

2 Southern Univ. students killed



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EAST BATON ROUGE Parish law men and Southern University students stand by two dead black students on the Southern University campus following the tear gassing of the administration building to remove students protesting the administration. The events came as a climax to three weeks of disturbances.

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IRS investigating rents

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The Internal Revenue Service has come up with a possible cure for the apartment-complex blues. For all those who feel ripped-off by their landlords, the Pittsburgh district IRS is conducting an investigation to determine who is complying with the rent price freeze and who is not.

The district-wide investigation, stretching from Harrisburg to the Ohio border came about through concern for the economy rather than individual complaints. But in State College, the IRS welcomes complaints. It will make the job of rooting out deviant landlords that much easier.

One such landlord has been discovered in the borough, with IRS officials predicting many more to follow. Although they will not release information on who is being investigated and who found guilty, they said the landlord was required to pay back his tenants to the tune of \$9,900 involving 380 of his 500 units.

A predicted seven or eight such "rollbacks" will follow soon, according to investigators, with about 50 more investigations occurring in the coming weeks.

For what reasons can a landlord be called on the carpet? One way is to

misrepresent the tenant's base rent, which is the market level rent in a particular unit before the 90-day freeze began Aug. 15, 1971. If the lease was signed before May 15, 1971, he either will have to stick to the rent paid as of August 15 or use the rent computation method.

The method which applies only to leases before May, '71 consists of adding the base rent of the same percentage increase the tenant was paying before the freeze. For example, if one paid \$100 a month, and the average per cent increase was 1.05, the two would be multiplied, yielding \$105 as the base rent.

A landlord is entitled to increase the base rent by 2.5 percent each year. In addition, he can beef up the rent with a percentage of the increases in state and local taxes and municipal services plus capital improvements and increases in property costs.

Despite all these little additions entitled to the landlord, some are suspected of hiking rent 13 per cent above maximum in State College.

The 2.5 per cent goes for "operating costs" such as gas, electricity, and labor and can be tacked on to the previous rent every 12 months. The IRS warns renters to be wary of the landlord's ruse of making a profit on maintenance cost

increases.

If, for instance, the price of trash collecting goes up \$20, the tenant's rent should not increase that much. A landlord within the law will compute a year's rent for one person, divide it by the annual rent for all tenants and multiply the result by \$20.

How can you tell if you've been taken? One thing the landlord must do is give you 30 days before the increase plus a detailed explanation of how he arrived at it. He must include the percentage of increase, base rent computations, and your share of additional taxes, fees and services.

A statement should be included mentioning the landlord's willingness to discuss his increase, his compliance with the Price Commission, and the IRS office to be contacted if the tenant is suspicious of his computations.

The State College office is at 444 E. College Ave. where more detailed information can be obtained and complaints registered.

The tenant is to be cautioned that all rents are not government controlled. Included in these are buildings with no more than four rental units and new units completed after Aug. 15, 1971. Mobile homes and house boats, however, are covered by federal rules and landlords are subject to IRS examination.

BATON ROUGE, La. (AP) — An area state of emergency was declared here yesterday after two blacks were killed when law officers moved to clear out students who had taken over the Southern University administration building.

Gov. Edwin Edwards said a state of emergency for East Baton Rouge Parish county was declared after Sheriff Al Ammiss learned of stepped-up purchases of guns and ammunition in the area.

Sale of firearms also was suspended and the mayor was empowered to set a curfew if necessary.

Coroner Hippolyte Landry said the victims were killed by either buckshot or shrapnel from exploding grenades or bombs. Both had head injuries, he said.

One of the slain men was identified as Denver A. Smith, 20, of New Roads. The other was unidentified.

Trouble continued on the campus through the afternoon. Edwards said fires extensively damaged two buildings and a bomb exploded in another.

The campus was blocked by state police and sheriff's deputies. One hundred National Guardsmen were on the campus and 400 more were ordered out as a bolster force.

The university was closed and all students except those who live on campus in dormitories were ordered home.

Newsmen who tried to talk to students were rebuffed throughout the afternoon and telephone lines to dormitories were cut off after the campus was closed.

Shortly before the students were routed from the building, one girl spoke to a reporter by telephone from the president's office. "I'm going to give you the accurate situation," she said.

"We came up here to talk to President Leon Netterville this morning about the students being arrested. Dr. Netterville said he had a meeting at the state board of education at 10 a.m. We stated we would wait here until he returned and he agreed. We have not taken over the building. We had no idea that the National Guard would be out there accusing us of taking over the building. Now they are out there shooting tear gas."

Her reference to the National Guard apparently referred to state troopers and sheriff's officers in riot gear.

Accounts pieced together by authorities indicated the trouble began when students, who have been demanding a greater voice in college affairs, took over the administration building. Another crowd of students, estimated by police at 2,000, gathered outside the building.

Police ordered the students to move and, according to officials, a tear gas grenade was fired from the crowd at the

officers. The students started throwing things and police responded with tear gas.

"Nobody shot one round," Sheriff Al Ammiss of East Baton Rouge Parish County told the governor who rushed to the campus.

"We didn't use anything but tear gas," Ammiss said.

In an interview after the area around the administration building had been cleared, Ammiss said, "We heard two pistol shots, shots from a pistol that came from the crowd."

"There would have been no violence had not the students fired or thrown the first tear gas," Edwards told a news conference, noting he had seen film of the incident showing a cannister hurled toward officers as they approached the occupied building.

He said he would make more efforts to solve student problems "if they do not have enough confidence in me to go back to classes peacefully and can give me time to solve their problems."

The 9,000-student Baton Rouge campus and the 2,900-student New Orleans campus of the university — the nation's largest predominantly black university — have been embroiled in boycotts since mid-October when they began pressing their demands for more student control of administrative affairs.

2nd Ritenour hearings evoke good, bad views

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The second session of the Ritenour hearings was held yesterday and most comments again were critical.

The meeting, held behind closed doors, consisted of testimony from about eight students. Ten members of the Undergraduate Student Government Ritenour Hearings Committee questioned students and recorded testimony.

One woman said she testified to the committee that Ritenour had given her a prescription after what she thought was an inadequate examination.

She said she complained of pain in her knees and was given pills without a physical examination. She returned two weeks later with renewed pain and was given the same prescription, again without examination.

She later went to her home physician who discovered the drug Ritenour had prescribed was cortisone. She said the doctor did not feel cortisone was the correct prescription because of possible side effects.

Another coed both criticized and praised Ritenour services. "This Ritenour hearing thing is just trying to turn into a witch hunt," she said. "Dr. (Alexander) Franco is a good guy," she added. "All those guys are good doctors; they're just trying to do their jobs."

However, she also offered some

criticism. "The doctors there are good doctors, but have no bedside manner, none of them I've been kicked out of a couple of offices," she said.

She reported she testified about poor service on weekends. She claimed two people were in the waiting room for an hour one Sunday. One woman was white as a sheet, she said, and a man hurt in a rugby game was lying on a couch.

Another man said he testified Ritenour misdiagnosed his condition. He said he went to Ritenour with a pain in his kidney. Ritenour told him he did not have a kidney stone and gave him what he said were muscle relaxing pills.

The next day, still feeling pain, he said he went to another hospital which diagnosed his condition as a kidney stone. "(Ritenour) didn't do a complete job for a kidney problem," he said.

One woman came to the hearings in defense of Ritenour. She said, "This whole thing has turned into a three-ring circus" and blamed the media coverage for most of it. She added, "With the facilities Ritenour has, I think they do a pretty damn good job."

She said she felt, however, the idea of hearings was good. She said she hoped they would result in lobbying in Harrisburg or going to the University to find out why more funds are not available. "It's not Dr. Hargleroad's fault or Dr. Franco's that facilities are not adequate enough," she said.

Another woman said she was given pills by a doctor at home and had the

prescription refilled twice by Ritenour. When she began to experience "bad reactions" from the drug, she said Ritenour denied any knowledge of giving it to her.

She reported, "My own doctor at home told me unless I do something like fall and break my leg, do not go in to Ritenour again."

Committee member John Martonick said the consensus the committee reached from today's hearings was that understaffing was Ritenour's biggest problem. He noted that this leads to poor emergency service on weekends.

Chairman George Cernusca said "Ritenour and USG will work hand in hand, we're not antagonistic," he continued, "after we listen to the tapes we'll go over and talk to Dr. Hargleroad."

"If we don't do this people will go around campus again bitching to their roommates about the treatment they're getting at Ritenour," Cernusca added. "Dr. Hargleroad seems very happy about what we're doing."

Ritenour Director Dr. John Hargleroad, when contacted after the hearing, refused to comment. "What a doctor and patient do in his office is a confidential matter," he said.

Dr. Hargleroad was asked whether Dr. Franco had resumed giving out birth control pills. "I don't know," he answered.

Lomax faces assault charges after Rec Hall concert incident

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A charge of assault and battery was filed yesterday against James Lomax, University Concert Committee member and Black Caucus chairman, by a student patrolman because of an incident at the West Bruce and Laing concert Saturday.

William G. Snyder, a student patrolman for Security Patrol, claimed in his complaint that Lomax, while attempting to enter the concert Saturday night without a ticket or written authorization, pushed him to the floor, tore his uniform jacket and inflicted a 2 and one half inch scratch on his right wrist.

Snyder further claimed that Lomax removed a wooden board from the handles of a set of doors and threatened him as he raised the board above his head.

Yorks released Lomax on nominal bail and scheduled a hearing for Nov. 24.

Lomax said he reached the concert late and realized that he should be inside to assist in his capacity as UCC member. "I went to a side door, told the officer who I was and asked him if I could enter," he said.

"When he told me that I couldn't come in, I asked him to find his superior to verify that what I was saying was true. I

told him that rules can be circumvented and it would only take about a minute to check it out," Lomax said.

Lomax said he told the officer he would go in by himself to find someone to verify his identity when the patrolman again refused. "He then pushed me and as I reached out to steady myself, I tore the material on the shoulder of his uniform," Lomax said.

"The other officer tried to hit me with a flashlight, so I picked up a small wooden doorstop and told him if he hurt me, I could also hurt him," Lomax said. "But I also told them that violence wasn't my intention and that he didn't have to try and push me back down the steps. After all, I'm no animal," he added.

Lomax said they then met Michael Shields, Undergraduate Student Government president. The officer knew Mike Shields so I asked Mike to verify who I was and he did. The officer then allowed me to enter," he said.

Lomax said that after he was out on the floor, he received a message that Lt. J. Neil Grey, who was supervising Campus Patrol that night, was looking for him to pay for the damaged uniform.

"I found Lt. Grey and explained the situation to him. He seemed to understand and told me to forget it when I told him I was considering filing a complaint, as it was only case of a

patrolman being a little too aggressive," Lomax said.

Abby Konowitch, a concert committee chairman, witnessed the conversation between Grey and Lomax. "Grey brushed off the incident and said Lomax's explanation was adequate," he said. "He showed no rage and never mentioned the possibility of an arrest."

"Basically, it's a little underhanded for Lt. Grey to tell me to forget about filing a complaint and then one is filed against me," Lomax said.

When questioned by The Daily Collegian about the incident, Grey said he "didn't recall having a conversation with Lomax. I just told him to keep it cool because there were a lot more serious incidents occurring," he said.

Lomax said two men, in addition to his woman companion witnessed the entire incident.

When contacted by The Collegian Snyder said he could not comment at this time.

Weather

Cloudy and cold today with some light snow this morning. Cold tonight, low 29. Partly sunny and warmer tomorrow, high 43. Snow on Sunday, high mid 30's.



Making a point

UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT JOHN W. OSWALD visited the office of The Daily Collegian yesterday afternoon. He spoke off the record with staff members about many current campus issues.