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## Town Name Change Proposed

### 2 Women's Dorms Entered by Prowler

Reports that prowlers entered two women's dormitories this past weekend were confirmed yesterday afternoon by Dean of Women Pearl O. Weston.

A man entered Thompson Hall about 2:30 a.m. and Atherton Hall shortly after 10 p.m. Sunday, Miss Weston said. It is not known if the same man entered both dormitories.

### Ray Probe To Continue Says Sheriff

Deputy Sheriff Abner Dear, of McAlester, Okla., said yesterday he intends to continue his investigation into the confession of Jack Ray who admitted he killed Rachel Taylor, University coed, 14½ years ago.

Ray signed a confession to the murder and later admitted it was all a hoax.

Dear said he believes Ray, who is serving a life sentence at Oklahoma State Penitentiary, knows more about the case than he could have read in a detective magazine.

"I'm convinced that if this guy didn't kill that girl, he was there or knows who did it," Dear said.

Dear said he had hoped to have an interview with Ray and his mother over the weekend. However, Mrs. Ray did not come to visit her son on Sunday as was expected.

Dear indicated that when he talks to Ray and his mother, he hopes to learn the whereabouts of the gun Ray said he used to beat Miss Taylor.

"I'm sure I'll get something constructive when I talk with both of them," he said.

Ray said he killed Miss Taylor when she came into possession of a letter involving him in a campus dope ring.

He later retracted the confession saying he had made it up after reading about the case in a detective magazine. He said he hoped authorities would find it plausible enough to give him a lie detector test. If such a test could prove him innocent in the Taylor case, he hoped it would also show he is innocent of the murder for which he is now serving time.

State police have called off their special concentration on the case, although they are still maintaining the case in the active file.

### Ag Hill Newspaper Will Be Distributed

Ag Hill Breeze, the weekly newsletter sponsored by the Agriculture Student Council, will be distributed today at buildings on Ag Hill.

Harrington M. Case, seventh semester animal husbandry major, was recently elected editor of the Breeze.

### H Ec Tea Room, Cafeteria to Open

The Home Economics cafeteria and tea room, redecorated during the summer months, will open for the fall semester at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday.

Thereafter, cafeteria service will be available Monday through Friday from 11:50 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Tea room service for dinner is available Tuesday through Thursday from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

As a part of the remodeling program new furniture and equipment have been added to the cafeteria and tea room.

### Prexy Expresses Views On Borough Name Change

Following are excerpts of a letter from President Milton S. Eisenhower to Mr. Herbert R. Imbt of the State College Area Chamber of Commerce explaining the attitude of University officers on the question of changing the name of the Borough.

"Perhaps I should have made our point of view known earlier, but I have felt that the initiative of such a matter should not come from the University . . .

"First let me say that the name of our institution was, by unanimous vote of the Trustees, and with the approval of all relevant official agencies, changed from the Pennsylvania State College, to the Pennsylvania State University for very cogent reasons . . . A university is an institution offering both undergraduate and graduate work, and with a well-developed research program.

"Obviously, then, Penn State has been a 'university' in fact, if not in name, for many years. Unfortunately, however, even as Penn State gained recognition for the excellence of its educational program, people generally had come to think that the name 'college' accurately described its status . . .

"So the change in name was made in order to have Penn State recognized locally, nationally, and internationally . . .

"I'm sure that throughout the 99-year history of the University, its trustees, officers, faculty, and staff, have been proud that the citizens of the local community have thought so much of the institution that they wished the Borough name to be, in fact, a description  
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### Mt. Nittany Suggested by Committee

State College residents will decide Nov. 2 whether to change the name of the borough to Mount Nittany, proposed and backed by the Chamber of Commerce to erase present confusion following the University's name change last November.

The question was placed on the ballot this summer after 760 signatures—210 more than necessary—were placed on petitions asking the change.

The issue is one of the most controversial to face State College residents in recent years, with many "old timers" maintaining that the traditional name should be retained.

Portions of a letter by President Milton S. Eisenhower, explaining the attitude of the University on the issue, appear in the adjoining columns.

The petition stated that the signers constituted more than the ten per cent of registered electors of State College Borough. A minimum of 520 signers were needed in order to place the proposal on the ballot. The present registration shows a total of 5099.

Mount Nittany, however, was not the only name suggested for the borough. Supporters of the names Keystone and Centre Hills also circulated petitions. These petitions were never filed because those who were opposed to changing the present name and adopting the proposed Mount Nittany could better accomplish their ends by having just one petition filed.

The choice was made after several dozen other nominations were screened since Penn State became a university in November, 1953. This is when town residents began thinking of changing the town's name.

A "committee of 50" which finally selected the name, Mount Nittany, felt it best fitted the  
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### Bullet Indicates Simeisko, 69, Was Murdered

The bullet which caused the death of Michael J. Simeisko, 69-year-old Moshannon man, was found during an autopsy performed Tuesday.

The bullet penetrated his lung and lodged in his spine.

Centre County District Attorney John R. Miller said there is no question that Simeisko had been murdered.

It is believed that robbery may be the motive for the killing. Simeisko's pockets had been rifled and were inside out when the body was found.

Neighbors of the dead man told police he carried a large sum of money on his person. According to reports the amount was over \$1000. However, police found folding money in excess of \$2000 hidden in a wallet in the victim's mattress.

County Coroner John Weber said an inquest will be held as soon as reports are received on the bullet and other material sent to Harrisburg.

Simeisko, who lived alone in a shack near Moshannon, 20 miles from Bellefonte, was found Sunday after neighbors failed to notice him around and became suspicious.

### Rally Will Give Football Squad Illinois Send-off

An All-University pep rally sponsored by the Hat, Society Council will provide a send-off for the football squad at 7:30 tonight in front of Recreation Hall, regardless of the weather.

Hatmen and hta women will enter the dorms to round up freshmen and upperclassmen but there will be no pre-rally parade, Robert Smoot, council president, announced. The only pep rally parade this year will be before the Homecoming game with West Virginia, he said.

The Marching Blue Band under the direction of James Dunlop will be on hand for the rally. Bruce Coble, head cheerleader, will lead his 15-member squad in cheers and songs in honor of the Nittany Lions, who leave Thursday for Champaign, Ill. and the University of Illinois game on Saturday.

Co-captains Donald Balthaser and James Garrity will be interviewed by Alec Beliasov, seventh semester agriculture economics major. Coach Rip Engle may also be present, Smoot said.

### LA Lantern Staffs

Students interested in working on the editorial and business staffs of the Liberal Arts Lantern will meet at 8:10 tonight in 104 Willard.

### First Froth Issue Is on Sale Today

The first issue of Froth, the University humor magazine, will be on sale today in front of Carnegie and in front of the Corner Room.

The issue, called the "Potpourri Issue," will include such features as "Engineers Live Too," by Jack Joyce, a parody on Punch, the British humor gazette, and jokes and cartoons.

This particular issue has three Froth Girls of the Month. They are the McCloskey Triplets, Julie, Joyce and Jean, who enrolled at the University this fall.

### Men's Debate Squad Will Meet Tonight

Returning members of the men's debate squad will meet at 7 tonight in 316 Sparks to discuss fall activities.

Tryouts for the squad will be held Sept. 29 and Oct. 6, according to Benjamin Sinclair, team manager. Candidates will be required to give a five-minute speech on either side of this year's intercollegiate debate question, "Resolved: That the United States should extend diplomatic recognition to the Communist government of China."

### Home Ec Mixer Delayed

The Home Economics Student-Faculty Board mixer, originally set for tonight, has been postponed because of tonight's pep rally for the Illinois football game. The new date will be announced later.

The prowler entered Thompson Hall through the doorway adjacent to Jordan Hall. Atherton Hall was entered through the door on the courtyard facing Simmons Hall.

Mrs. Maybelle Spenser, head hostess of Atherton Hall, said she believed the door was not properly locked when the man entered. She said the door was locked by the night hostess prior to the dormitory closing hour at 10 p.m. However, Mrs. Spenser, went on, a coed leaving the dormitory before 10 p.m. may have opened the door. In that case, she said, the door may not have automatically relocked.

The dormitory door locks have been checked and are in good condition, Miss Weston said.

The prowler got no higher than the ground floor in Atherton, Mrs. Spenser said. Despite rumors to the contrary, she said, he entered only one or two rooms and then went no farther than the doorway.

Much the same was reported by Mrs. Gladys Gummerson, head hostess of Thompson Hall. In Thompson, she said, a man knocked on a room door near the Jordan entrance and said, "Hi." The occupants screamed and rushed to the door, she said, but when they opened it he had disappeared.

In both instances campus patrolmen making rounds near the dormitories were summoned. They arrived almost immediately but were unable to find any traces of the prowler.

### Town Council to Hold Nominations on Tuesday

Nominations for Town Council have been postponed until next Tuesday night, Donald Weidner, president of Town Council, announced at a meeting held at 7 last night in 107 Willard.

Nine prospective members appeared for last night's meeting. Each student introduced himself, after which Weidner explained the division of wards and their representation.

### Thespians' Tryouts

Students who tried out for Thespians Sunday or Monday are requested to see the bulletin board in Schwab auditorium, Frank Cressman, tryout director, has announced. The list of those who have been selected for the show and crew work has been posted.

### Segregation Closes Delaware Schools

By The Associated Press  
Telephoned threats of violence led to the closing of two public schools again Tuesday at Milford, Del., possible court action loomed at Hillsboro, Ohio, and a strike of white students continued at Madison, W. Va.

Elsewhere in the South the segregation situation continued calm, with no incidents reported.

At Milford, Dr. Raymond C. Cobbs, school superintendent, ordered the schools closed after reporting telephoned threats of violence if Negroes were allowed to attend classes in the previously all-white high school.

Delaware Gov. J. Caleb Boggs declined comment. A scheduled parade featuring the Milford high school band was canceled.

School doors were shut yesterday after the school board learned of a protest march planned by anti-integrationists. Plans to reopen them were abandoned shortly after 8 a.m. today.

Dr. Cobbs said in a statement: "Members of the Board of Education since making an earlier announcement have received numerous calls threatening violence in case any negro children attend school. In the interest of the safety of all the children the board hereby serves notice that the schools are closed until further notice."

Five policemen guarded the school and tension was reported mounting in the southeastern Delaware community.

Harry E. Mayhew, one of the

four members of the school board, resigned, but did not discuss the reasons for his action. There was no immediate decision as to whether 11 Negro pupils would be allowed to take up their high school studies.

School board president Dean Kimmell said that in addition to the telephone calls, a delegation of citizens opposed to integration came to his home, about midnight Monday night and told him that some of their number had "gotten out of hand and there might be violence."

Kimmell said the school board members were not threatened at any time, but that the delegation indicated violence might take place if Negro pupils tried to enter the school.