

# Coed's Rites Held Yesterday; Victim Of Gas Poisoning

Funeral services were held yesterday afternoon in Philadelphia for a seventh semester coed who died of coal gas poisoning Thanksgiving Day, the third member of her family to die of unnatural causes.

Carbon monoxide fumes overcame Virginia Price, senior in education from Philadelphia, who was student teaching in Mechanicsburg. She was found early Thanksgiving morning in the Camp Hill Manor tourist home, about four miles from Harrisburg.



Virginia Price  
Killed by gas fumes

Three other University coeds who lived at the Manor had left Wednesday to spend the holidays with their parents. They are Margaret Sartoris, senior in education from Latrobe, and Patricia Thomas and Joyce McCloskey, both seniors in education from State College.

An autopsy performed by Dr. Edward A. Haegele, Cumberland County coroner, showed that Miss Price died from fumes escaping from a stoker-type coal furnace.

Miss Price's mother was killed Sept. 1, 1956, in a plunge from the Henry Avenue bridge in Philadelphia's Fairmount Park. Her brother, Franklin Price, was fatally injured in an auto crash near Lewisdown in 1951.

Dr. Haegele said the faulty furnace had been tended Wednesday night. The fumes apparently leaked from an opening in the furnace door into the coed's room which is almost directly above the furnace room.

Another occupant of the home, Lewis C. Hall, 69, of Rochester, N.Y., was awakened by the fumes. He was partly overcome but was able to contact Mrs. Ruth Miller, owner of the manor, who lives in an adjacent house.

Mrs. Miller summoned a nearby patrolman who found the coed lying across her bed. Upon learning of the tragedy, Mrs. Miller collapsed and was placed under a physician's care. Hill later was treated in Harrisburg Hospital when he became ill.

Miss Price was teaching biology at Mechanicsburg Area High School as part of her senior-year work. She had planned to return to campus for her eighth semester in February.

She was a member of Alpha Gamma Delta sorority, the Riding Club, Jazz Club and an organization of science teachers. She also played in several Thespian productions, including "A Great Future," presented during Homecoming weekend.

Members of her sorority yesterday attended the services in a group.

## Foreign Affairs Discussion

Members of the Intercollegiate Conference on Government will discuss foreign affairs at 7:30 tonight in 204 Willard.

# Vanguard Hit By Trouble In 'Brain'

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla., Dec. 2 (AP)—Trouble was reported to have developed today in the second stage "brain" of the Vanguard rocket being readied for an attempt to propel an American baby moon into space.

An informed U.S. Navy source said American technicians are working around the clock to clear the bugs out of the second stage which houses the control and guidance systems of the 72-foot rocket. This stage has not been tested previously.

He described the trouble only as static in the electronic system. Unless eliminated, he said, this could cause the rocket to wobble in flight and force its destruction.

In Washington, the Defense Department has emphasized there is no certainty the first sphere to be fired will start circling the earth.

Putting a satellite into orbit is not the prime purpose of the test "but of course such a result would be welcome because of the additional data which could be gathered," the department said.

The test is intended primarily to try out the complete launching equipment and to gather performance data.

A satellite put in an orbit 300 miles above the earth's surface could stay up for a year, calculations indicate. The lower the height, the shorter the time the satellite could stay aloft.

The calculations on a satellite's life are based on the density of the atmosphere at various heights. Even the extremely thin air 300 miles up would exert enough drag on a satellite to slow it down and end its career in the long run.

If the grapefruit-sized satellite in the nose cone of the Vanguard is hurled into orbit, it will go aloft just two months to the day after Russia sent up Sputnik I. Sputnik II with its dog passenger was launched Nov. 3.

The United States hopes to shoot four of these small globes into orbit this month, then fire a fully equipped 21-inch sphere as soon as possible next year.

The smaller satellites are equipped to broadcast signals and enable American Moonwatchers to keep track of their progress. They will not be visible to the naked eye.

# Police Seek Clues To Death of Infant

By DENNY MALICK

State police are awaiting an autopsy report from a Williamsport pathologist for possible clues to identification of a partly decomposed infant's body found Saturday behind the Nittany Lion Inn.

Dr. Anacleto Hermogenes of Williamsport performed the autopsy in Centre County Hospital, Bellefonte, and a report is expected tomorrow.

Meanwhile, Trooper Leonard J. Washkewicz of the Rockview state police sub-station is conducting an extensive investigation. Washkewicz said he hopes the autopsy will show how long the baby had been in its shallow grave behind the Inn.



SHALLOW GRAVE (circle) where the remains of an infant were found Saturday behind the Nittany Lion Inn.

The body was discovered by Walter Stine, dishwasher at the Inn, behind a wall facing Ather-ton Street. Police said Stine saw some rags protruding from a shallow hole among some barren shrubbery. The body was found around the corner of the white brick wall about 15 feet from the hole.

The body was wrapped in a bathmat, bearing the Nittany Lion name, two white linen towels and a restaurant-type kitchen apron, which was the outer covering.

Police apparently are baffled as to how the body was moved from the hole to the place it was found. A dog or some other animal may have dragged it away, police said, but the body was intact.

Washkewicz and several other state policemen have been questioning occupants of the Inn and John Lee, manager.

The bathmat in which the baby had been wrapped is the same as those used in all the hotel's guest rooms. A hotel official said anyone could have taken one of the kitchen aprons since the kitchen workers often hang them on a banister in the rear stairway.

Observers at the scene where the body was found said the ground was barely broken where the child had been placed. The body may have been placed under the shrubbery during the summer when leaves would have hidden the area, they said.

A brief service was held yesterday morning in Oles Funeral Home for the infant. The baby was buried in Pine Hall cemetery with the agreement that it would be removed for further tests if necessary.

## Injured Paw Bothers Lion

Today's predicted slightly warmer weather isn't cheering up the Nittany Lion.

Deciding to keep up on the latest campus controversies, the Lion visited ROTC classes yesterday. Unfortunately for him, a freshman accidentally dropped a rifle on his paw.

The Lion is feeling no pain from today's predicted fair-to-partly cloudy skies and mid-forty-ish high. But his injured limb is expected to bother him for several more days.



## Even Instructors Give 'Em Now

A history instructor has come up with a new gimmick for selling higher education to students.

He apparently feels that his students need more stimulation to do better work.

Or at least it appears that way. When the instructor handed back quiz papers yesterday, students with superior papers found a little extra "incentive" to do good work.

The instructor has started to give S&H Green Stamps.

## Job Interviewing Talk

Donald Cook and Lewis Robb of the Placement Office will speak on job interviewing at a meeting of Delta Sigma Pi, professional business fraternity, at 7:30 tonight at Phi Sigma Kappa.

## Panel to Speak To Alumni Club

The Centre County Alumni Club will her a panel discussion on the University's present and future at 8 tonight in the Hetzel Union assembly room.

President Eric A. Walker will moderate the panel, members of which will be Lawrence E. Dennis, vice president for academic affairs; Dr. Michael A. Farrell, vice president for research; and Edward L. Keller, director of general extension.

Each of the panel members will speak briefly on his particular area, and then will answer questions from the audience.

# Possible Fraternity-to-Dorms Phone System to Be Studied

The Interfraternity Council last night voted to investigate the possible installation "immediately" of direct telephone lines from fraternities to the residence halls system.

The proposed new system would include only "interested" fraternities—those that requested the direct lines. The costs of installing the lines would be paid by the fraternities.

The motion, approved unanimously, provides that IFC request the University to furnish information on the possibility of establishing the system.

The motion is aimed at avoiding the current fief of phone lines to dormitories, particularly acute during evening hours. The Junior Class Advisory Board first considered the proposal and it was explained last night by Juri Niiler, member of the board.

Niiler said the proposed system also would be available to independent men, but would probably benefit fraternities more because they could more easily afford the installation of the direct lines.

The Council also referred to its executive committee an accompanying proposal asking the IFC to "request the University to alter the plans of the proposed centralized telephone system" so that interested fraternities can be served by the system.

The motion referred to the telephone system planned for the near future by the University which would put all residence hall telephones on the University extension, Adams 8-8441. The Council decided not to vote on the motion until the necessary information is furnished by the University.

There are now only 65 lines tying downtown phones with residence halls, Niiler said. These lines, he said, must handle all calls to dormitories.

In other business, Stephen Higgins, IFC secretary-treasurer, gave council members lists of 33 bands which are available for the IFC-Panhel Ball, to be held in the spring.

The members were asked to indicate their first, second and third choices for a band they would prefer for the dance. The lists are to be returned to the IFC office by this afternoon.

All of the bands on the list, Higgins said, are available at nearly the same price. He said the list was compiled through booking agents who handled the contracting of the bands.

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days to battle the crowds for what's left at home.