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Life sentence for ex-union boss

MEDIA, Pa. (AP) — Vainly protesting his innocence, W. A. Boyle, known as "Tony" when he headed the powerful United Mine Workers, was sentenced to life imprisonment yesterday for hiring killers to assassinate a union rival.

"I am innocent of the crimes of which I have been convicted and I want everyone to know that," Boyle insisted in a seven-page typewritten statement read in court, claiming he had remained silent for too long.

The 78-year-old Boyle, who once was a frequent White House guest as boss of the 400,000-member union, was twice convicted of arranging the murders of Joseph "Jock" Yablonski, and Yablonski's wife and daughter. They were killed Dec. 31, 1969 by three assassins as they slept in their Clarksville home in the heart of the soft coal fields of western Pennsylvania.

Yablonski failed in a bitter fight to topple Boyle from the union presidency only two months before he was killed. The state claimed the assassination contract was given to prevent any legal challenge to the election result.

The first jury verdict was set aside by the Pennsylvania Supreme Court in 1977, and Boyle was found guilty a second time 20 months ago.

President Judge Francis Catania, who presided at both trials, imposed the same sentence as the first time — three consecutive life terms and \$300 in fines — and gave Boyle 30 days to file a new appeal.

"I intend to do that," Boyle told the judge, as soon as he gets a new lawyer appointed by the court.

Boyle, wearing the same blue-striped suit he sported at his second trial, with his gray hair now tinted light brown, read his statement slowly but in a firm voice as a scowling judge followed the text word for word.



Former United Mine Worker's President W. A. "Tony" Boyle (center) is led to a Media, Pa. courtroom to be sentenced to three consecutive life terms.

"In handling my case from the beginning, Judge Catania had formed an opinion about this case and had expressed the same upon my first conviction," Boyle said.

He also alleged the judge refused to withdraw "and repeated the same errors in the second trial," and denied Boyle a chance to present a total defense.

"To suggest in either my first trial or second trial that I received the benefit of a fair and unbiased judge is simply contrary to the facts, and is a sorry record to be seen by any fair-minded person," Boyle said.

"Disrespect for the law in our judicial system simply erodes our confidence in the fair administration of justice that no man is above the law, and no man can knowingly violate another person's constitutional rights and not be called to account.

"If our system can disregard constitutional rights, then we have no system at all. That is what has happened in my case."

After sentencing, while being led out of the courtroom by five sheriff's deputies, Boyle told reporters, "if I'm given a fair trial before a fair judge I think I can prove my innocence."

Boyle has been in custody in the prison ward of the nearby Eastern State Correctional Institution since his second conviction when \$250,000 bail was revoked. He suffers from a heart ailment and also has stomach problems as a result of a drug overdose in a 1973 suicide attempt in his Washington, D.C., home before he was arrested on the murder charges.

Catania ordered him to serve the three life sentences in the same penitentiary.

Boyle's lawyer, A. Charles Peruto, who had won reversal of the first verdict, withdrew as counsel. He told Catania he hadn't been paid for his recent legal work.

Boyle said he is without funds and the judge said he would appoint a lawyer to represent him.

Neither Boyle's wife, Ethel, reported in poor health, nor his daughter, Antoinette, a Montana lawyer, were in the courtroom for the sentencing. They had attended the trials, which were moved here on a change of venue from Washington County.



So good!
The jazz sounds of Chuck Mangione and his band resounded last night through Eisenhower Auditorium, and an enthralled audience gave Mangione and his flugel horn a standing ovation. See related story and photos on Page 14.

ARHS to plan seating revisions

By CINDY COX
Daily Collegian Staff Writer

The Association of Residence Hall Students has formed a committee to work with football ticket manager William Meredith to study the seating problem at home football games.

Meredith and Francis Kennawell (4th engineering), committee head, will attend tomorrow's game to observe the seating procedure and work out any problems.

Among the alternatives the committee has proposed are:

- Using the player entrance at the south side of the stadium as a student entrance.
- Having one season ticket, perhaps in the form of a sticker on student ID cards, to prevent non-students from purchasing student tickets.
- Placing ushers high in the stands to tell other ushers whether seats are available.
- Reinforcing rails in the stadium to prevent students from moving from the section in which they are supposed to sit to other, over-crowded sections.

The committee is open to suggestions from students and is still in the planning stages, Kennawell said. "It's in the very first stages; nothing specific has been planned," he said.

Sports Information Director Dave Baker said one alternative to over-crowding would be to have reserved seating for students.

A different system is needed because of crowding caused by extra students

getting in on one ticket and non-students sitting in the student section, Baker said.

"The easiest way to solve the problem is to have reserved seats," Baker said. "If every person holding a ticket came there would be an extra 700 student seats. The whole section is undersold by 700 tickets."

"Obviously, a lot of people are getting in on one ticket," he said. "Reserved seating causes a few problems, but it certainly is a possibility."

Under current ticket policy, 60,000 ticket applications are sent each year to returning students at all campuses. Tickets are sold on a first come-first served basis, Baker said.

A maximum of 16,000 tickets are sold to returning students and 4,000 tickets to incoming freshmen and transfer students.

The senior section is not really over-sold, Baker said. "Theoretically seniors can sit anywhere in the student section. There are more seniors this year. It varies on a year to year basis," he said.

An addition of 6,000 seats to the stadium, to be finished by next year, should alleviate some of the seating problems, Baker said.

Division of these seats will be decided early this winter and will be based on the ticket demand, he said.

Student seating policies are not decided by the athletic department alone, Baker said.

"Ticket policy was worked out with USG. It's not like the athletic department is just setting down guidelines. We try to find the fairest way to do things,"

he said. "It has worked pretty well. Apparently it's not working now."

One way that students can help alleviate the seating problem is to take up only one seat, Baker said. The ushers help to try to find spaces where extra room is being taken up by one student, he said.

An usher's duty is to find seats for all ticket-holding students, head usher Larry Riley said.

"Our first requisite is that every student who has purchased a ticket gets a seat where they have a right to sit," he said.

To ensure seats for all students, the ushers will become more stringent, Riley said.

"Students, or those posing as students, are undoubtedly beating us," he said. "We are going to have to be a lot stricter."

Stricter policies will involve checking students' ID cards before they go into the student section, he said.

Also, the system of pass-out checks may be changed. "I'm seriously considering not giving pass-out checks until the section is closed," Riley said.

Riley also said he believes reserved seating would help remedy the over-crowded student sections. Another suggestion for students is to arrive early, he said.

"We would ask that especially the students in the freshman and sophomore sections get to the game as early as possible. They open the gates at 11:45," he said.

Campus ready for Homecoming festivities prepared by students

By VICKI GEHRING
Daily Collegian Staff Writer

The air is cool and crisp, leaves are fluttering to the ground and an excited crowd is entering Beaver Stadium. For many people, the autumn day and busy crowd are gentle reminders of a season, good times and people who will never be forgotten.

It is Homecoming time again in Happy Valley.

"Penn State: We Call It Home" is the theme for this year's Homecoming celebration. The festivities begin at 6 tonight with the traditional Homecoming parade featuring the Blue Band, colorful floats and crazy bands.

Carol Gaynes, Homecoming committee co-chairman, said more effort was made this year to involve everybody — independents as well as Greeks — with Homecoming.

Gaynes said the committee worked with the Association of Residence Hall Students in planning all-night movies, and with the Undergraduate Student Government and Colloquy in planning the Gil Eagles show.

"We really tried to get a lot of people involved this year," co-chairman Joe Markovich said.

He said he was pleased with the response from independents. A few fraternities planned their Homecoming events with women's dormitory floors.

Joe Eck, a brother at Kappa Delta Rho, said his fraternity thought it would be a good idea to participate in Homecoming with dorm residents because "nobody has ever done it before."

After the parade, the Penn State Glee Club will sing at a candlelight ceremony on the steps of Old Main.

At 8 tonight, the "mysterious realm of the unknown" will descend upon Schwan Auditorium when Gil Eagles presents his show. Eagles is an expert in the area of extrasensory perception and hypnosis.

Gaynes said that because the committee began planning early, it was able to bring in a lot of new things such as the Eagles show and an alumni brunch.

Two more traditional events — a pep rally and bonfire — will be at 10 tonight. The Lion and cheerleaders will be at the south side of the stadium.

Later, when the Old Main bells toll midnight, the vigil at the Lion will begin. WQWK will be there with

"Lion-watching" music.

Highlighting Homecoming Saturday will be the Penn State Army football game. And if you happen to see colorful objects flying through the sky, you probably haven't spent too much time tailgating — it is only the Homecoming Committee balloon launch.

The Penn State Glee Club will present a concert for alumni at 8 tomorrow night.

The Association of Residence Hall Students will sponsor free all-night movies in Pollock Halls quad. The movies start at 11 tomorrow night.

Homecoming festivities come to a close on Sunday with the Alumni Brunch at 9:30 a.m. Students and alumni are invited.

Other guests will include former University president Eric A. Walker, the Nittany Lion and the Penn State cheerleaders. The Acacia singers will entertain. Tickets are \$3.50 and are available from the Interfraternity Council office in 203 HUB.

"Penn State: We Call It Home" ends officially with the presentation of the Homecoming awards at 7:30 p.m. Sunday on the third floor of the HUB.

IN EDITION



East Halls golfers puttering around

The weather thus far this fall has been bad enough to discourage most golfing enthusiasts, but the men of Norristown House (7th and 8th floor Sprout), have come up with a solution to the soggy problem — an 18-hole indoor golf course.

George Hrenko (1st-liberal arts), a member of the Norristown House Golf League board of directors, said a couple of guys were hitting golf balls around on the floor and they decided to set up a course.

One thing led to another, and the league was born.

So far this year, the league has held two tournaments, The Desert Classic, in which the participants dressed for desert play, and Wednesday's Norristown House Open.

Hrenko said the league is equipped with the works — a pro shop, a resident pro and a pro shop bar.

Mike Chaundy (1st-health, physical education and recreation) runs the pro shop and won the Norristown House Open.

Chaundy said the trick to winning the tournament is to stay around par.

"You have to stay out of trouble, because when you get into trouble on a course like this, that's it," he said.

One of the holes involves hitting a ball into an elevator, through Fisher Hall and into Brumbaugh.

"It was tough getting media coverage, competing with the World

Let's keep all the gates open

Journalism scholars have often called journalists "gatekeepers" because they decide what information gets passed on to the public.

Although writing In Edition is as far away from being a big-time newsman as East Halls is from Hammond Building at 8 on a cold morning, I guess I am a gatekeeper of sorts.

And depending on you, the readers, for most of my stories, also makes you a gatekeeper.

Therefore, it is our responsibility to get the story to the public.

By now you should be feeling obligated to society. So obligated, in fact, that the next time you see something worthy of appearing here, you'll waste no time getting to the nearest phone and calling me, Mike Sillup, at The Daily Collegian (865-1828) or at home (865-7330).

The salad bar is strictly American

A man by the name of J. Scott G has written an article entitled "The New Ten Commandments of Social Behavior" for a magazine specializing in "verbal aggression."

G (the writer's real name) advocates "The creation of a national moronic aptitude test to determine who is a down-scale achiever."

He also favors practicing euthanasia on adults who equate rock lyrics with poetry.

G says of the United States: "One has the right to be suspicious of a nation whose only contributions to culture have been musical-comedy theater and the salad bar."

Bigger women offer warmth to Geary

It's no secret that the weather has been unseasonably cold, and it's no surprise that the University is cutting back on heat to conserve fuel.

The men living on 5th floor Geary are upset about the cold temperatures in their rooms. They've spelled out across their windows, "We want heat."

The women in nearby Bigler have a solution. They've spelled out in their windows, "We'll keep you warm."

Partnerless sex in Porter Hall

According to Jed Smock, sex is one of the biggest sins on college campuses today, and the men of 6th floor Porter have come up with a no-sin sex act — one which doesn't require a partner.

"They've taken an idea from the Woody Allen movie, "Sleeper," and converted an abandoned phone booth into an "Orgasmtron."

It's very simple, Brian Johnson (4th-architectural engineering) said, "You just get in and close the door."

After you get in, lights start blinking and you hear a high-pitched whine, he said.

"A couple of people on the floor have tried it," Johnson said, "but the sensations it provides aren't exceptional." — However, they're working on it.

Vending machine fights back — wins

The next time you get upset at a University vending machine for not coming across with the goods after you put in the money, beware.

According to a United Press International story, when a stubborn vending machine in Miami failed to come across with a candy bar or return his money, security guard Ralph Wagner performed in the American tradition — he kicked it.

But the machine struck back — the glass shattered and sliced Wagner's leg to the bone.

But Wagner struck again. He hired

attorney Mark Krasnow to sue the vending machine operator, Miami Tom's, for \$200,000 in damages.

The suit charges that everyone knows "vending machines perform upon being gently kicked," and therefore the firm should have installed shatterproof glass to protect customers.

Hate mail author zipped by code

This is from the "He who laughs last, laughs best" department.

On Wednesday, The Daily Collegian received a letter post-marked Oct. 4, the Thursday before last week's football game. It was sent from Tampa, Fla., without a zip code, hence the six-day delivery time.

The letter was addressed to the

Sports Editor and it said the football team was more like "Sad Sack Kittens" than the Nittany Lions.

The writer said the team "lacks the following: guts, character, courage, spirit, desire, resourcefulness and coaching."

I doubt that anyone who watched the Lions' 27-7 thrashing of Maryland last week would say the team lacked those qualities.

However, should the anonymous author of the letter find out we didn't receive it until this week, he will at least have learned one thing — zip codes really do move the mail.

Johnston Hall gets formal busboys

Most Friday dinners in Johnston Dining Hall are not formal occasions, but two busboys, Mark Radakovich (8th-accounting) and Steve McMillan (10th-political science) decided to dress up for work.

The pair came to work last Friday wearing black tuxedos and sneakers.

"The idea was spur-of-the-moment," Radakovich said. "We only thought of it on Wednesday."

Who knows? Maybe Food Services will like the idea and bring the food up to the quality of the busboys' dress.

—Written and compiled by Mike Sillup

A cool comeback

Today will be mostly cloudy and breezy with evening showers. The high today will be 55, the low, 40. Saturday will be a dismal day for football with cloudy skies, showers and blustery winds with a high of 45.