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Tale of an assassin

'Disappearance' bleak, dull

By JULIAN KARCHMER DTH Staff Writer

The Disappearance is an appropriately bleak but tedious movie about a globe-hopping hit man. Despite a few surprises, this slow plot barely qualifies as a reason for creating a film.

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Donald Sutherland plays Jay Mallory, a high-class assassin itching to retire but for a debt forcing him to take one last assignment. At the same time, his lustful wife, played by Sutherland's actual live-in mate Francine Racette, disappears.

Mallory wants to search for his wife, but his last commission prevents it. Sutherland played almost the exact same part before in The Eve of the

Needle, another film about an assassin whose life is complicated by a woman.

If The Disappearance had dealt with Mallory's work or how he got involved with the killing profession in the first place, it might have been interesting. But surviving the film until the last 20 minutes is an exercise in willpower. There are countless shots of Mallory brooding in his Montreal apartment, and of the gray, winter city seem endless. And flashbacks add little to plot development; they merely seem to pass time.

Also, it is disturbing the way the assassin is handled by the filmmakers. Mallory is the protagonist. He is seen as some kind of laconic, troubled hero. As Mallory meanders through the hurdles of the plot, he is manipulated by those nasty executives who hire him. But, in fact, he is more a man who kills for money, than a victim of evil evecutives

There are some cameo appearances by big name actors. Christopher Plummer and John Hurt seem suitably embarrassed by their appearance, but are, no doubt, a bit wealthier because of it.

Cinematography offers the only bright spot in this otherwise dismal movie. The cold, bleary weather is captured with style, and parallels the film's depressing subject matter. But even here, the film falters. There is the all too familiar walk by Mallory on a beautiful, wind-swept beach as he tries to sort out his troubles. And the dark lighting in The Disappearance also contributes to the bleak tone that pervades throughout the film.

The visual style of The Disappearance is stimulating. But the plot and action are minimal at best. There is almost no substance behind this film. At the Carolina White.

Reading program provides help with test-taking, academic skills

By LAURIE BRADSHER DTH Staff Writer

The UNC Reading program can teach a student how to study, double reading speed, or prepare for standardized graduate school exams. At the same time, the staff will give you an encouraging smile and a pat on the back.

"We choose our staff by their sense of humor and interest in other people," said Mimi Keever, the program's assistant director. "We do have a very good staff."

"I think that's the prime ingredient here," said program director Henry Powell.

Powell, Keever and the program's four part-time instructors have all taught at the college level. "These people have a good idea what it's like and what the class requirements are," Powell said.

The program is geared for actual course reading, not just speed reading, Powell said. "So we have to have people who like to work with students, who are adaptable in working with various students and who know what it's like in a classroom."

The reading course provides individual instruction. A student can opt to work on speed, comprehension, study skills for different courses, or prepare for certain standardized tests.

Keever suggested that students preparing for graduate standardized tests come in at least a month or two before the exam.

"One of the misconceptions about the program," Powell said, "is that people don't know the range of student who come here."

Keever said that in addition to freshmen recommended to the program by counselors, older people who return to school frequent the program. Faculty, upperclassmen and graduate students in all majors take part in the program, she said.

"We've had some Rhodes scholars in the program," Powell said. They tended to come to the program longer and work harder, he said.

Six to eight weeks at 3 hours per week is the average time for the course, which costs \$10. The program begins with diagnostic testing and a conference to find the student's major goals in the course.

The student is assigned material to work on independently, with periodic progress reports, encouragement and new assignments from his or her instructor.

The staff sees about 1,000 students per year at a rate of about 20 to 30 per hour. "Fall is our busiest time," Keever said as she shuffled through application cards of people on the program's waiting list.

She said the summer was not as busy as the rest of the year, but that the center offered many special programs during the summer. These programs include Upward Bound, Health Careers Academic Achievement Program, UNC Summer Bridge Program and a program for minorities.

The major drawing card for the Reading Program is it can double most people's reading speed.

"People make spectacular gain early," Keever said, "but can pretty quickly go back to their old habits if they don't keep it up. Twenty sessions seems to be a magic number to prevent fallback."

Keever said reading time flexibility was a goal of the program. "You don't have to go slow in eveything you read, even if you're in chemistry or philosophy (majors which require close analytical reading)."

Varying reading time according to the material at hand is something the program teaches.

"The program is a good confidence builder because there's no risk to the student," Keever said. "It's a good discipline exercise because it gets you used to time testing."

The program, in Phillips Annex 204, is open to students wanting to brush up on their study skills from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8 a.m.-4 p.m. on Fridays. It will be open during exams on a regular basis.

Noted feminist, author to speak tonight feel you don't have to get involved in

Kate Millett, noted feminist, author, artist and professor, is scheduled to speak at 8 p.m. today in Memorial Hall.

Millett, the author of such books as Sexual Politics, The Prostitution Papers and The Basement, will speak on "Women in the 80s." Her speech is sponsored by the Association for Women Students, the National Organization of Women and Triangle Area Lesbian Feminists.

Tickets are avialable at the Carolina Union desk and at the door for \$1 for students and \$2 for general admission. Millett, who completed her undergraduate studies at the University of Minnesota, received an honorary bachelor of arts degree and master's degree at Oxford and a Ph.D. at Columbia University. She has taught at UNC-Greensboro, Barnard

College and Bryn Mawr. Millett maintains that women must not relax their struggle for equal opportunity.

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Millett's most recent book, Going to

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of the Union. Come and meet other political science students and professors.

The State Affairs Committee will meet at 6 p.m. Wednesday in Suite C Union. All members are urged to attend. BSM Ebony Readers Onyx Theatre will meet at 6 p.m. Wed-

prepared to perfo Come watch semi-final and final rounds of the College Bowl

Wednesday at the Battle House.

day in Carrboro. Call 929-4997 or 929-8843 for more informa-

widespread than earlier believed.

"I'm certainly not going to indict everyone," he said in an interview. "I can only say that the same atmosphere surrounding the electrical and highway cases surrounds other types of contracts."

State Attorney General Rufus Edmisten went further, telling a reporter, "If the electrial industry is involved in bid-rigging, what's to say that the plumbing and air concases were under investigation, he acknowledged the Justice Department was looking into water-and-sewer project bids. Another official close to the state construction process, asking not to be named, said there was at least one other major project where charges were possible and that others were under investigation.

Currin, the federal prosecutor, also said it was too early to tell how far bid-rigging

The UNC Sailing Club meeting is 7:30 p.m. in 431 Greenlaw Hall. Elections for new officers will be held so it is important that all members attend. T-shirts and the cookout will also be discussed.

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nesday in Craige Rec Room. Come with pieces memorized and

at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday in 207-209 Union. The Baptist Student Union Council will meet at 7:30 p.m.

Talk Time-West, an on-going, open-ended series of discus-sions for gay men and lesbians, will be held at 8 p.m. Wednes-

A film about the dual role of Latin American women at

country in 1979. -MARK SCHOEN **Bid-rigging indictments widespread**

UNC College Republicans will hold a special meeting at 7:30 p.m. in 101 Union. We will hear from representatives of the **CR** National Committe

TODAY'S ACTIVITIES

The UNC Young Democrats Executive Committee will meet

at 6:30 p.m. in Frank Porter Graham Lounge of the Union.

Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity will be collecting donations for the Pine Knolls Community Center of Carrboro today, Wednesday and Thursday of this week in the Union Lobby between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. The Center encourages achievement among the youth in the community and every donation will add to the hopes of these individuals

The Christian Science Organization at UNC will meet at 2 p.m. in the FPG Lounge of the Union. All are welcome. The Campus Y Global Issues committee will meet at 3:30

p.m. in 220 Union

Hunger Action Committee will meet at 8 p.m. in 217 Union just before the presentation on Oxfam.

A debate on the exploitation of women in advertising as a result of the domination of media by men will be presented at 8 p.m. in 300 New West. The public is invited to the debate which is being sponsored by Di and Phi.

"Where Does All The Money Go?" is a slideshow and discussion of Oxfam-America and some of its current projects, for anyone considering making a contribution to the 1981 Fast For A World Harvest. It will be presented at 8:30 p.m. in 217 Union

The UNC Racquetball Club will meet to play from 6-8 p.m. at the Woollen Gym courts. Members and all other interested people are encouraged to attend

AED will meet at 7 p.m. in 103 Berryhill Hall. Dr. Timothy Taft will speak on "Sports Medicine." The pledge quiz will be given at 6 p.m. in 106 Berryhill Hall. The executive committee will meet at 6:15 p.m. in the hospital cafeteria.

The N.C. Student Legislature will hold a very important meeting at 7 p.m. in 226 Union. Final plans for the November Interim Council at Chapel Hill will be made. All members please attend. Anyone interested in politics is welcome. There will be a Bible study for graduate students at 7 p.m. at

the Baptist Student Union's Battle House. The study is on

Lunch M-F 11:30-2:30 pm

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AXE will Welcome new brothers

Assignment: Life, an excellent documentary on the abortion issue, will be shown at 7 p.m, in 101 Greenlaw Hall. There will

be a question-answer session following the film. CHEC (Contraceptive Health Education Clinic) is meeting at 7 p.m. in the Health Education Section of the Student Health Service. CHEC is geared to help UNC students be responsible partners in matters concerning sexuality, CHEC provides an informative, informal discussion and slide presentation of contracention

"Men's Health Issues" is the topic for the meeting to be held at 1 p.m. in 217 Union. Everyone is welcome to bring a lunch and a friend.

There will be a meeting and party for all Executive Branch Liaisons at 7:30 p.m. in 217 Union. Please plan to attend.

COMING EVENTS

UNC Bahai Club will meet at noon Wednesday in the Frank Porter Graham Lounge of the Union. Bring your lunch, bring a friend, and we'll supply "the wine of astonishment."

There will be a meeting of the Association of Religious Studies Students at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at 223 McCauley Street. All are welcom

Dept. of Speech Communications is sponsoring a Reading Hour featuring poetry by living British poets at 5 p.m. Wednesday in 103 Bingham Hall.

MBA Forum to be held from 7-10 p.m. Wednesday in Great Hall. Fourteen graduate schools will be represented to provide information and answer questions. The Forum is sponsored by the Association of Business Students

The UNC Coalition for Social Justice will hold a meeting at 7 p.m. Wednesday in 221 Greenlaw Hall.

The Undergraduate Political Science Association is having a wine and cheese party from 7-9 p.m. Wednesday in the Gallery

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ome, as wives and ers, and al work will be shown at 5 p.m. Thursday in 202 Union. After the film, a discussion will be led by Dr. Nancy Scheper Hughes, Anthropology Dept. at UNC

The 1981 Fast for a World Harvest begins Wednesday. To learn more about how you can contribute, come by one of the tables outside the Union or Campus Y this week from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. All donations go directly to Oxfam-America, an agency that sponsors self-help development programs in Third World countries

A "Break Fast" meal is being served at the end of the 1981 Fast For A World Harvest at 7 p.m. Thursday in 202-204 Union. Come to relax, enjoy and learn how you can make personal responses to world hunger. Cost is \$2. Sign up at one of the Fast tables or in the Y office.

AFROTC presents "The Air Force's approach to the management consulting process, the data base which has been developed, and the results of using the data base in the managerial decision-making process." The presentation will be made by Lt. Col. Woodman and Maj. Short of the USAF Leadership and Management Development Center at 3:45 Thursday and 2 p.m. Friday in 101 Greenlaw Hall.

The Creative Writing Program's Odd Thursday Reading presents Cellar Door's fall 1981 contrib utions at 2 p.m. i enlaw Lounge. The new issue will be available.

Pre-Med/Pre-Dent/Pre-Vet students: Only two more inter viewing workshops this year. Come to one Thursday from 7-9:30 p.m. Be prepared for your professional school interviews. Sign up at 202-D Steele Building.

UNC Sailing Club cookout is at 6 p.m. Thursday at Forest Theater.

Elections Board will have a meeting for all potential candidates for the February 1982 Campus Elections at 7 p.m. Thursday in Suite C of the Union.

Thursday's program of the Buptist Student Union will feature a worship service at 5:45 at the Battle House. Beat Dook Band Celebration featuring the Mighty Majors

and Mainstream from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. Thursday at the Tin Can. Advance tickets available at the Union or from any PiKA with proceeds going to the Steve Streater Fund and the Big Brother Program.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. will be conducting its Annual Canned Food Drive all this week for needy families in the Chapel Hill-Carrboro communities. We will visit James. Morrison, E-haus, Craige, Whitehead, Joyner, Cobb, Parker and Ruffin. When a member knocks on your door, please contribute any way you can. Uplift is the key.

intramurals: UNC students and faculty-staff members erested in the IM Ski Trip Jan. 3-8 that did not attend last night's organizational meeting should contact Assoc. IM-Rec Director Marty Pomerantz.

The Playmakers Repertory Company is recruiting ushers for its production of Tennessee Williams' play The Glass Menagerie. In return for volunteering to usher you can see the play for free. Sign up at 203 Graham Memorial Hall.

Applications for the Kate Millett reception after her talk on Nov. 17 are available starting Wednesday at the Union desk. They're due Wednesday at the Union desk

Students interested in the Washington Center for Learning Alternatives Washington Winterim '82 should have their appli-cations in by Nov. 20. The topic will be The Reagan Administration and the 97th Congress - 1 Year Later. For more information, call Charles Lamm at the Counseling Center, 962-2175.

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ding, acknowledged among highway contractors who pleaded guilty to federal charges, extended across a broad range of state construction projects?

The Associated Press

the problem of bid-rigging, state officials

continue to be bothered with a widening cir-

cle of indicted companies and businessmen.

question to be answered - has the prac-

tice of collusion and complimentary bid-

But the developments have left a looming

RALEIGH - Instead of a quiet end to

More bid-rigging indictments - previously confined to highway construction were returned last week against nine electrical contractors.

State Justice Department officials said they now were looking at water-and-sewer contracts. New U.S. Attorney Sam Currin said he wanted the FBI to open its own probe, and nearly eveyone close to the investigation said more charges could be expected.

H. Al Cole, special deputy attorney general, says while it's too early to answer the question of how far the bid-rigging scandal eventually may extend, he acknowledges that bid rigging could be more ditioning and virtually everyone else is not rigged?"

Nine electrical contracting companies were indicted by a grand jury in Wilson County for allegedly conspiring to rig bids on a \$4 million contract for constructing an East Carolina University Medical School building in 1978.

Charges in the earlier highway cases were brought under federal charges, and Cole said the latest cases involved the first bid-rigging related charges ever brought under state law.

So far the state has agreed to more than \$11 million in settlements from 16 highway contractors, and still more are prevented from further bidding until they reach a settlement.

might extend. But Currin, who was an aide to North Carolina GOP Sen. Jesse Helms until assuming the U.S. attorney's post this year, pointed out the latest charges followed not only the highway indictments but also indictments in the state's handling of federal job-training contracts.

"I think it is too early to say," Currin said. Of course, this comes on the heels of the highway bid-rigging and the CETA scandal. "You just don't know where it goes."

And even the highway bid-rigging cases may not be over. Currin said the federal grand jury in New Bern was continuing to meet on the case, and Cole said the highway bid-rigging investigation might be only halfway finished.

While Cole declined to say what other

Actor William Holden, 63, found dead

The Associated Press

SANTA MONICA, Calif. - Actor William Holden, who won an Oscar as the hard-bitten prisoner of war in "Stalag 17" and played the disillusioned news executive in "Network," was found dead at his apartment Monday, police said.

Holden, 63, apparently died of natural causes, said Police Sgt. Dick Tapiam and apparently had been dead for two or three days.

The body was found by the apartment's manager, who became concerned when he had not heard from Holden in two or three weeks, Tapiam said. "I went to the scene," Tapiam said. "He was on the floor. No one else was there."

Holden had not been reported in poor expert. Nieper had said at the time he did

dent Ronald Reagan, a relationship that

began when both were officers in the Screen Actors Guild. Reagan, a movie actor for many years, went on to become president of SAG.

Holden and his wife were best man and matron of honor at the 1951 wedding of Reagan and his wife Nancy, now the first lady.

One of Holden's most recent film roles was that of a movie director in Blake Edward's black comedy about Hollywood, "S.O.B," released earlier this year.

Holden got his big break in films as the musically inclined boxer in "Golden Boy," in 1939, then rose to become one of the most popular movie actors of his time.

His Academy Award came in 1953, and he got other nominations for his performances as the hack screen writer in "Sunset Boluevard" in 1950 and for "Network." His "Network" co-star, Peter Finch, was awarded the Oscar posthumously.

In recent years, Holden traveled on cultural and anthropological missions to

Africa and New Guinea with his close friend, Stephanie Powers, a star of the ABC television series "Hart to Hart." They brought back many artifacts from New Guinea and were engaged in helping that country develop its art.

Holden also was interested in the ecology of Africa and was a frequent visitor to that continent, where for several years he had interest in the Mt. Kenya Safari Club and Hotel.

One of his most recent films was "The Earthling," filmed in the South Pacific. He had also narrated a documentary on the ecology of the oceans.

He made his television debut as the policeman who didn't want to retire in Joseph Wambaugh's "The Blue Knight." The four-hour movie was seen on NBC in 1973, but Holden declined to do the spinoff television series, which starred George Kennedy and had only a short run.

Holden is survived by two sons, Peter and Scott, and a daughter, Virginia, as well as his former wife, Ardis "Brenda" Holden, with whom he remained close until his death. Holden never remarried.



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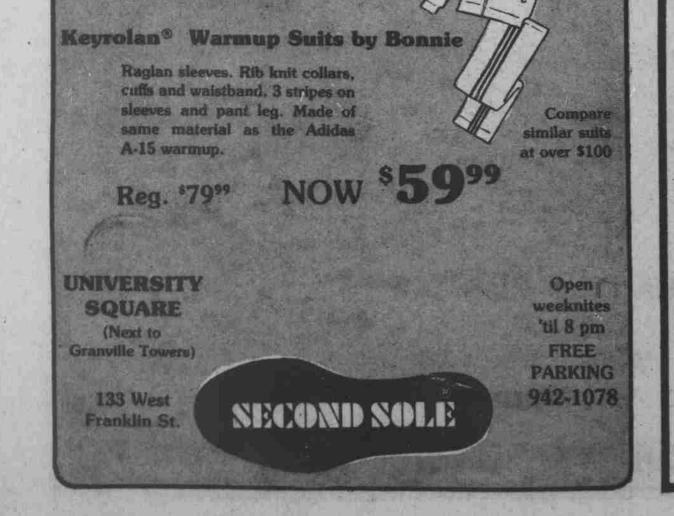
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health. However, last year there were reports he was going to West Germany to consult with Dr. Hans Nieper, a cancer

> not think Holden was seriously ill. The actor was a close friend of Presi-

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