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One Strike On SENSATIONALISM

Editorial

CRIME CASTS a sinister shadow over even the most innocent and complacent communities. That has been apparent, unfortunately, here in State College where the merciless killing of Rachael Taylor has startled the locality beyond previous comprehension.

That State College is ordinarily a serene, satisfied, unmolested town snuggled away in the Nittany valley and free of the vice and crime of the metropolitan areas cannot be denied by anyone who has been in State College on an "average" day.

And an "average" day here is one which lacks the two-alarm fires, the racket-busting, the poison rings, the day-light robberies of an "average" day in any city in the nation.

Rockview prison may be a five-mile "unfortunate neighbor," but New York, Pittsburgh, and even Philadelphia have prisons, saloons, gambling houses, and nearby insane asylums.

Indeed, the location of The Pennsylvania State College here is "heaven" compared to universities situated within a stone's throw of daily crimes.

BUT TODAY, thanks to the sensational press, State College lacks its usual serenity. Horrible monsters lurk at every turn about to pounce upon unsuspecting co-eds walking along "lonely paths to the dormitory."

A murder has been committed!

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New York, Pittsburgh, and even Philadelphia have occasional homicides, not to mention the thousand and one other crimes. Colleges and universities are located in each of those cities.

UNDENIABLY, it is a difficult task to separate the fact from the rumor in such a case as this no matter how good a reporter one is. Scanty evidence and amateur tips fail to make any newspaperman happy.

When this condition exists—and it does now—the circulation-seeking newspapers fall back on sensational journalism. Once the circulation-seekers begin to exchange blows, the result may be marks of battle upon innocent victims.

The Pennsylvania State College today displays a slight bruise administered by an advocate of sensationalism whose theory may or may not be subject to debate.

SOME ONE has said of the sensational press: "It tends to destroy all the finer creative powers of the mind, it establishes an entirely false standard of human endeavor, and it gives a distorted perspective of current life."

It is the Collegian's opinion that an exaggeration of crime news today is a pertinent example that the press distorts the perspective of current life.

A survey has shown that only three and one-half percent of the news in an average daily paper is crime news. Yet the survey reveals, the display of that crime news leaves the public with the impression that there is from seven to fourteen times as much.

If anyone is to be protected, certainly the general public should be protected from the devastating evil of sensationalism.

Reckless journalism will prevail only so long as it is supported by its readers.

Brand, Cunningham, Heck Named Varsity Managers

Jack W. Brand '41; Jack R. Cunningham '41, and John H. Heck '41, were named managers of varsity wrestling, fencing, and boxing respectively for the 1940-41 season at recent sports elections, according to Grove C. Washabaugh '40, Athletic Association president. They succeed Edward M. Pennington '40, Morris Feldbaum '40, and Howard G. Anderson '40.

William O. Meyers '42, Robert P. Brooks '42, and Robert F. Wilson '42 were named first assistants in boxing, with Ralph R. Cappelli '42 freshman manager. Charles F. Mattern '42 and Arthur A. Shapiro '42 were named alternates.

First assistant managers in wrestling are Raymond J. McHenry '42, Jack A. Sloan '42, and Raymond Schaeffer '42. William M. Wharton was elected freshman manager, and Theodore R. Weiss '42, and Jack M. Fillman '42 were named alternates.

Albert L. Waschler '42, H. Walter Gamble '42, and William L. Sandston '42 were named first assistant managers of fencing.

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Entries For All-College Circus Cannot Be Filed After Monday, April 15

With plans rapidly moving ahead and Penn State's second annual All-College Circus slated for Red Hall April 27, Circus Director Eugene Wetstone announced yesterday that fraternities and independent groups wishing to enter acts must do so no later than Monday, April 15.

All acts entered must be auditioned this year before they will be entered on the program. Wetstone said A cup will be presented to the best fraternity act, with medals going to the members of the winning independent troupe.

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Voting On Class Officers, Student Council Separate

Night Ballotting Hours Instituted; Campaigns Will Start On April 16

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, April 23, 24, and 25, have been set as the dates for all-College elections.

A. William Engel Jr '41, chairman of the Elections Committee, announced yesterday.

All-College President and class officers will be chosen, with School Council elections to be held separately in a manner prescribed by the respective Councils.

Since the two names will appear on the same lever, a vote for All-College President will be an automatic vote for All-College Vice-President.

Altering last year's regulations, the committee abolished morning voting hours and instituted instead balloting in the evening.

Voting will take place in the first floor lounge of Old Main from 12:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday, and from 12:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Thursday.

To be nominated, a candidate must file a petition with the chairman of the Elections Committee by 12 noon Tuesday, April 9.

A candidate for the position of All-College President or All-College Vice-President must be a member of the student body.

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ELECTION CODE

The complete text of the 1940 all-College Elections Code follows. Sections in bold type revisions to the 1939 Code.

ARTICLE I Time of Voting

Voting will extend from 12:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 23, to 5:30 p.m. Thursday, April 25. The polls will be open from 12:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday and Wednesday, April 23 and 24, and from 12:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 25. These hours may be extended if, in the opinion of the Elections Committee, such extension is necessary in order to give everyone an opportunity to vote.

ARTICLE II Place of Voting

Elections will be held in the first floor lounge of Old Main.

ARTICLE III Eligibility for Office

All candidates shall be required to have a one (1) average for his entire college career. The Registrar's list shall be official in determining the candidate's average.

ARTICLE IV Method of Nomination

Any regular student meeting the above requirement shall be eligible for nomination for any all-College or class office.

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Congress Battles Over \$2,450,000

Increase In NYA

Election Year House Votes Down President's \$15,000,000 Slash

Special to the Collegian

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 1.—A vote-conscious election year Congress resumed its battle over NYA funds today as the Senate took up where the House left off.

Forwarded to the Senate was a House bill increasing the NYA appropriation for next year to \$102,450,000. President Roosevelt had asked that it be cut to \$85,000,000, a \$15,000,000 slash from the appropriation granted for the current year.

Rep. Ross Collins (D., Miss.), one of the leaders in the fight for an increase in the NYA appropriation sent a letter to all Congressmen last week pointing out that President Roosevelt's proposed reduction would mean that 123,000 youths benefiting from the program would be dropped.

Earlier last month, Ralph D. Helzel, Jr., unemployment director of the CIO, urged a House appropriations committee to grant a \$100,000,000 appropriation.

He charged that the proposed reduction is "absolutely without justification" and is "opposed to the interests of American young people and the nation itself."

3 Fraternities Will Vie
In Interfraternity Sing
Contest Finals Friday

Tau Kappa Epsilon, Beta Theta Pi, and Phi Psi fraternities survived the eliminations in the first Interfraternity Sing contest, held in Schwab Auditorium Sunday afternoon. Sigma Chi and Phi Gamma Delta, the other contenders, were dropped from the competition.

The finalists will vie for top honors at 11:30 p.m. Friday night during the intermission of Interfraternity Ball. A cup will be presented to the winner at that time.

Judges for the eliminations were Hummel Fishburn, Frank Gullo, and G. William Henninger of the music department, assisted by members of Phi Mu Alpha. On Friday night, Frank Holmes, local businessman, will replace Henninger to judge the finals from the layman's viewpoint.

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TRAGEDY NOT TO AFFECT REGULATIONS NOW

VICTIM OF BRUTAL SLAYING



RACHEL TAYLOR

No Immediate 'Stiffening' Of Rules Is Indicated By Officials; Police Continue Hunt For Taylor Killer

Investigators Now Believe Coed May Have Been Hit By Automobile; Officials Organizing Evidence, Following Every Clue In Drive For Quick Solution

BULLETIN

Concerning the State Police's new theory that Rachel Taylor may have been a victim of a reckless driver, an authority on reconstructing injuries from circumstantial evidence issued the following statement to the Collegian late yesterday:

"It is my opinion that there is no legally credible evidence justifying a finding that Miss Taylor was murdered or was the victim of any sex maniac. The known facts and logical inferences that can reasonably be drawn from circumstantial evidence, plainly indicate that she was struck by an automobile while attempting to cross College Avenue near Atherton Hall, that the condition of the weather—both fog and rain—were partly responsible, and that her death resulted from the crime of manslaughter, not murder."

Dr. Herbert Glenn, one of two State College doctors who performed the autopsy, refuted this belief by telling a Collegian reporter. "The idea has been suggested, but it seems impossible to me, particularly because of the nature of the injuries around the public area and the head."

That women's regulations at the College would not undergo immediate "stiffening" as a result of the brutal slaying of 17-year-old Rachel H. Taylor, freshman co-ed, was indicated to the Collegian by College authorities yesterday.

"College regulations for women automatically will be adhered to more strictly by the co-eds themselves," one official said.

Whether the Women's Student Government Association would take any action to tighten rules governing the return of co-eds following vacations could not be learned.

However, revisions are being contemplated, it was reliably stated.

A new theory was presented on the case yesterday morning as Col. Lynn G. Adams conducted a press conference at the State College borough hall.

"I am convinced," he told newspapermen, "that the girl was run down by an automobile. We are checking every car possible to find any traces of such."

Abiations on the right thigh of Miss Taylor's legs, which may have been caused by an automobile tire, were the clues which led police to this theory, Colonel Adams said.

Meanwhile, State Police continued the hunt for the slayer. After four days of sensational developments, the murder case has quieted to routine work.

"We are just about caught up on making detailed reports on the case and will further our inquiries at the College as well as throughout the country," Private James H. Griffith, in charge of the local end of the investigation for State Police, said yesterday.

The body of Miss Taylor, her head crushed by a blunt instrument, was found early Thursday morning on the driveway in front of the College Township school at Lemont. Harold Leightley, a janitor at the school, made the discovery.

Other brutal marks on her body revealed that the crime may have been committed by a maniac slayer.

The last killings to attract wide interest were the unsolved Guy and Hugh Muirhead murders in Beloitone in 1934 and 1935.

The closest homicide to the scene of the present crime was the fatal stabbing of Betty Hikol, daughter of the Rockview Penitentiary physician on January 13, 1932, by a Rockview trustee, Fred Collins.

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In 1936 Mrs. Margaret Behmer of Philipsburg fatally shot her paramour—Louis Kreitz, a Negro barber—but was acquitted by the jury when she said that she had shot him after a quarrel during which she was trying to break off their relations. Judge M. Ward Fleming termed her acquittal Centre County's "greatest miscarriage of justice."

No proof has been obtained to indicate how Miss Taylor was transported to Lemont, and the actual scene of the crime has not been definitely established.

Developments Are Disappointing.

Numerous clues have been checked, suspects held, and rumors sifted, but police are frank in admitting that developments have been disappointing.

Miss Taylor, a student in home economics, had been popular in high school where she was an honor student and outstanding in athletics.

Both the corporation and the union have accepted Professor Tanner as arbitrator, and have agreed to accept his decision. The employees on strike have returned to work while Professor Tanner is studying the details of the dispute before rendering a decision.

'Sweet Swing', Irene Daye's Style

It was in Philadelphia where Gene Krupa, 1F Ball maestro, first heard Irene Daye, and immediately signed her up. The next night Irene sang with Gene at their memorable Randall's Island engagement. Irene's style in conjunction with Gene's drumming. She likes jitterbugs but is sorry to see hot music on the way out.

Though she claims nothing ever happened to her, Irene relates an almost unbelievable tale of shoes, beer-jackets, and automobile fenders being conveyed to the orchestra stand to be autographed by her.

To those who believe "Gene's music is merely a jam-session, Irene says that, excepting the exhibitions he gives, the music is es-



IRENE DAYE

Helzels On Vacation

President and Mrs. Ralph D. Helzel have been vacationing in Florida since Easter. They are expected to return within two weeks. While they are gone, their home on the campus is being repaired.