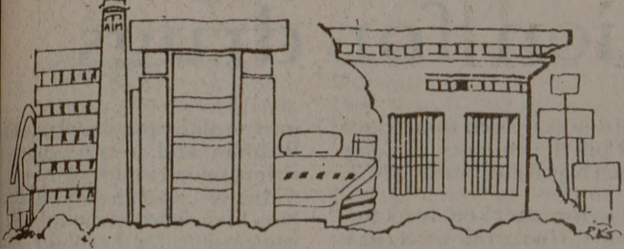


# Around town



## Prof wins architect teaching award

George J. Mann, professor of architecture and environmental design at Texas A&M, has been awarded the first Education Award ever given by the Houston chapter of the American Institute of Architects. The award is presented to an architectural educator who "achieves an outstanding and lasting influence in creating student awareness of the social, economic and political responsibilities of the architect, beyond the normal routine of teaching."

Dr. Mann joined the Texas A&M faculty in 1966. He took a two-year leave from A&M to teach at Columbia University in New York, his alma mater, in 1974. He has worked for several architectural firms and provides consulting for national and international clients.

The award will be presented Friday in Houston at the annual Christmas party of the American Institute of Architects.

## Student government holds book sale

Student Government's annual Student Book Exchange will begin finals week. Students can bring their used textbooks to the Pavilion, and for a 10 cent charge for each book, put them on sale and set their own price. Books will be sold Jan. 11-13 and Jan. 16-20. Students can collect the money for their sold books Jan. 23-27.

## Community Singers hold sing-along

The Community Singers, under the direction of David Stevens, will present their annual Handel's Messiah Sing-Along Dec. 19 at 7:30 p.m. The event will be held at the First Presbyterian Church, 1100 Carter Creek Parkway, and everyone is invited to bring their scores and join the choir in this Christmas standard. Admission is free, but donations will be accepted.

## A&M employees sponsor gift drive

The TAMU Employees' Christmas Gift Drive for the Mental Health Mental Retardation Center will hold a program Dec. 19 at 7 p.m. at 625 Mary Lake in Bryan. All employees are encouraged to attend and bring a gift. If unable to attend, gift collections stations are open in the Printing Center, Zachry, Oceanography-Meteorology Building, the dean's office in the College of Veterinary Medicine, and the Copy Center.

The program is sponsored by the Texas Public Employees Association, and gifts will be distributed by the local MHMR center to both children and elderly people.

## Last chance for Aggieland photos

Aggieland yearbook is giving juniors, seniors, veterinary and medical school students, and graduate students one more week to have individual pictures for the 1984 Aggieland taken at the Pavilion on campus today through Friday. This will be the last chance for students to have pictures made.

To submit an item for this column, come by The Battalion office in 216 Reed McDonald.

# Secret witness testifies

United Press International  
AMARILLO — The prosecution indicated Tuesday it will call a "secret" witness later this week to testify in the conspiracy to commit capital murder trial of Amarillo attorney Jim Durham Jr.

Special prosecutor Douglas Mulder said he would not release the name of the witness, who is one of several witnesses listed in pretrial documents who has not testified yet, "because he fears for his life."

The witness will not testify until Thursday, under a special arrangement approved by District Judge Bill Sheehan, because that is the earliest he can get to Amarillo, Mulder said.

The defense rested its case Tuesday in the trial without calling the defendant to testify. Durham, 42, is accused of helping plan the 1977 murder of Amarillo clothier Frank Potts.

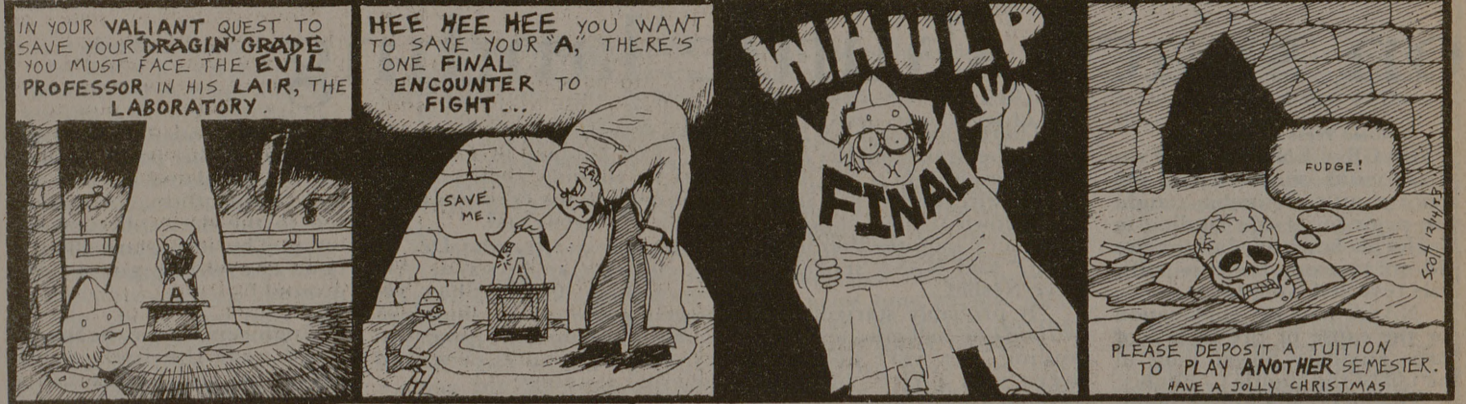
George and Bedale Hicks, who have both been sentenced to 99 years for killing Potts, said they were paid \$5,000 to perform the slaying for Potts' business partner Kevin Francis, who they said wanted to collect on a \$175,000 life insurance policy.

They said Durham helped plan the murder.

A former Potter County jailer testified Tuesday Mrs. Hicks was given preferential commissary treatment in the jail after she agreed to testify in the trial.

Alice Fay Bonner said she was instructed by Capt. Eddie Kirkwood of the Sheriff's office to obtain items from the commissary for Bedale Hicks whenever she wanted them, though other prisoners were only allowed to purchase items two days a week.

# Warped



# Emergency drill held

United Press International  
AUSTIN — The state's Division of Emergency Management will participate Wednesday in an emergency preparedness drill for the Comanche Peak nuclear power plant near Glen Rose.

Coordinator Robert Lansford said Tuesday the drill is part of the criteria the plant — owned by Texas Electric Services Co. — must meet to receive an operating license.

Lansford said the scenario for the drill has not been released to participants.

"Our operation for exercise will be essentially the same as for any other exercise or real emergency," he said.

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