

Six Men Working 16 Hours Daily on ISU Slaying Case

By John Armstrong

AMES (AP) — Officers are working long and hard daily in search of the killer of pretty Sheila Jean Collins, but there are no major breaks in the case three weeks after the slaying.

Sheila Collins



"It looks like this is going to be a bit sticky," said Robert Blair, head of the state bureau of criminal investigation. "We have some things that look promising," said Story County Atty. Charles Vanderbur, who is directing the investigation, "but we have nothing major to report."

The partially clad body of Miss Collins, an 18-year-old Iowa State coed from Evanston, Ill., was found in a shallow ditch east of Ames Jan. 28. Authorities said she was strangled.

"We have questioned several hundred persons, and I would guess we aren't half done," said Vanderbur. "No one is above suspicion. "It could have been a man or a woman or more than one person. It could have been a student, but maybe

"We're trying to make a break in the case," added Blair.

Miss Collins was last seen alive the night of Jan. 26 when she left Elm Hall, a university dormitory, to meet the person with whom she was to have hitched a ride home to Evanston for the weekend.

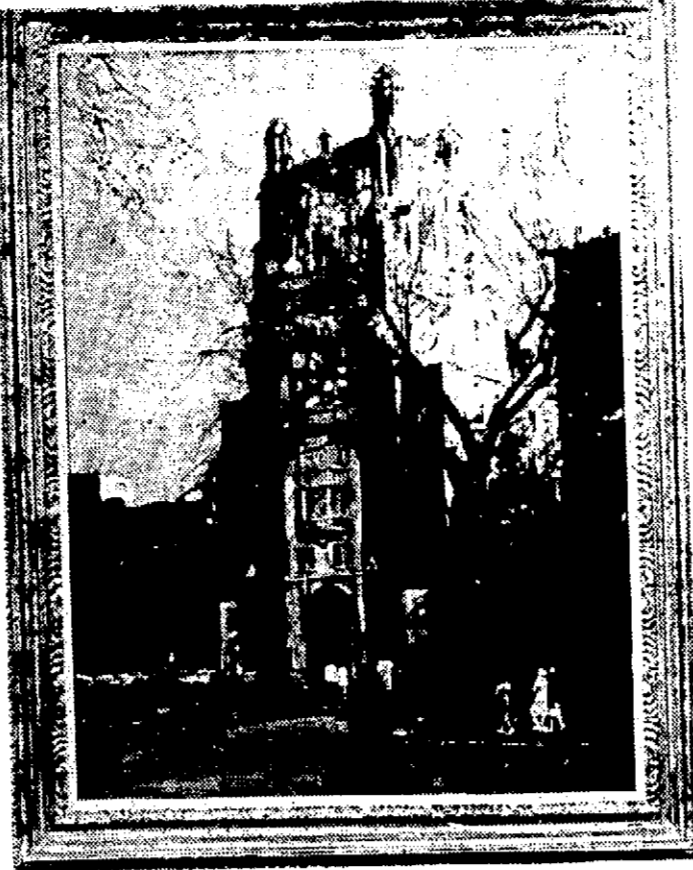
The coed, described as "the quiet, studious type," had a boyfriend in Illinois, who has been questioned, but apparently did not date regularly with Iowa State students.

Vanderbur said it is believed the killer got Miss Collins' name off a board in the campus union used by students looking for rides to other states.

The Iowa State Daily, the student newspaper, has established a reward fund that has grown to \$410 for information leading to apprehension of the killer.

Blair said an early break in the case should not be expected.

"When you have a crime in a large metropolitan area, it's tough," he said. "Sometimes it's several years before a case is solved."



Painting Given Iowa U.

An original oil painting of the University of Iowa college of medicine is shown above. E. R. Squibb & Sons, Inc., commissioned C. C. Beall to do the painting as part of a long-range plan to create a collection of original oil paintings representative of the medical schools of America. The painting was presented to the school by Squibb at a luncheon Tuesday at the University Athletic club in Iowa City.

East Iowan Fined on Drunk Driving Charge

MARENGO — John Edmund Finnegan of Parnell appeared before Judge William R. Eads in district court here Friday on a charge of drunk driving. He pled guilty and was fined \$300. Roy R. Richardson of Rock Island, appeared Thursday in Ed Jahr's justice of the peace court on a similar charge. Richardson was arrested on highway 149 at Williamsburg by Robert Klein, highway patrolman, according to the court file. Unable to post bond of \$500 he was held in jail overnight and released on bond Friday. The case was transferred to district court.

East Iowans Are Wilson Nominees

IOWA CITY — The Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship foundation Monday designated 1,124 college seniors, including 6 students from the University of Iowa, as among the best future college teacher prospects on the continent.

The U. of I. students are: Karen Bell, Burlington; Patricia Carpenter, Davenport; Richard Clymer, Cedar Rapids; Eldon D. Hansen, Couler; John W. Phelps, Tipton; and Richard Randell, Keosauqua.

Donald B. Johnson, jr., Iowa City, was accorded honorable mention. Clymer's major field is political science; Phelps' is economics.

The Wilson distinction identifies outstanding college seniors' potential for college teaching and forwards their names to graduate schools with the expectation that the students will be offered graduate fellowships.

This marks a change in the foundation's program. In the last ten years, with funds from the Ford foundation amounting to \$52 million, the Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship foundation made direct grants to about a thousand American and Canadian students annually to support their first year of graduate study.

Order Probe Of Narcotics Enforcement

DES MOINES (AP) — State officials seem to be using a "double standard" in cases of narcotics law violations, and the Iowa Legislative Interim committee wants to know why.

The committee chairman, Sen. Lee Gaudineer (D-Des Moines), said Monday the committee will inquire further into the policy of the state pharmacy board's narcotics division at its March 18 meeting.

College students and others in the general public often are hauled into court on a first offense of violating state laws on narcotics use.

But Paul Crews, director of the state pharmacy board's narcotics division, told the interim committee Monday the same often does not hold true in cases involving doctors, nurses and druggists.

Sen. Lee Gaudineer (D-Des Moines), interim committee chairman, said this appeared to be a "double standard" of narcotics law enforcement and added:

"It doesn't strike right that doctors get off while someone else gets nailed for the same offense."

Change Proposed

The question came up when the committee was discussing a state governmental reorganization proposal that would place the pharmacy board's narcotics enforcement division under the state department of public safety. Crews opposed the changeover.

Crews said the policy of his division is not to charge doctors, nurses and druggists with first offense use of drugs, if the offense is minor.

He said the "seriousness of the offense" of professional people is taken into consideration, and if the offense is not considered "serious" it is turned over to the state licensing board of the profession involved.

Drews said the licensing boards usually put the offenders on probation but allow them to continue in practice.

Probation

Ronald Saf, executive secretary of the state board of medical examiners, said the probation usually is for five years, and the offenders' federal certificates to handle narcotic



Killed in Vietnam

Army Sp 4/c Gordon Wetjen, 20, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Wetjen of Homestead, was killed by a missile bomb in Vietnam Feb. 7. He had left for Vietnam July 12. The Homestead soldier earlier had been listed as missing in action.

drugs are revoked in the meantime.

He said at least five doctors had been put on probation for drug violation in the last year, but he didn't know whether they had been prosecuted on a criminal charge.

Crews said there are only about 100 known users of "hard" narcotics in Iowa, but many more are known to be using hallucinogenic drugs such as LSD and marijuana. These are not classed as "hard" narcotics, he said.

He added that most first offenses involving drug use by doctors, nurses and pharmacists have to do with various "mild" drugs instead of "hard" narcotics.

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Hills Parochial School Saved By One Vote

HILLS (UPI) — Classes will continue at a parochial school here because of one vote cast in a church election.

St. Joseph's Catholic church had been told that it will lose one of the four teachers in its eight-grade school, so a parish committee decided to eliminate grades seven and eight.

The school presently has two nuns, sent from LaCrosse, Wis., and two lay teachers. One of the nuns is being recalled, and the continuing of full operation at the school would have meant hiring another lay teacher.

So the committee voted to discontinue the grades and then decided to find out how necessary the rest of the school was. A vote was taken Sunday, with some 70 percent of those eligible casting ballots.

The count was 54 for keeping the school, 53 against.

Father Michael Broderick, pastor of St. Joseph's, said he had hoped for a more decisive vote, but added that those who didn't vote probably just wanted to abide by the will of the majority, in this case, a majority of one.

He said he expects 51 or 53 students for the six grades the school will have next year.

If the school had been closed, grade school students would have gone to Hills, Iowa City, Lone Tree, or Highland Community schools. Those of junior high or high school age now will attend Iowa City, Lone Tree and Highland schools.

Correction

MT. VERNON — The date of a recital by John Dietz, baritone, and Julian Bern, piano, was incorrect in Monday's Gazette. The recital is scheduled for Tuesday, Feb. 27, instead of this week as listed. The two Cornell college faculty members will present a song cycle by Franz Schubert in King chapel at 8 p.m.

Say Teachers Cool to Offer At Iowa City

IOWA CITY — Iowa City teachers Monday night were offered a pay increase but from all indications they will not accept it.

Meeting in special session, the Iowa City school board offered a base salary for 1968-69 school year of \$5,850. The base salary is for beginning teachers with a bachelor's degree. Top pay under the board proposal for a teacher with a MA degree plus 20 hours would be \$10,299. Current base salary is \$5,600.

A salary committee which represented most of Iowa City's 417 classroom teachers indicated that the \$5,850 base would place Iowa City among the very lowest paying districts in the state. They said, however, they would take the proposal back to the teachers for discussion.

In presenting its salary proposal the board issued a strong plea to the teachers to accept a program of evaluation which could result in an outstanding teacher being paid more than the salary schedule called for or a poor one less.

The teachers indicated a willingness to study the matter but said that such a program, which they called merit pay, would be difficult to implement.

The board announced that it had approved a maternity leave program asked for by the teachers.

The board accepted in principal a program of sabbatical

Out of Luck

DES MOINES (AP)—A southern group trying to get the name of retired Rear Adm. John Crommelin into contention for the Democratic presidential nomination had no luck in Iowa.

Secretary of State Melvin Synhorst said he had to inform Mrs. Robert Muncaster of Montgomery, Ala., that he couldn't help her at all, when she asked how to place Crommelin's name on the Iowa presidential primary ballot. Iowa doesn't have a presidential primary.

leaves for teachers and indicated it would appropriate about \$12,000 for the first year of that program.

The board agreed to study a pilot program of hiring teacher aides. No further action was taken at this time.

Mail Call

In 1970, the population census will be taken largely by mail instead of the door-to-door method.

\$200,000 Loss Set in Blaze At Centerville

CHEROKEE (AP)—Damage is reckoned at approximately \$200,000 in a fire that destroyed the Matt Furniture store here Monday night.

The roof fell in and some walls of the one-story structure collapsed in the blaze, at the north edge of the Cherokee business district. No one was injured.

The destructive fire was reported about 7 p.m. Police said a fire previously was reported at the store late Monday afternoon, but was extinguished.

The fire was the worst in the northwest Iowa community in many years.

The estimate of damage was given by Jack Jones of Sioux City, co-owner of the store with Robert Matt of Omaha.

Firemen shivered in 8 degree temperatures in fighting the blaze, which destroyed a large stock of furniture and carpet as well as the building.

The fire blocked traffic on busy highway 59 through the town, and traffic was rerouted around the fire scene for more than five hours.

Two Fined

LOWDEN — Two Lowden teen-age boys have been fined \$30 each by Mayor Robert Mowry on charges growing out of an incident in which they upset and damaged garbage cans Jan. 30.

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