

Committee Scraps Old Drinking Ban On Coeds Over 21

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The Senate Committee on Student Affairs yesterday approved the revised drinking rule which permits women students 21 years of age and over to drink.

The revised ruling states:

"The Women's Student Government Association of the

Evidence Is Sustained In Baby Case

Evidence against a 27-year-old State College mother charged with murder and concealment of the death of an illegitimate baby was sustained yesterday by Justice of the Peace Guy B. Mills.

In sustaining the evidence, Mills ordered that Elizabeth Ann Kerstetter, of 121½ Logan Ave., be confined to Centre County jail, Bellefonte, to await the next session of county court in February.

The information will be reviewed by the grand jury before being brought before the court.

Miss Kerstetter was committed to jail last Thursday after being apprehended by state police on a charge of murdering her newborn baby Oct. 2 and burying it in a shallow grave behind the Nittany Lion Inn where she worked.

Mills said in yesterday's proceedings he "sustained the allegation of the information" that the woman was the "probable one guilty of the murder."

Miss Kerstetter was represented by Musser Gettig who cross-examined the witnesses but did not ask any testimony from the woman. He did not enter any plea in favor of Miss Kerstetter, Mills said.

District Attorney John R. Miller presented the evidence for the state police.

The child's body was uncovered Nov. 30 when Walter Stine, dishwasher at the Nittany Lion Inn, discovered the body of the child near a wall behind the Inn. The body had been wrapped in linen from the Inn and placed in a shallow grave.

Frosh Advisory Board

Today is the last day for freshmen interested in membership on the Freshman Advisory Board to submit a letter of application to George Thompson, Box 1532 Hamilton.

Crisis Over Dutch Flares in Indonesia

JAKARTA, Indonesia, Dec. 12 (AP)—The national crisis over ousting the Dutch sharpened today and the Indonesian army canceled all leaves and ordered its troops to remain at hand in their barracks.

President Sukarno, a target of assassins' grenades on

Nov. 30, was reported by presidential palace circles to be planning to leave the country within a week for a rest because of mental and physical exhaustion.

Premier Duanda told the Constituent Assembly last night the President was badly in need of a rest but had canceled a trip to South America later this month because of the crisis.

The 56-year-old President, father of the revolution that won independence from the Dutch in 1949, was heavily guarded by 20 armed motorcyclists, eight jeep loads of shock troops and two troop cars when he went to the place in his bullet-proof car.

There was no substantiation of rumors heard in Amsterdam that Sukarno had been ousted by a triumvirate including Premier Djunda and the chief of staff, Maj. Gen. Abdul Harris Nasu-

Pennsylvania State University, in accordance with University policy, does not approve the use of alcoholic beverages. Drinking by women students under the age of 21 is forbidden by WSGA and violations are dealt with by the Judicial Committee or the Freshman Regulations Board, and, if needed, by the Administration. The same procedure will apply to the women students over 21 whose conduct is unbecoming to a University Student."

Susanne Smith, WSGA president, said it is a step toward more effective enforcement of the rule because a more realistic view has been taken.

Senate committee members said they approved the revised ruling because it conforms to present Senate Regulations concerning drinking and because WSGA is actively sponsoring an honor code.

Miss Smith said the former drinking rule has been a drawback to the honor code. She said many coeds refrained from signing the honor code because they felt it was unfair.

"Now that the University's drinking ruling conforms with the state drinking law, more coeds will participate in the honor code," Miss Smith said.

The revised ruling still forbids drinking by women under 21 years of age. Miss Smith said she believes these coeds will feel more like obeying a realistic ruling than the former "idealistic" rule.

The revised ruling had been approved by the Senate committee last fall with the stipulation that it be put into effect when WSGA had found effective means of enforcing the drinking rule then in effect. The former ruling forbade drinking by any woman student.

Collegian to Feature Fashion, Social Page

Tomorrow The Daily Collegian will feature a page "Especially for Coeds," which will appear every Saturday.

The page will include special articles on college fashions, a Christmas gift suggestion list and social ramblings about campus.

tion, and headed by Mohammed Hatta, former vice president and Sukarno's chief partner in the Indonesian revolution.

Amsterdam newspapers were clogged with queries about reports that the island of Sumatra had declared its independence and that fighting had started in Jakarta's streets.

Singapore dispatches said

communications with Jakarta were haphazard, but so far as could be learned Sukarno was still in power early Friday.

Premier Duanda held long conferences with army, air and navy heads but the nature of the talks was not disclosed.

There was no explanation of the army's action in keeping troops confined to their barracks, but military headquarters bustled with activity and officers were in battle dress.

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Trial Noon Classes May Be Offered

Representatives of the faculty, administration and the student body, meeting last night to hear proposals for a revised University calendar, learned that a few noon classes may be offered next semester on a trial basis.

Lawrence E. Dennis, vice president for academic affairs, said noon classes which would affect only a small number of students are a possibility for next semester. He added that he will know definitely at the end of next week whether they will be offered, since he

then will have the first draft of next semester's timetable.

The purpose of scheduling noon classes, Dennis said, would be to determine what problems and inconveniences might arise. This information would help when future all-day schedules are considered by the University.

Last night's special University Senate meeting was called for the purpose of discussing alternative revisions in the academic calendar.

Some revision is deemed necessary by both faculty and administration in order to accommodate what President Eric A. Walker has called an expected "abrupt increase" in the number of students applying for admission.

Faculty and administrative personnel and student leaders were invited to the meeting to hear and discuss three suggested plans for revising the calendar.

The first of these plans is to retain the two 17-week semesters, but to do away with the disjointed summer program in favor of a 10-week session which would offer many more sequential courses.

Some members of the faculty and administration favored this plan because it would involve less revamping of present course plans.

But most seemed to favor a quarters system and most comment at the meeting centered around this plan.

A quarters system would involve a complete reorganization of scheduling, courses and faculty contracts. In such a system, the calendar year would be divided into four equal terms, thus doing away with the present concept of a 15- or 16-week semester. Each quarter would be 12 weeks long, including registration and final examinations.

Those who favor this system said since classes would have to meet every day in order to cover the work, fewer courses could be

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—Daily Collegian photo by Joe Patton

NEW TELEPHONE LINES are being installed by these Bell Telephone men in the Nittany Dormitory area. New telephone lines are being put in all over the University campus. The sun is directly behind the "man in the bag" (right).

Lion Predicts Light Snow, Sub Zero Weather Tonight

The Nittany Lion was seen waxing his skis early this morning in anticipation of light snow flurries which are expected tonight.

He admitted that the extra coat of fur he has been seen in really isn't his. To be a jump ahead of the cold, he said, he had copied some of the coeds' tricks and dug

up an old raccoon coat which belonged to his uncle when he was in college. He is wearing it today in preparation for the expected low of between minus five degrees and zero. He grinned sarcastically when he learned the expected high is above yesterday's—today's is 30.

But the Lion reckoned that he had something to be glad about, for the people in Paw Paw, Mich., have 16 inches of snow. He said even his paw wasn't that snowed under, yet.

Dr. Charles Hosler of the University Weather Station said we

can expect a little warmer weather tomorrow. When asked by a Collegian reporter if there was any particular reason for this sudden cold wave, he replied, "Why yes, it's winter."



'Missing' Frosh Coed To Stay in Denver

Sally Ertel, freshman in metallurgy from Williamsport, reported missing from campus since Monday night, ended a police search yesterday when she telephoned home from Denver, Colo., where she is staying with an uncle.

According to an Associated Press report, Mrs. George Miller, her mother, received the call from her daughter.

The coed told her mother she was going to stay with her uncle.

Miss Ertel left campus Monday night without signing out "to hunt for a job." State Police of the Rockview sub-station

said she apparently took a west-bound bus. Several of her friends accompanied her to the post house terminal but did not see on which bus she left.

The coed, who, according to her friends, was apparently having trouble with her grades, left letters to her parents, friends and professors explaining that she was going to hunt for a job. The letters gave no indication where she was headed.

University officials were notified of the coed's action Tuesday and they contacted the parents to

determine if they were aware Miss Ertel was leaving school. Mrs. Miller said she talked with her daughter Sunday night but she did not mention anything about leaving school.

Mr. and Mrs. Miller visited campus Wednesday and, after talking with University officials, decided to notify state police.

The police sent out a teletype description of the coed and released the information for publication.

The coed's disappearance is the second police case of a student running away from campus within the last four weeks. On Nov. 12, Thomas Rhoad, freshman in arts and letters from Allentown, disappeared mysteriously from his dormitory.

Don't be rushed...



You still have 7 days to shop in State College