

by Scott McCullar

IRA kills prison official while family watches

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BELFAST, Northern Ireland — Two IRA gunmen killed a Maze prison official Tuesday, firing repeatedly through the rear window of his car as the man's wife and child watched after kissing him goodbye on his way to work.

Police said William McConnell, 35, an assistant governor at the prison, was shot in the head and face by the assassins from the outlawed Irish Republican Army. He slumped to the ground in a pool of blood and died nearly instantly.

McConnell had just kissed his wife, Beryl, and 3-year-old daughter, Gail, goodbye when the two gunmen ran up behind his car and fired repeatedly through the rear window.

As the gunmen escaped, the dying man's child was left screaming hysterically on the pavement as his wife cradled her husband in her lap, a neighbor said.

The IRA said McConnell, the 23rd prison officer to be killed in Northern Ireland, was exe-

cuted because his job was breaking Republican opposition to menial work tasks at the high-security Maze prison outside Belfast.

"This was a particularly brutal crime," said an angry police spokesman. "The gunmen

showed no compassion for their victim or his family."

The guerrilla group, which seeks to oust British troops from Northern Ireland, said in a statement the assassination did not herald a new campaign against prison officers.

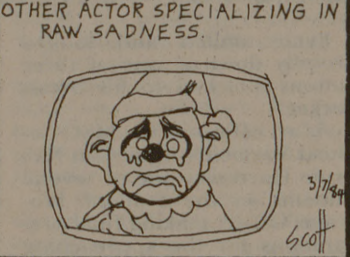
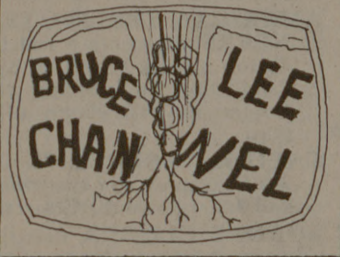
DAY 24: THE LIBRARY CLOCKS DON'T WORK!

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B-CS dinner theater hoping to end entertainment gap

By KAREN WALLACE
Staff Writer

What do you do for entertainment in Bryan-College Station?

Go to Hearne. Well, this old joke is no longer funny. The March 29 grand opening of a dinner theater produced by the AggieLand Inn and the Lion's Head Players will end the search for entertainment, associate professor

engineering technology Edward K. Bowdon said Tuesday. Bowdon, director of the theater, said the first performance is a musical-comedy melodrama titled, "Jeannette and Nelson, Love Over."

"This play is a spoof of the Jeannette McDonald and Nelson

Eddy era of the 30s," Bowdon said.

Audience participation is one of the main purposes of the theater.

"We want to get as much audience participation as we can," he said.

The audience will be encouraged to throw popcorn at the villain, and a member of the audience will play the role of "Duke X. Mackinaw," the character who shows up in the last act to resolve the play.

"The Mackinaw character is based on the Shakespearian practice of developing a character late in the play to help resolve the conflicts created in the play."

Mackinaw is also based on the old "Carol Burnett Show,"

when audience members acted in scenes with the cast members, Bowdon said.

The actors will even carry on conversations in the audience.

"This means there will be a lot of ad-libbing," he said. "So every performance will be different."

Although the theater does not have a non-profit status, any proceeds beyond production costs will be re-invested in future productions.

"We want to add to the cultural environment of the area, provide an alternative to the traditional entertainment forms, and keep money in the Bryan-College Station area," he said.

Bowdon said people usually

go into Houston or Dallas to go to a dinner theater.

"But they couldn't get there what we are offering here," he said.

The theater is in the second floor penthouse of the AggieLand Inn. Performances will be on Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays March 29 thru May 4, at 8 p.m., with the buffet starting at 6:30 p.m.

Thursday nights will be economy nights and the AggieLand Inn will provide hors d'oeuvres. Friday night is the AggieLand's regular seafood buffet and Saturday will be the more traditional buffet of meat and potatoes. Sunday there will be a 2 p.m. brunch and a buffet dinner.

Apartheid policy to be discussed

South Africa's apartheid policy — segregation and discrimination against blacks — will be discussed in a speech tonight by Donald Woods, an exiled South African journalist.

Woods will talk about his experiences in South Africa and his reactions.

Political Forum Chairman Cathy Hay says the speech will give a personal account of the complicated situation existing in South Africa.

Woods' speech, "Apartheid: The Controversy," is sponsored by the MSC Political Forum and is the first in the South Africa Series 1984. The speech will begin at 8 p.m. in Rudder Theater. Admission will be free.

Woods, who was South Africa's most widely read columnist, escaped from the country in 1978 after the government banned his writings. Woods, a native of South Africa, has written a book about black leader Steve Biko and escaped from South Africa immediately before the book was published.

He has been in London since 1978. Now, he travels annually

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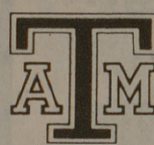
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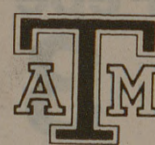


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LOUPOT'S 'OFF CAMPUS CORNER'



GETTING A HEAD START

The time for selecting roommates and finding a place to live is quickly approaching. These decisions should be made before the end of the spring semester since many students will go home for the summer. The Off Campus Center (OCC) can help you get started by providing a roommate referral service and information on area housing possibilities. On March 19 we will begin taking roommate cards for the summer and fall. Whether you have housing and need roommates or need both housing and roommates, the roommate referral service is available to you. Maps and current prices of major apartment complexes are also available.

Early selection of housing provides you with a wide range of choices. Also, the abundance of housing available allows you the opportunity to look at a variety of apartments. The



most important fact to remember is to FINALIZE ARRANGEMENTS WITH ROOMMATES BEFORE SIGNING A LEASE. This past year many students signed leases first and were then unable to find roommates.

Fall apartment prices will be available by mid-April. The OCC staff will be glad to assist you in your search for off campus housing. The OCC is located in Puryear Hall, directly across from the YMCA building. Please feel free to stop by or give us a call at 845-1741. An early search can prevent problems later.

COMING EVENTS

March 7	OCA General Meeting--Room 601 Rudder	Peer Advisor Program Application Deadline
10-18	Spring Break	RHA Casino '84
20	MSC OPAS Houston Ballet	Theatre Arts--Romeo and Juliet
	Off Campus Center Satellite/MSO	Parents Weekend
	OCC Moving Off Campus Program 6:30	Parents Weekend
	Commons	Pre-Registration for Fall '84
21	OCA General Meeting--Room 601 Rudder	MSC Town Hall--Pump Boys & Dinettes
	OCC Moving Off Campus Program 9:00 A-1	Off Campus Roommate Sessions
	Lounge	OCA Meeting--Room 601 Rudder
	MSC OPAS Houston Ballet	Off Campus Roommate Sessions
24	MSC Basement--Travatore	MSC Endowed Lecture Series
26	Peer Advisor Applications Available	Off Campus Roommate Sessions
27-28	Campus Elections	Muster
27	MSC Town Hall--Blues in the Night	Easter
31	OCA Kite Flying Playday	Off Campus Roommate Sessions
	OPA & APO MD Dance-a-thon	Off Campus Roommate Sessions
	The Big Event	OCA Spring Awards Banquet
April 2	Intramural Frisbee Golf Open	Off Campus Roommate Sessions
3	MSC Craft Center Easter Workshops	Off Campus Roommate Sessions
4	OCA Meeting--Room 601 Rudder	Off Campus Roommate Sessions
9	MSC Craft Center Easter Workshops	Off Campus Roommate Sessions
10	MSC Craft Center Easter Workshops	Commencement
	Theatre Arts--Romeo and Juliet	Commissioning
11	MSC Craft Center Easter Workshops	Final Review
	OCA Apartment Council Meeting--Room 301	Final Exams
	Rudder	Off Campus Roommate Sessions
	MSC Lost and Found Auction	Off Campus Roommate Sessions
	MSC OPAS St. Martin Octet	Off Campus Roommate Sessions
	Theatre Arts--Romeo and Juliet	Off Campus Roommate Sessions
12	MSC Craft Center Easter Workshops	
	Theatre Arts--Romeo and Juliet	
13	MSC Variety Show	
	Parents Weekend	

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