' Fund, so no bouquets were received, the spokesman said.

Charles Bowden, a director and producer who was Williams' friend for 30 years and produced several of his works, broke down sobbing after turning away from the casket.

Later, still trembling, Bowden quoted a line from Blanche DuBois, a character in "A Streetcar Named Desire."

"I shall die from eating a poison grape. That's all I keep thinking of," Bowden said.

A memorial service was scheduled for Tuesday at the chapel of the Frank E. Campbell Funeral Home on Madison Avenue. A funeral mass was scheduled in St. Louis' Roman Catholic New Cathedral Saturday. The author will be buried in Calvary Cemetery in St. Louis.

# What's Up

## Tuesday

**SOCIETY OF FELLOWS:** The second meeting of the semester will be at 8:30 p.m. in 601 Rudder. Committee chairmen will be chosen from interested members. All members are invited.

**BLACK AWARENESS:** The Steppin' Out Formal scheduled for March 5 has been canceled.

**RUN FOR THE ARTS:** Registration for the 5 kilometer run is scheduled from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the main hall and 216 MSC at the Roadrunners or OPAS cubicle. The run, starting at Wofford Cain Pool, is scheduled for this Saturday.

**STUDENTS CONCERNED FOR THE HANDICAPPED:** Guest speaker Pat Wood from the Student Programs Office will talk on "Organizational Opportunities" at 7 p.m. in 230 MSC.

**CATHOLIC STUDENT ASSOCIATION:** An Inquiry class for those wishing to update their knowledge of Catholicism is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. at the Student Center. All on-campus Catholics are invited to a "Eucharist and Exploration" meeting at 9:30 p.m. in the All Faiths Chapel. Tonight's topic is "The Various Apparitions of Mary."

**TAMU BILLIARD CLUB:** A general meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. at the MSC Bowling and Games Area.

**AGRONOMY SOCIETY:** Elections for King Cotton, Sweetheart and Dukes for Cotton Pageant are scheduled at 7:15 p.m. at the Soil and Crop Science Building.

**WATERSKI CLUB:** Come watch a video of the stars on big screen T.V. at 7 p.m. in Rumours. This will benefit even the novice skier.

**MSC VIDEOTAPE COMMITTEE:** Upcoming productions, programming and workshops will be discussed at 8 p.m. in 352 MSC. Everyone is urged to attend.

**CLASS OF '84:** Class of '84 Ball tickets are on sale now until Friday at the Rudder Ticket Office and in the Main Hall MSC.

**EL PASO HOMETOWN CLUB:** Spring break rides and general business will be discussed Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in 214 MLS (Trigon).

**TAMU SAILING TEAM:** A meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. in 109 MLS (Trigon).

**WOMEN GEOSCIENTISTS COMMITTEE:** Guest speakers will provide professionals and students with ideas, experiences and career information at 4:45 p.m. Thursday in the "Old Bar" Conference room, Ramada Inn.

**ALPHA ZETA AGRICULTURE FRATERNITY:** Applica-

tions for Alpha Zeta Scholarships are available now until March 10 in all major agriculture college buildings. Return all applications to 201 Agriculture Building or 122 Kleberg. "Key" — keys must be worn by spring applicants today through Friday.

**NURSING SOCIETY:** A general meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. in 140 MSC.

**E.T.S.:** Nominations for next year's officers are scheduled for 7:30 p.m. in 165 A&A.

**TAMU ONE-WHEELERS:** More levels riding, 1-3, is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. at the Grove. Bring ideas for club activities. New members are welcome.

**INTER-VARSITY CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP:** History, God's role in the world and hope.

**AMERICAN SOCIETY OF SAFETY ENGINEERS:** Vernon of the Industrial Engineering Department will speak on "The Petroleum Industry in Indonesia" at 7:30 p.m. in 203 Zachry.

**AMERICAN NUCLEAR SOCIETY:** Dr. Burchill from the Nuclear Engineering Department will talk about "Career Opportunities in the Nuclear Power Industry" at 7 p.m. in 203 Zachry.

**JUMPROPE FOR HEART:** The Physical Education Department and the American Heart Association are sponsoring a jumprope for heart fund raiser on March 5 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in 303 East Kyle. For entry forms and more information, go by 158 E. Kyle.

**CLASS OF '84:** Class of '84 Ball tickets are on sale now until Friday at the Rudder Ticket Office and in the Main Hall MSC.

**TAMU THEATER DEPARTMENT:** "Buried Child," a Pulitzer prize winning play, will be presented Thursday, Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$2.50 and \$3.50.

**LAMBDA SIGMA — SOPHOMORE HONOR SOCIETY:** All applications are due by Friday at 5 p.m. in the Student Programs Office (216 MSC).

**SCHEDULING OFFICE:** All student organizations are encouraged to submit room reservation requests now until April 15 to the Scheduling Office for Fall 1983.

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# Auto industry very optimistic

CHICAGO — The auto industry is ready to ride today's lower interest rates and slowed inflation out of the garage and back onto the streets.

After several years of tough times, the honchos of American and foreign automakers were sounding optimistic as the 75th annual Chicago Auto Show got under way Sunday.

"Everybody's betting that the marketplace will improve and interest rates are going to come down and there won't be any need for stimulation (through interest rate supports)," said Chuck King, Nissan vice president for sales.

King said the 9.9 percent rate Nissan guaranteed on its small trucks, took the company out of an inventory problem and let it introduce new products a month early. "It has been expensive. We'd like to see the natural trend get down to the 10 percent range," King said.

Nissan is introducing a whole new range of small trucks, which eventually will be produced in a new plant in Smyrna, Tenn. The fate of that truck line may hinge in part on the availability of financing.

General Motors officials agree interest rates are a key to the rest of the 1983 model year and the 1984 auto.

GM President F. James McDonald said 75 percent of the firm's buyers finance their purchases.

"We've proven over the few months that interest rates are very important to our customers," McDonald said of GM's successful 11.9 percent interest rate subsidy.

Ford executives, introduced their new Tempo and Mercury Topaz after years of effort and billions of dollars investment, also expressed confidence in economic turnaround.

"We've started our climb back up the hill," one said. "I'm optimistic the industry will have a good economy on its side this year."

## Now you know

United Press International  
NEW YORK — Being late for dates or appointments is the most common signal that a man wants to break off a relationship, says a sex therapist and magazine columnist.

Writing in the March issue of Glamour, Dr. Avodah K. Offit says other signals are changes in the expected schedule of meetings, subtle shifts in topics of conversation and a different attitude toward lovemaking.

When the man makes a related phone call, she adds, "The reply followed by an abbreviated conversation may be another sign that he's edging away."

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