

University of Texas professor slain during sightseeing trip to Cambodia

AUSTIN (AP) — University of Texas professor Susan Hadden's lifelong dream of seeing Cambodia's ancient ruins ended tragically. Mrs. Hadden, a 15-year professor at UT's Lyndon Baines Johnson School of Public Affairs, was killed Sunday after gunmen opened fire on a van full of tourists at the Angkor Wat temple complex in Phnom Penh, Cambodia.

Mrs. Hadden's husband, James Hadden Jr., was injured in the attack. He was being treated Monday at a hospital in Singapore, and it was unclear when he would return to Texas, according to a U.S. State Department official.

Colleagues and friends remembered Mrs. Hadden, 49, as a "true intellectual" and a professor who went above and beyond her responsibilities to assist students. "She was one of the most com-

mitted and dedicated professors that you could have," said Max Sherman, dean of the LBJ school. "She really had a good working relationship with students. She wanted everyone to catch the excitement of learning."

Sherman said the Haddens had been planning to visit the ancient temples in Cambodia for nearly a decade but repeatedly had to put off the trip because of fighting in the region.

Chandler Stolp, a professor at the LBJ school who taught several classes with Mrs. Hadden, said, "Ever since she was a little kid, she wanted to see Angkor Wat."

"She and her husband have traveled the world looking at ancient ruins, in northern Mexico, all over India and in Europe, so it's doubly sad that her life ended this way," Stolp said.

Jon Hockenyo, a former student and friend of Mrs. Hadden,

said the trip was being taken in celebration of her 50th birthday, which was not until June.

Mrs. Hadden grew up in Austin and graduated from Harvard before receiving a master's and doctorate from the University of Chicago. She authored two books on the everyday use of technical information to reduce risk: "Read the Label: Providing Information to Reduce Risk" and "A Citizen's Right to Know: Risk Communication and Public Policy."

She also published more than 60 articles on telecommunications policy, citizen participation, risk communication and policies intended to reduce risks to human health or the environment.

"She was a very good writer, one of the finest on the faculty," Stolp said. "She would frequently take students under her wing

and help make their thesis arguments much clearer than they would normally have been.

"She probably had more students writing a thesis under her than any other member of the faculty," Stolp said.

According to the State Department, the Haddens and other tourists were fired upon and robbed after stopping at a roadblock. Cambodian authorities hadn't determined Monday if the attackers were members of the country's Khmer Rouge guerrillas or random bandits.

Mrs. Hadden's body was cremated Monday at a temple on the outskirts of Phnom Penh, said a Cambodian government tourism official, who spoke on condition of anonymity. The cremation had not been announced beforehand, in accordance with the wishes of the U.S. Embassy, he said.

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MLK: Leader's ideas, visions celebrated

brought about.

"I ask the students, leaders, faculty and administrators to stamp out this ignorance and injustice that goes on at this university," Williams said. "I beg you all to not let the death of Dr. King and the thousands of men and women who have died over the last 475 years to go in vain."

Quincy Johnson, an eighth grader at College Station Junior High School, said King's life had relevance to everyone.

"Today they asked me to give a speech on what Dr. King means to me, but I can't do that," Johnson said. "I have to give a speech on what Martin Luther King means to me, you and everyone else in the world."

Johnson said he envied King's power through speaking out for what he believed.

"Dr. King showed that one voice can make a difference no matter what the situation," Johnson said. "He showed me that as African Americans, we can not only

graduate from high school and college, but we can complete a PhD. He was not merely a role model, also the standard for educated excellence."

Patricia Moralez, president of Minority Students Leadership Forum, said King was an individual who embraced all people for the purpose of unity.

"He was a leader for all Americans who shared his ideals and beliefs," Moralez said. "He realized the importance of unifying all these people from very unique backgrounds so they could accomplish the common goal of civil rights and freedom for all Americans."

Dr. Mark Weichold, speaker of the Faculty Senate, said King played on human feelings to bring forth necessary change.

"Martin Luther King drew on anger and frustration, which are good motivators, to evoke nonviolent change," Weichold said.

The Rev. Melvin Cooper, pastor of St.

Matthew's Baptist Church, said King's message centered around God's love.

"The reason we are here is that God is good, God is gracious, and Jesus is Lord," Cooper said. "My message to you tonight is 'More than a Dreamer.' Martin Luther King is more than a dreamer because he dared to dream and move beyond what he had seen."

Cooper said King's powerful plan of reversing laws through non-violence originated from the teachings of Christianity.

"Martin Luther King's dream based on love is that all people should be treated as though all are created in the image of our Almighty God," Cooper said.

Cooper said he believes it is very important to remain active in the concept of community.

"When you excel in life don't forget to go back and get someone else," Cooper said.

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MSC: A&M still prejudice, student says

expression and freedom of choice by not removing his hat while inside the MSC.

"I don't mean to disrespect anyone," Williams said.

Williams said he believes this incident does not reflect most of the views at Texas A&M, but he is still concerned with the improvement of the campus environment.

"There are a few people who resent us and don't understand why people would not take their hats off," Williams said. "When he took my hat off it became a racial issue."

Williams said this incident will not stop him from spending time in the MSC.

"I still feel comfortable about being in the MSC," Williams said. "It wasn't a surprise about the hat being an issue, but I was surprised that they took my hat off. I still don't take my hat off in the MSC."

This personal incident caused Williams to question the campus environment and actual improvement when it comes to prejudice and racism.

Williams said he believes that only three percent of the campus consists of African Americans because prejudice lingers within some students.

"I think if there was a higher minority representation at A&M, it might create an envi-

ronment where prejudice is less likely to happen," Williams said.

Williams said he encourages A&M to continue in its efforts to increase awareness of different cultures and obtain equality for all students.

"Nothing can stop this from happening, but hopefully A&M will continue what it is doing now, such as the Multicultural Awareness class," Williams said. "It helps create a better

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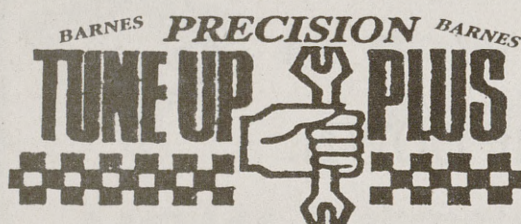
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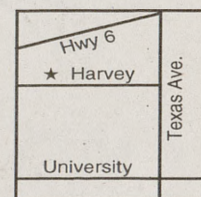
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