

Prof's Son Takes Own Life With Shotgun

William B. Shepperd Jr., 15, son of Associate Professor of Electrical Engineering William B. Shepperd, was killed last night at 6:25 by a self-inflicted shotgun wound in the head.

Charles Scheckler, Centre County Coroner, stated that

Shepperd, a junior at State College High School, was sitting in the living room of the Shepperd home at 522 Linden Road with his father and stepmother. Mr. Shepperd told his son to go into his room and straighten it up.

Young Shepperd went into his room, picked up his own 12-gauge, double-barreled shotgun, and shot himself. The parents immediately called the Campus Patrol and night patrolman W. E. Leonard, after arriving at the

scene, called the county coroner. "Shepperd was in apparent good health," stated Coroner Scheckler. "His mother died when he was six, but he expressed no dissatisfaction with his foster mother."

Shepperd transferred to the State College High School in September, 1947, from Stillwater, Okla. A better than average student, he gave no trouble to high school authorities, according to T. R. Kemmerer, principal.

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College Plans Raising Beaver Field Capacity

New Beaver Field seating capacity will be more than doubled by new construction which is expected to be completed before the start of the 1949 season, James Milholland, acting president, announced yesterday. Work on the project will begin in early spring.

By closing in the north end of the stadium, horseshoe style, and adding a 72-foot section to the south end of both the East and West stands, the permanent seating capacity will be boosted from 14,778 to 28,000. Temporary stands at the south end of the field will add another 2,000 seats to the total.

Dressing Rooms

Construction of permanent dressing quarters under the West stands and the new additions to the East and West stands had previously been authorized but the contractor, the Pittsburgh-Des Moines Steel Company, of Pittsburgh, had been unable to obtain the steel with which to start the work. The new contract calls for completion by September 1.

Also authorized by the executive committee of the Board of Trustees was a new, double-decked, all-steel press box in which will be included all the newest features for newspaper, radio and photographic coverage of home football games. The new box will be built outside the stands, to the rear of the present box, and will be accessible only from the rear. This arrangement will free 250 top row seats in mid-field.

Locker Rooms

The new dressing quarters, which will be built under the West stands, will accommodate both the home team and the visiting team, plus rooms for equipment, officials, trainers. There will be two sizeable locker rooms, with showers and toilet facilities, and fittings will be modern in every detail.

By closing in the north end of the stadium, horseshoe style, 9400 seats will be added to the total. The two new sections on the south end will provide another 3500 seats. The latter sections will be 40 rows high, or the same as the present stands. The new sections in the north end will be only 30 rows high, and exits running to the rear will be routed to ease the post-game traffic load.

Late AP News, Courtesy WMAJ

Truman Decries Hearings

WASHINGTON—President Truman told his news conference today he still regards the spy hearing as a red herring. Mr. Truman took the stand that the Committee on Un-American Activities is interested chiefly in making the headlines. Republican members of the committee were quick to deny the President's statement.

Other committee members

were busy in the hearing room of the House where the newest figure to appear, Henry Wadleigh, was being questioned about the truth of accusations that he slipped government secrets to former Communist Whittaker Chambers.

Prince to be Christened

LONDON—Buckingham Palace announced that Princess Elizabeth's son will be christened next Wednesday.

Madame Chiang

WASHINGTON—Madame Chiang Kai-Shek will arrive at the White House this afternoon to discuss aid to China.

New Group Set To Investigate Food Problems

A new attempt to solve the food problem in Nittany dining commons was launched by All-College Cabinet last night, when William Lawless, All-College President, appointed a special committee to investigate the entire subject.

This action came after Paul Kritsky, representing the Nittany dorm residents, presented petitions signed by 1364 men calling for further action to "remedy the situation."

Nearly half of the 155-minute session was spent discussing various aspects of the food situation in Nittany commons. Lawless and Edmund Walacavage, All-College secretary-treasurer, will be co-chairmen of the committee.

Cabinet also heard the "ice skating" committee report that the College administration has approved a plan to use the football practice field for ice skating. The project, at no cost to the students, is expected to be ready for use January 3.

Other Cabinet action included acceptance of the campus chest committee recommendations that drives for funds by various group be run according to a schedule.

Allocation of \$30 was voted to aid in financing a booklet for distribution to visiting teams, as suggested by Blue Key, junior men's hat society.

Thespians Set New Deadline

Closing date of the Thespian Club's scenario-writing contest has been set forward from December 14 to January 5, W. Norman Sims, president, stated yesterday.

Contest entries will be accepted at Student Union on or before that date. All other rules remain the same with the exception of the date for final judging of the submitted material, which has been set forward to February 10.

Complete sets of rules for entering the contest are still available at Student Union. Prizes for the winning entries are \$100 for first, \$50 for second place winner, and \$25 for the scenario rated third best.

Alert Coeds Squelch Blaze in Simmons Hall After Alarm Fails

Fire broke out about 11:30 yesterday morning in a third floor cleaning closet of Simmons Hall. The fire started in the janitor's trash can which was inside the closet.

Alertness on the part of several coeds who discovered and extinguished the fire prevented any serious damage. Barbara Meadows and another unidentified coed saw the smoke in the hall and upon investigation found the fire in the closet. Immediately Miss Meadows attempted to set off the fire alarm. When three of the alarm boxes failed to work, she ran to the main lobby where Ruth Neff, on duty at the desk, succeeded in setting off the alarm, ten minutes after the blaze was discovered. Miss Neff called the Campus Patrol and they notified the Alpha Fire Co.

Maxine Dickey and Esther Schrengost, whose room is across from the closet meanwhile had extinguished the blaze. With

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Phi Sigma Delta Wins Award As Outstanding Fraternity

Phi Sigma Delta won the outstanding fraternity award for the fall of 1947 and spring of 1948 and was given a token presentation by George Chapman, Interfraternity Council president, at the annual IFC-Association of Fraternity Counselors banquet held Wednesday night at the Nittany Lion Inn.

The actual cup which IFC plans to give to the winning fraternity is the \$250 Sigma Chi Foundation Cup. If this award cannot be secured, IFC will present one of its own awards to the Phi Sigma Delta fraternity.

In celebration of winning the cup, the Phi Sigma Deltas are holding a stag jam-sessions tomorrow night, and will have an open house for men, women and faculty at 1:30 p.m. Sunday.

Based on scholarship, intramural athletics and house activities, this contest is judged on a

NAACP To Boycott Local Barbershops

William Meek, president of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, called for an "all out" boycott of State College barber shops by students and townspeople to begin this morning.

At an NAACP meeting last night, it was disclosed that discriminatory policies by State College barbers in refusing to cut the hair of Negro students prompted the call for "wholehearted boycotting and picketing" of the barber shops.

Rec Hall Hosts Formal Mil Ball

Military ball, the only strictly formal dance on campus, will be held in Recreation Hall from 9 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. today. The smooth rhythms of Blue Barron's orchestra will provide the music.

Blue and gold flags are the colors of the dance. Flags of the United States, hanging prominently in the center of the hall, and of the South American nations, hanging on the walls, provide the decorations.

Nine hundred and thirty invitations have been allotted to the cadets of the Army, Navy, and Air Reserve Officers Training Corps of campus units. Members have distributed them to their friends.

Attire is the official uniform for the Army, Air, and Navy cadets. Tuxedo is the dress for those attending in other than uniform.

In the past, reported NAACP members, the barbers refused to cut the hair of Negroes

The situation came to a climax yesterday when an NAACP committee, including five Negro students, tested four of the six State College barber shops to determine the true attitudes of barbers toward cutting Negroes' hair.

In all four barber shops, Smith, Hartman, Martin and Kreamer, and Cassidy, said Meek, the NAACP testers received a polite, but determined, refusal to cut the hair of the Negro members of the committee.

In each incident, stated Meek, the refusals were witnessed by both committeemen and townspeople, and in no case did any white patron leave the shop on account of the Negro students.

Attempts by the NAACP to hold a conference with the barbers involved in yesterday's episode, reported Meek, failed on grounds that the barbers were "too busy" to confer with the organization.

The NAACP plans to contact the remaining two barber shops to firmly establish their attitude toward Negroes on campus.

Discriminatory barber shops will be picketed until action is taken to eliminate this situation, commented NAACP members.

We hope that the student body will cooperate with the NAACP by making an effort to have their hair cut at home and not in State College, commented Meek.

"Our fight is not primarily against the barbers," he added. "It is, however, against the racial discrimination, which in the case of State College, is prevalent in the barber shops."

News Briefs

Hillel Services

Dr. Robert E. Dengler, head of the department of classical languages will be guest speaker at the Sabbath Eve services at Hillel Foundation, 135 Beaver avenue at 8 p.m. today. He will speak on "Who Is the Religious Man?"

ASM Meeting

J. P. Gill, chief metallurgist of Vanadium-Alloys Steel Company, Latrobe, Pa., will speak on "Tool Steels" at the meeting of the Penn State Chapter of American Society for Metals in the Mineral Industries building art gallery at 8 p.m. Sunday.

Final Exam List

Final examination schedules will be published in tomorrow's Daily Collegian, said Lew Stone, editor. Final examinations begin January 22. Conflicts must be filed at the Scheduling Office before 5 p.m. December 18.

Gridmen Select All-Opponents; Spartans Capture Three Posts

By Elliot Krane

Close balloting marked the 1948 Penn State all-opponent football selections as Michigan State captured high honors by placing three men on the first team and four on the second.

Hotly contested spots were the end posts in this poll of the Nittany Lion grid team. Bill McPeak, four-letter man from Pittsburgh, easily took one terminal spot, but Warren Huey of Michigan State just squeezed out Pitt's other end, Leo Skladany.

Michigan State's George Guerre easily won the outstanding player title by securing a vote from

every Penn State player polled. Bernie Custis, the Syracuse passing ace, filled in the second spot in the all-opponent backfield, while Armand "Frenchie" Allaire of Colgate and Pitt's speedy running back, Jimmy Joe Robinson, filled out the all-star aggregation.

By cutting down Nittany runners and generally playing an outstanding defensive game, Colgate's Warren Davis gained the center spot over Penn's Chuck Bednarik. Since the Penn State gridgers based their selections only on the games they saw, the work of Davis at Colgate was

considered superior to Bednarik's the following week at Penn.

The only Quaker gridder to make the all-opponent team, Dolph Tokarczyk, led all the other guards by a wide margin. Only Jim Fiocco, Syracuse lineman, was able to poll more than the average number of votes to gain the other guard position.

Right on Fiocco's heels were Ed Bagdon and Don Mason, both of Michigan State.

Washington State's outstanding lineman, Laurie Niemi, took top honors in the tackle department with Pete Fusi of Michigan

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