

Confession heard, defense begins case

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MOUNT PLEASANT — Lawyers representing accused murderer Calvin Loyd Padgett will try this week to overcome a confession by the defendant read in court as part of prosecutors' closing arguments.

Padgett, 28, is being tried for capital murder in the May 10,

1982 slaying of Howard McClafin, a cook at a Pizza Hut restaurant. The defense was to begin presenting its case Monday.

McClafin was killed along with fellow employees Shirley O'Bier Thompson and assistant manager George Dwain Landrum during a robbery.

Padgett's confession, which defense attorneys tried to prevent from being introduced as evidence to the jury on Friday, said he killed the three employees because he "couldn't stand to see those people suffer."

State District Judge William R. Porter allowed the confession to

be read in court after rejecting defense attorneys' claims that Padgett gave his statement involuntarily.

Padgett testified in the hearing that he cooperated with police because he feared he and his family might be harmed if he did not.

However, Texas Ranger Brantley Foster, who investigated the slayings, denied making any threats toward Padgett's family.

"I went to rob a pizza place, but I didn't mean to hurt anybody, but I couldn't stand to see those people suffer," Padgett's statement said.

Special session to be planned

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SACRAMENTO — California lawmakers, battling with the governor over the budget, met in a special session Sunday to discuss the problem of the state's overcrowded prisons and the possibility of charging tuition for the first time at community colleges.

Lawmakers had hoped to already be home for the year, but they could not salvage a crucial compromise plan that fizzled last week when Assembly Democrats refused to accept Republican Gov. George Deukmejian's plan to impose fees at community colleges.

They did not meet Saturday because of the Yom Kippur Jewish holiday.

Deukmejian had warned the legislators that he would summon them into special session Sunday. The ultimatum was met with scorn.

Assembly Speaker Willie Brown, D-San Francisco, said the governor's order was a "waste of paper" because Democratic legislative leaders had already decided to stay in session.

The governor, however, still held out his threat, saying if work was not completed "satisfactorily," he would order a special session to start Monday.

For Sunday's extension of

the regular session, Assembly Democrats were expected to agree to a compromise package of \$108 million in state funds and \$50-per-semester fees for the state's financially strapped community colleges, possibly making the fees only temporary.

Deukmejian cut \$234 million in community college funds from the state budget last July. The proposed fees would be the first since the system, which presently has 1.4 million students, was created in 1910.

The governor was also seeking a program to speed construction of new prison cells to alleviate overcrowding in the aging maximum security facilities of Folsom and San Quentin.

Added pressure for quick results faced lawmakers because of their vacation plans. State Senate President Pro Tem David Roberti, D-Los Angeles, and Assembly members scheduled to leave for Europe.

The legislature's three and one-half month recess had been scheduled to begin Thursday at midnight. Roberti threatened to resign his Senate leadership job and Assembly lawmakers traded sharp personal barbs on the floor when they instead had to meet Friday night.

What's Up

MONDAY

CLASS OF '86: We will have food, photos, games, and music at the class picnic, Sept. 25 from 4 to 6 p.m. in the Grove. Tickets on sale for \$3 in the MSC. Also, an informative meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. in 404 Rudder.

MSC AGGIE CINEMA: There will be a general meeting tonight at 7 p.m. in 504 Rudder. New members are encouraged to attend.

AGGIE ALLEMANDERS: The square dance class is from 7 to 9 p.m. and the club meeting will follow, from 9 to 10:30 p.m. Meet at the Pavillion.

IM-REC SPORTS: Sign ups begin today at 8 a.m. in 159 E. Kyle, the long driving contest and handball singles.

ONE WHEELERS: New members are welcome to the meeting every Monday at 5:30 p.m. in the Grove. (We will teach you to ride!)

CLASS OF '85: T-shirts and bumper stickers are on sale in the MSC until Friday.

BETA GAMMA SIGMA: The meeting is tonight at 6:30 p.m. in the Blocker (A&A). Refreshments will be provided.

COLLEGE STATION JUDO CLUB: Registration for Judo classes, which begin Oct. 3 in the Lincoln Center Judo room, will be available Monday and Wednesday from 7 to 9 p.m. and Saturday from 12 to 2 p.m. in the Lincoln Center Judo room. Contact Sam Dashner at 696-1033 for more information.

UNIVERSITY LUTHERAN STUDENT CENTER: A study of the Psalms will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the University Lutheran Student Center.

PHI THETA KAPPA ALUMNI: We will discuss initiation at the meeting tonight in 607 Rudder at 7 p.m.

MSC FREE U: We will discuss committees and prepare for registration at 8 p.m. Meet in 216 MSC.

CAMERA COMMITTEE: Bring your five best slides to the photo of the month competition at 7 p.m. in 301 Rudder. For more information, contact Andrew McKay at 696-3813.

DELTA Y MEETING: Jo Hudson is to speak on assertiveness at the new officers will be elected at the meeting tonight at 6:30 p.m. in 504 Rudder. All freshmen may attend!

STUDENT AGGIE CLUB: Sign-ups and payments for the trip to the Texas Tech game have been extended to Friday. Also, frames for the certificates are in.

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS: Come to the meeting and discuss the plan for the year and enjoy ice cream at 8:30 p.m. in 231 MSC.

Drunk driver 'asleep'

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LONDON — Police woke Roger Graveling to tell him his business burglar alarm had been tripped and on his way to his store, they charged him with drunken driving.

"I was asleep," Graveling, 44, said Wednesday in a Cambridge court, where he was cleared.

"I woke up, got a message to go and just got into the car as a reflex," Graveling said. "It was the

middle of the night, pitch dark. Someone shouts emergency, you react to that emergency."

Graveling told the court he had had a glass of lager, a glass of wine and two large Scotchies during the evening before going to bed.

The magistrates gave Graveling an absolute discharge because of the special circumstances of the case.

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