

Man found guilty in attempted murder of student

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A Centre County jury yesterday found a State College man guilty of robbery and attempted murder in a July 12 incident involving a West Halls student clerk.

Dud V. Henderson, 26, 130 Ridge Ave., sat quietly in his chair as Daniel J. Simcox, foreman of the jury, read the verdict. Henderson was charged with robbery, theft, aggravated assault, receiving stolen property and the attempted murder of Mark R. Allan (13th-music education), a student night clerk in West Halls.

Since Henderson was convicted of the two major charges, the other three are unnecessary. The jury deliberated for more than two hours, interrupting its discussion once to ask for a

clarification of the legal definitions of aggravated assault and attempted murder. Visiting judge Keith B. Quigley, Juniata County, presided over the case.

Prosecutor Lee G. Nollau said Henderson could be sentenced to two separate terms for each charge. Robbery, which is a first-degree felony, carries a maximum penalty of 20 years and/or a fine of \$25,000, he said. Attempted murder, a second-degree felony, carries a penalty of up to 10 years and/or \$25,000.

Yesterday morning, Nollau and defense counsel Daniel McGee presented their closing arguments after two days of testimony from 14 witnesses.

McGee said yesterday the evidence submitted by the prosecution was not enough to convict

Henderson as Allan's attacker. He questioned Allan's identification of Henderson, since, McGee said, Allan had only a few seconds to see his attacker and was under a lot of pressure.

However, Nollau, in his concluding remarks, said Allan had identified Henderson five times, including in a lineup, and at preliminary and pre-trial hearings.

McGee also said Allan, in his description, did not mention the "DUD" logo on the shirt of the attacker. Allan on Monday had testified his assailant wore a dark T-shirt or tank top, possibly blue with purple trim.

Henderson was wearing a tan shirt with purple trim and "DUD" at the time of his arrest, McGee said.

Also, other evidence found in subsequent searches

did not definitely connect Henderson with the robbery and attempted murder, McGee said.

A State College police officer testified he found a blue tote bag, tent rope and \$5 in change during a search of Henderson's apartment. Allan had said Monday his attacker put about \$145 in bills and a check in a blue tote bag.

"It's not unusual for people to have change in their apartment," McGee said. "A blue tote bag is something a lot of people have. It's no more identifiable than any other tote bag."

McGee also said that since no gun was found, there was no weapon to connect Henderson with the crime. Henderson had testified he did not own a gun.

However, the key issue in the trial was the piece of check marked "W.Z." that University police officer Robert C. Bennett testified Tuesday he had found in the toe of a sneaker Henderson was carrying. He said Henderson was searched twice the morning of July 12 after Allan had identified him as his attacker.

Henderson also had a \$20 bill, keys and change at the time, Bennett said.

The corner piece matched with several other pieces of a check found later that evening on the corner of North Burrows Street and Ridge Avenue. University police officer Harold M. Guinn said he had found the other pieces marked "Zollicoffer" in a gutter about 7 p.m.

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Golden age
Dr. Harrison Arnold, 91, former professor of Spanish at the University, enjoys a brisk December walk. The Daily Collegian living section devoted to the elderly in Centre County is on Page 6.

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Oswald against most types of coed housing

President may announce retirement plans next year

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University President John W. Oswald said yesterday he opposes coed housing, except in interest houses, because he does not think coed housing provides a better academic environment.

"Coed housing for the sake of coed housing, such as in the towers (in East Halls) that have every other floor men and women, I've been opposed to," Oswald said in a press conference. "I have yet to be shown it's going to improve the academic environment."

After the press conference, Oswald said an announcement concerning his plans for retirement will probably be made sometime next year. He has bought a house in Philadelphia and has been giving thought to retirement.

"I'm not ready to (stop working yet)," Oswald said. "But when I announce my plans, I'm going to have to give them ample time to find someone else. It's going to take a lot of looking."

Some other topics discussed included:

- Oswald's position as a board member for General Public Utilities. GPU owns Metropolitan Edison, the company that owns the Three Mile Island Nuclear Plant.
- The possible switch to the semester calendar.
- The future of state funding for the University.

Oswald said: "I don't have a 'thing' about coed housing in the sense that there's something inherently wrong with it. But I think to rearrange the facilities and everything else to make things as they should be for this purpose (is not right)."

"I have not seen any study or anything that would convince me that coed housing, as such, without the factor of increasing the intellectual base (such as an interest house situation), is going to improve the academic climate."

"A number of petitions (for coed housing) have been brought to me over the years," Oswald said. "I have always told the people to go back and find a faculty member and get an interest house going. That's how many interest houses started."

The coed arrangements found in interest houses are fine as long as there is security and privacy, he said, and he has encouraged the initiation of interest houses. He has heard the women feel more secure and the men "act more like gentlemen."

Oswald receives a director's fee for his service with GPU. He gave the matter a great deal of debate, consulted with many trustees of the University, and was urged strongly to join the board, he said.

Oswald said most of the outside directors for GPU are corporate executives who are very knowledgeable in handling funds and investments, but are "not in the position where they come in contact with the general public."

"The fact that I face the legislature and different state bodies very, very often, and perhaps any know-how I might have could be helpful to the company, and they need it very badly," Oswald said.

"Providing energy to this country is terribly important. Here was a very major utility in very deep trouble and if the people who knew me and knew the company thought I could be of some value, then I should try."

Oswald said he could not see any chance for a conflict of interest, even though there is nuclear research going on at the University.

"I would say the only area in which there could possibly be anything such as that would be if the utility were to finance some research that was going on here," he said. "If that were the case, I would of course absent myself from the board (while the decision was being made)."

"Mind you, I joined the board after the Three Mile Island accident... I'm not on the staff; I wasn't handling the plant the day it happened," Oswald said.

Oswald said that the decision to switch to a semester calendar has not been made.

"I have assured people, and I mean this, that the decision is not final. I thought it was only correct and candid of me — at the outset — to indicate where I was leaning," Oswald said.

"There has been some criticism of the method — which has been a little bit of the chicken and the egg type criticism — which is, 'We want to know exactly what everything going to be like before we make any judgement of whether we like it or not,' which is pretty hard to answer," Oswald said.

"If you are going to move to a semester it's going to take many many changes which are going to take us two or three years to make. Therefore, you can't have all of these done before one makes up their mind."

Oswald said he wants to avoid a situation that happened five years ago. In 1973, he appointed a blue ribbon committee to study the calendar and come up with a recommendation.

In 1975, the committee of 39 came back with two recommendations: "Twenty people supported one system and 19 people supported another system. It really got more into personal preference than issues."

Regarding the budget, Oswald said the heads of University of Pittsburgh, Temple University and Lincoln University will be meeting at the University in the upcoming months to discuss better ways of receiving sufficient funds from the legislature.

"The fundamental thing at this meeting will be finding what we can do to avoid these crazy things that happen to our budget, whether or not something can legally be done," Oswald said.

Semesters may give problems to Science

Editor's Note: This is the third in a series discussing the effects of the proposed calendar change on each of the University's 10 colleges. Today's article discusses the College of Science.

By ANNE CONNERS
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Two problems face the College of Science if the proposed semester calendar is approved, says Associate Dean Norman Freed: the effective use of lab space and uncurtailed faculty research time.

"The laboratory is a major problem," he said. "Labs cannot easily be moved from three times a year to two times a year."

The college has not developed any plans to deal with restructuring lab courses, Freed said.

"Some of the most prestigious universities are on the semester system and they're doing fine," Freed said.

He said most of his faculty could fit the same amount of research into a semester system as a term system.

"Most of the faculty are enterprising and I think they could learn to budget their time," he said.

But some faculty members believe the research time would be negatively affected by the change.

Chemistry professor Julian Heicklen said research sabbaticals can currently be granted for six months, but this flexibility would be lost under a semester system.

Bernihr also said a change to a semester system would negatively affect research because it would involve a 50 percent increase in the total number of class meetings and interrupt research too much.

Students pay homage to Lennon

'How are you? How're your relationships going? Did you get through it all? Wasn't the '70s a drag? Here we are, let's try and make the '80s good, y'know, 'cause it's still up to us to make what we can of it.'
—John Lennon



These three men were among students and local residents who attended a candlelight memorial service for former Beatle John Lennon. From left are Bill Bogdan (5th-political science) and Bob Trump, 31, a State College resident who attended the Beatles' Shea Stadium concert in 1965. The man on the right is unidentified.

'John Lennon had a message. He shared, he lived it, because he believed it... It is significant that as a new era was about to burst upon us with John Lennon's fantasy, it is now our dream.'
—Rev. Ned E. Weller

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Last night, the John Lennon candlelight memorial service in Eisenhower Chapel overflowed with more than just people. It overflowed with sadness, respect and some pain, as well as a dose of optimism.

Rev. Ned E. Weller, who delivered the eulogy, estimated the crowd to be 300 to 400 people. Every available space in the chapel was filled and people were standing outside during the service. No candles were lit inside the chapel because of the potential fire hazard, but the crowd gathered outside after the service, holding lit candles and singing Lennon songs.

The service consisted of opening remarks by Jon Brian Peterson, a 17½-minute tape with Lennon songs and dialogue compiled by Warren Williams of WXLN radio station and Jack Kulp of WMAJ radio station, a eulogy by Weller and a minute of silent prayer. Sniffling and tears were prevalent, but there was no open wailing.

When the crowd moved outside, the optimism began to show. At first, most people stood silently — huddling around their candles, lighting and relighting the candles of neighbors. The first song to break out was "Give Peace a Chance."

Soon the crowd was singing dozens of Beatles songs.

The songs became more upbeat, with "Lucy In The Sky With Diamonds" being sung with a certain strength behind it. The singing would begin in a small group and spread out among the crowd, but sometimes there would two different songs being sung at once. Occasional laughter could be heard.

"I simply don't believe people should look at this as a memorial service to grieve John Lennon's death," Jackson Lethbridge (graduate-theatre arts) said. "It should be looked on as a celebration of Lennon's life. That's why I came."

The crowd marched down the campus mall and stood in front of Pattee for a while, singing. They went further down the mall and stood at the Christmas tree

at the corner of College Avenue and South Allen Street, and ended up walking down East College Avenue, still singing.

"I took Lennon's death badly; I cried," Ron Gelaro (graduate-meteorology) said. "It's very rare that people have idols, people don't give of themselves these days. John Lennon was my idol."

"People said no one paid this much attention to John Bonham (of Led Zeppelin) when he died," Bill Bogdan (5th-political science) said. "But if it weren't for John Lennon, there wouldn't have been a John Bonham."

"You have to give thanks to God or whatever it is up there, the fact that we all survived (the past 15 years)," Lennon once said. "We're going into an unknown future but we're still all here."

we're still all wild with life and hope."

"So long as his message lives in your heart, his life will live with you," Weller said in his closing remarks. With that, a baby's cooing could be heard throughout the silent Eisenhower Chapel.

There's no hope

Mainly cloudy, breezy and quite cold today with a few passing flurries still possible. The afternoon high temperature will only reach 26. Thickening cloudiness with lighter winds tonight and a frigid low of 20. Cloudy and continued cold on Friday with a period of light snow likely and a high near 29. Another reinforcing cold air mass will move into the area late Friday and Saturday, preventing any significant warmup.

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"I would love to be able to know exactly how it's going to work out," he said.

Roland H. Good, head of the physical science department, said he does not think restructuring the lab courses will be a great problem.

"We can make changes but it will require some capital investment and maybe a bit more equipment," he said.

But Robert W. Bernihr, head of the biological science department, is concerned that lab time for each student would be decreased, since students have to take more classes under a semester system.

"Labs currently use half a day," he said. "If the students move to a semester system, we're concerned that students won't have such a large block of time open for labs."

"We're concerned that we'd have to cut back on lab courses and make them more trivial," he said.

Several professors in the College of Science have also expressed concern regarding cuts in their research time, Freed said.

Although John D. Martz, chairman of the Faculty Senate committee on research, has said the change could adversely affect research at the University, Freed doubts the validity of this criticism.