

With the Editor—

Six Months After, The Taylor Case Remains Unsolved. Was It Murder?

Word that police are no closer than ever to the killer of Rachel Taylor six months after the crime lends some credence to the report issued not long after the death that the coed was the victim of a hit-and-run driver and not of a sex killer.

Never widely credited and still weak in the face of evidence, two things that have occurred strengthened the suggestion.

First, the later killing of a Bellefonte girl was solved and proved to have no connection with the Taylor case. In the second instance, no maniac struck again as Colonel Adams, chief of the Pennsylvania Motor Police, predicted a sex killer would.

The hit-and-run theory found its strength in a statement that Miss Taylor was not criminally attacked and in a suggestion that none of the "teeth" markings on her body were such that they could not have been made by a speeding automobile. Physicians who performed the autopsy have never confirmed this, maintaining that she was a murder victim. It is a matter of record, however, that, regarding some of the markings on the dead girl's body which had first been called teeth, marks, a later opinion was issued that said these were scratches that any sharp object could have caused.

The hit-and-run report originated with a local figure well-versed in reconstructing industrial accidents from circumstantial evidence and with a record that would lend credibility to anything he might suggest. At his own request, he has remained anonymous.

The statement he prepared and issued within a week after the death of Miss Taylor follows:

"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."

It is a fact, supported by statistics, that students from land grant colleges are less likely to break into Who's Who than is average. This, of course, is because most of them start much farther away from the Who's Who class than students of the richer institutions. Mr. Wendell Willkie who began as nothing but a campus radical at the land-grant University of Indiana proves that there are exceptions to the rule. Until, the political she-manigans began, there was a possibility that his democratic opponent might have been another Hoosier, Paul McNutt.

"We must regard the attacks on schools, colleges, budgets and various essential services, although they seem to originate from different sources, as the several aspects of one determined assault on the free democratic basis of our system of education." Prof. Walter Rautenstrauch of Columbia University protests against current attacks on public education.

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LION TALES

Brief Beginning:

Beginnings, especially column beginnings, are hard to write and so I might as well wade right in, save Eck a ream of paper and say that the fraternity social affairs for the year started with a bang last week-end with a couple of pledge dances and several picnics.

The Phi Deltis, who absolutely refuse to let anyone get ahead of them, held their pledge dance Friday night, but if all reports were true, the Sigma Pi pledge dance on Saturday night was the real highlight of the weekend. It was a screwy affair. The seniors were pledges for the night and the frosh in their role as upperclassmen went so far as to paddle prexy Carl Zeigler publicly for refusing to carry out one of their orders. Brothers called for their dates in a Model A Ford with chains on the tires and made the girls climb out of second story windows via a ladder. The car stalled in front of the Corner Room, from whence, according to previous plans, it was to be towed by a pair of mules. But unfortunately a policeman arrived on the scene before the mules, and the chariot, affectionately named "Hutzle," had to proceed to the house under its own steam. There were two fellows out front mowing the lawn when the guests arrived, and another stood in the vestibule with a spray gun and greeted each newcomer with "Gee, ain't the flies terrible." Later in the evening Mickey Meyers did a striptease down to a pair of awning striped shorts, four boys set up a card table in the middle of the dance floor and started to play bridge. They finished their game, retreated, and their place was taken by a brother in pajamas who spread out a blanket, put down a pillow and attempted to go to sleep while the dancers stumbled over him. Marie Lawrence, kappa, won the door prize . . . a fountain pen, and lucky Kay Bidespacher, alfachio, won the booby prize . . . a live goose. Strangely enough, she refused to take her prize back to the dorm.

Picnic Time:

Loathe to admit that picnic weather is over, the hearty Sigma Nus held a picnic Saturday afternoon somewhere in the vicinity of Whipple's Dam. The Phi Gams and Betas went there one better and had a picnic in the Barrens Saturday night. You can have them, boys and girls I'll stick close to the living room fire.

Did you know that . . . Elinor Weaver, theta, received two votes for Dormitory Queen . . . Mary Ann Hutchinson married Phi Gam Wally Jones . . . Dick May, beta, after a long fight won the Hendershot handicap—he's going steady with the popular kappa . . . tall Pan-Hel prexy, Harriet Singer, AEPi, has been asked for dates for every big weekend this year by a freshman who stands about five feet tall with his shoes on . . . Misto McKnight, kappa sig, after waiting two years for his girl to enroll at Penn State, has to go home every week-end to have a date—he's pinned to freshman Lillian Clark.

Wife Of Auditor, Victim Of Fire, In Fair Condition

No change was reported in the condition of Mrs. James A. Hanley by Centre County Hospital authorities yesterday. "Mrs. Hanley's condition is only fair," the hospital officials stated.

The wife of James A. Hanley, College auditor, is in serious condition in Centre County Hospital as the result of severe burns suffered when fire damaged their residence at 459 E. Fairmount Avenue early Sunday morning.

Janet, their 16-month-old daughter, was rescued unhurt by Mr. Hanley when he rushed upstairs and carried her to safety.

E.E. Society Will Hold Introductory Meeting

The Electrical Engineering Society will open a series of meetings with a cider feed to be held in the new Electrical Engineering Building, 7:30 p. m. tomorrow.

Representatives of student organizations and societies will give short talks explaining some of the extra-curricular activities open to student electrical engineers. Members of the faculty will support the program with discussions of topics of general interest to everyone.

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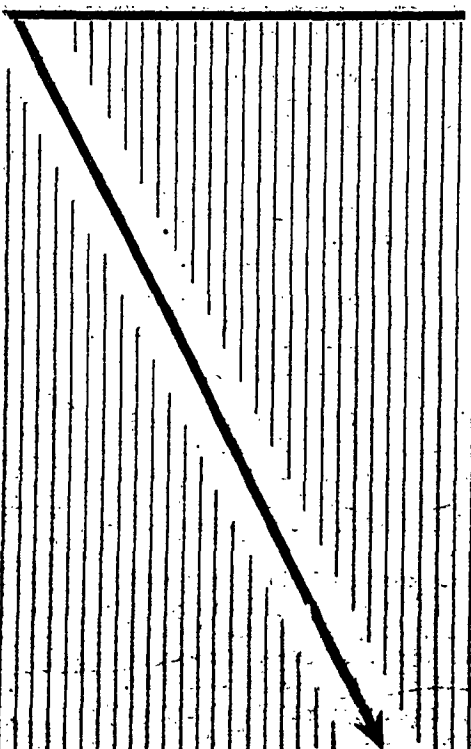


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(Left)—Pockets full of pleats, and metal clips chained to the bodice are dress-up details of a tailored frock. Sizes 12 to 20.

(Right)—Contrast stitching and lining hi-lights, standing collar and bow tie, tucked sleeves and pockets. Fan pleated skirt, front and back. Sizes 12 to 20.

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