

State College Woman Charged With Murder, Abandonment of Child

A 27-year-old State College woman is being charged with murder and concealment of the death of an illegitimate child in the case of an infant found dead behind the Nittany Lion Inn.

Elizabeth Ann Kerstetter, 27, of 121½ Logan Ave., has been committed to Centre County jail, Bellefonte, after police

said she confessed to abandoning the child in the shallow grave where it was found.

Justice of the Peace Guy B. Mills said he will conduct a hearing on the case next Thursday. If sufficient evidence is available, Mills said, Miss Kerstetter will be returned to jail to await action by Centre County Court.

State police took the woman into custody Thursday at the Inn where she was working as a salad girl in the kitchen. Police said Miss Kerstetter confessed to giving birth to the child and placing it in the shallow grave during the daylight hours of Oct. 2.

Police said the child was born at the Inn.

The body was found last Saturday by Walter Stine of Port Matilda, a dishwasher at the Inn. The body was found lying about 15 feet from the grave.

Stine noticed a pile of rags, including a bathmat, linen towels and a kitchen apron, in which the baby had been wrapped, still in the shallow grave. Police said the body apparently was dragged from the hole by a small animal.

John Lee, manager of the Inn, said Miss Kerstetter had been working in the kitchen for more than four years. She gave no indication of anything being wrong, Lee said, and worked as usual after the child's birth.

An autopsy was performed on the infant by Dr. Anacleto-Hermogenes, Williamsport pathologist. However, Dr. Charles Cullen, Centre County coroner, said the report turned up only meager information.

Elections Planned For Campus Party

Campus party will elect new officers at 7 p.m. tomorrow in 121 Sparks.

Offices to be filled are All-University clique chairman, vice chairman, treasurer, executive secretary and recording secretary.

While any student may nominate or be nominated for the clique offices, only card-carrying party members will be permitted to vote under Elections Committee regulations.

All persons will be admitted to the meeting, but a special seating section will be set aside for non-members.

AFL-CIO Tosses Out Teamsters

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J., Dec. 6 (AP)—The AFL-CIO today expelled the International Teamsters Union by a 5-1 margin on charges it is dominated by corruptive influences, principally President-elect James R. Hoffa.

Vote on ousting the federation's largest affiliate was 10,458,598 for and 2,266,497 against.

A roll call came after more than three hours of debate and a last minute impassioned appeal from the Teamsters Union itself for a year's grace period.

Contacted during a recess in his federal court trial on wiretap charges in New York, Hoffa said the ouster wouldn't weaken the union.

"I'm still head of the Teamsters," he told newsmen. "Our plans were never made on the basis of the AFL-CIO . . . They didn't build us and they won't weaken us."

Hoffa said he believed the Teamsters would still be able to operate successfully.

Just before the vote, AFL-CIO President George Meany said that Teamster Hoffa had made overtures for compromise during the past several weeks.

Meany also said there were indications Hoffa wanted to resign and get out of the way. But he said he and Hoffa never got together because Hoffa never showed up.

"I cooperated," Meany said. "I stood on my head, did everything possible under the sun."

Hoffa said in New York, however, that he had no intention of resigning as president-elect.

"Why should I quit?" he said. The overtures for compromise fell through, Meany said, when he became convinced that Hoffa did not plan to do anything.

Final Exam Schedule

The final examination schedule will be published in Tuesday's edition of The Daily Collegian.

Coffee Hour to Open Sharp Fund Drive

A coffee hour to kick off the campaign for "A Christmas Present for Larry" will be held at 7 p.m. tomorrow in dining rooms A and B of the Hetzel Union Building.

Sorority and fraternity presidents, men's dormitory presidents and Leonides unit representatives will attend the kick-off coffee hour to receive information on the plans of the campaign, to be held from Monday through Dec. 20.

The purpose of the campaign is to collect a Christmas present of funds for George "Larry" Sharp, freshman who broke his neck and was paralyzed in a fall

from a trampoline Oct. 11.

The funds will be used to cover part of Sharp's hospital expenses. He had been in the Geisinger Memorial Hospital in Danville until several weeks ago when he was transferred to the New York University Medical Center.

The campaign committee, headed by All-University president Robert Steele, will be assisted by Alpha Phi Omega, men's national service fraternity, and Gamma Sigma, women's service sorority, in collecting donations from students and townspeople.

Steele said letters will be sent to most campus organizations explaining the procedure of the campaign and asking for their support.

Chi Phi fraternity already has started a drive in the house for donations for "A Christmas Present for Larry."

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Vanguard Explodes In Takeoff Fiasco

Mechanical trouble, not basic design faults, caused America's first satellite-bearing rocket to explode two seconds after takeoff yesterday, said Vanguard chief Dr. John Hagen.

The Associated Press reported last night that the rocket barely struggled off the ground, then fell back and exploded.

But the curtain-raising flop is not likely to impair a planned U.S. rate of putting other

satellites into the air, Hagen said. Vanguard will go ahead with another launching "just as soon as we possibly can." He gave no hint of a likely date.

At the same time, Hagen expressed hope that second launching would not be attended by the same expectant publicity that hinged on every move toward yesterday's attempt.

Hagen's comment when the word of the 11:45 a.m. failure flashed from the Cape Canaveral, Florida, test site—"Nuts."

The flames and smoke of the bitter ending of Vanguard TV 3 (test vehicle number 3) startled and saddened thousands of watchers. None of the persons in the immediate area was hurt.

The greater part of the 72-foot long vehicle was instantly destroyed. But, oddly enough, the 64-inch aluminum sphere which was to have been America's partial answer to Russia's space challenge survived the crash and kept sending out its radio signals all the while.

J. Paul Walsh, deputy director of the Vanguard project—the U.S. satellite launching program—said the 3½ pound ball was found in the area, still emitting its tracking voice despite the considerable damage from the shock.

President Eisenhower immediately asked the Defense Department for a full report on what happened.

Walsh, who was standing in a hangar in direct view of the launching stand—but a safe distance away—said the rocket actually rose two to four feet into the air.

"We had counted down to zero, then said 'fire' and 'first ignition'" Walsh recalled at a 90-minute news conference two hours after the failure.

"Up to then everything had worked perfectly.

"The rocket started to leave the stand, and in two seconds of burning rose two to four feet. We won't know precisely how far until the engineers study their film.

"Then something happened—we don't really know what.

"We lost thrust, somehow. The engine was not pushing the rocket up.

"The rocket fell back down into the stand, and then fell over. There was a terrific noise—a series of rumbles—and then a very rapid burning. A ball of flame shot up to 50 or 100 feet.



—Daily Collegian Photo by Bob Thompson

... OR HIGH WATER—Big weekend weather is always bad weather, but Robert Shoup, junior in pre-veterinary from Homestead Park, and Barbara Kreider, junior in arts and letters from Manheim, solved the slush problem on their way to the Mil Ball last night.

3000 de Paris Jazz Tickets Remain for Sunday Concert

Nearly 3000 tickets for the Wilbur de Paris jazz concert will be available to students today and tomorrow at the Hetzel Union desk. The concert is scheduled for 8:30 p.m. tomorrow in Recreation Hall.

The tickets will be available to students without charge upon presentation of matriculation cards from 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 5 p.m. today and from 1 to 5 p.m. tomorrow.

The group returned last June from a State Department-sponsored tour of Africa, which was made under President Eisenhower's special international program for cultural presentations. It included appearances at the Gold Coast independence celebration,

in the Nigeria Belgian Congo, Kenya, Libya, Tunisia, Ethiopia and Morocco.

It was the first jazz group to play at the Stratford Shakespearean festival in Stratford, Ont., when it appeared there in July, 1956.

The group has played at the Palladium in London, the Moulin Rouge and Cafe Las Ambassadeurs in Paris and has appeared on the Ford 50th anniversary program and the Jackie Gleason show.

Review

Players Meet 'Caine' Challenge

By DAVE FINEMAN
Collegian Drama Critic

"The Caine Mutiny Court-Martial" is a great vehicle and a difficult challenge—but Players, directed by George Cavey, was up to the task and turned in an extremely successful and moving performance.

The story is the trial of Navy Lt. Stephen Maryk, who, in the belief that his skipper, Lt. Commander Queeg cracked under the strain of a typhoon, forcibly took over command of the endangered ship, the USS Caine.

Lt. Barney Greenwald is the lawyer who finds himself with the unpleasant job of getting Maryk acquitted. He can do this, only by causing the mental breakdown of Queeg, a man he respects

for what he represents.

Gerald Denisof's portrayal of Greenwald is masterful. Denisof is possessed with a sense of timing and a feeling for the part of Greenwald that give the role a central position to tie together an intricate web of character studies.

The prime character in the web is Queeg, and Floyd Santoro's portrayal of him is complete in every respect. Queeg's emotional build-up is done remarkably well by gesture and attitude by Santoro, and his final breakdown is completely gripping and real.

Harry Jones turns in an excellent performance as the psychiatrist, Dr. Lundeen, to make his mutineer, is gratifying, but loses high spots in the show. His confident position changes slowly epilogue; he, himself, does not seem to be convinced that Greenwald has placed him in an uncomfortable, almost penitent state.

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Mark Wallace as the prosecutor, Lt. Commander Challee, is most convincing in his final plea for the conviction of Maryk, but one of his most important contributions is a constant awareness that he is on-stage and in the scene at all times.

This constant awareness by the complete cast is admirable and noticeable throughout, thanks in part to the careful direction of Cavey. Further credit is due Cavey for a fast-moving drama that loses no time.

Robert Shiarella's performance as Lt. Keefer, the rebellious and self-confident novelist and covert trit, is gratifying, but loses a slight loss of character in the scene. He, himself, does not seem to be convinced that Greenwald has placed him in an uncomfortable, almost penitent state.

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IT'S ONLY **13** MORE DAYS TO CHRISTMAS

SHOP IN STATE COLLEGE