



Beat the hell outta finals!

Michele Furlong, Battalion photo

Four mechanical engineering seniors take time out from studying Thursday afternoon to "girl watch." The scholars, found sitting on the wall across from the old Chemistry

building, are (from left): Lee Baker, Houston; Doug Hope, Redan, Ga.; Pat Powell, Houston; and Ubi Figueiredo from Houston

Prosecutor requests death for murderer

United Press International
FREEHOLD, N.J. — Richard Biegenwald is guilty of an "outrageously vile, horrible and inhumane" murder and should be executed, a prosecutor told jurors considering Biegenwald's sentence Thursday.

The 44-year-old Asbury Park, N.J., man, who served 17 years in prison for a 1958 murder and faces trial for four other killings, was convicted Wednesday for the August 1982 shooting death of Anna Olesiewicz, 18, of Camden.

The six-woman, six-man jury, which can recommend death by lethal injection or a life prison term with no parole for at least 30 years, began deliberating shortly after 1 p.m.

In a five-minute summation, Assistant Monmouth County Prosecutor James Fagen reminded the jury of Biegenwald's 1958 murder conviction and noted a prior murder is grounds for recommending the death sentence.

"You heard how this girl was killed — four bullets to the head," he said. "This was outrageously vile, horrible and inhumane. What I'm asking you to do is bury Mr. Biegenwald, something Mr. Biegenwald didn't have the decency to do for Anna Olesiewicz."

"He got out of prison and killed again. While he was out, he got married and had a child, something the victim never had the chance to do and never will."

Defense attorney Louis Diamond, in his 15-minute summation, reminded the jury of testimony earlier in the day from a New York psychiatrist who said Biegenwald had a history of mental disorders going back to childhood.

Dr. Azariah Eshkenazi, of the Mount Sinai School of Medicine, said he interviewed Biegenwald three times, in October and November.

"(Biegenwald) suffers from an anti-social personality, with paranoid traits," said Eshkenazi. "Intellectually, he knew what he was doing, emotionally he did not."

Eshkenazi said Biegenwald was diagnosed at age 8 as having a schizophrenic personality and was given 20 electro-shock treatments.

Biegenwald complained of severe headaches, lasting three to four days, as a teenager, which Eshkenazi characterized as "almost like an epileptic seizure."

Diamond told the jury Biegenwald's mental problems represented the mitigating circumstances necessary to preclude the death sentence.

"Any murder is inhumane, but that is not enough," said Diamond. "(Eshkenazi) told you about a boy 8 years old receiving electric shock treatments, being beaten by his alcoholic father."

"You have here a man, 44 years old. He can't come out of prison until he's 74 years old (if he gets life). Do you think they will ever let him out? Never. Unless we start working with these people, we will never solve their problems."

"If you bury Mr. Biegenwald, you don't bury the problem."

1 in 12 drinkers dependent

United Press International
AUSTIN — About one out of every 12 people who drink develop a psychological dependency on alcohol and that is the "essence" of alcoholism, a University of Texas psychiatry professor says.

Dr. Edgar P. Nace of the UT Medical Branch at Galveston, says psychological dependency remains long after a person stops drinking and continues to influence thinking and behavior during early years of recovery.

"Dependence means being influenced, controlled or determined by something — to rely on or trust something other than one's self," he said.

Writing in the current issue of "Texas Medicine," the Texas Medical Association's monthly journal, Nace said psychological dependency is expressed through changes in behavior and thinking.

"In the early stages of dependency, the person is concerned with the possibility that his drinking will interfere with his job," Nace said. "Later, the concern is that work may interfere with obtaining a drink."



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Reagan suggests plan for educational reform

United Press International
INDIANAPOLIS — President Reagan told educators Thursday "fundamental reforms" in the classroom — not more federal money — are needed to rescue America's schools and keep them up to par with the Soviets, Japanese and Germans.

"American schools don't need vast new sums of money as much as they need a few fundamental reforms," Reagan said in a speech prepared for the closing session of a three-day administration-sponsored conference on education.

He outlined a six-point program, including "good, old-fashioned discipline," eradication of drug and alcohol abuse, "good teaching," raising academic standards, return to local control of schools, and an emphasis on "the basics."

The National Forum on Excellence in Education, attended by 2,700 federal, state, labor and education delegates, was

sparked by a presidential commission's April warning of a "rising tide of mediocrity" in U.S. schools.

Reagan boasted that his public relations effort on behalf of higher classroom standards has created "a grass-roots revolution that promises to strengthen every school in the country" with action — and money — coming from states and localities.

But the nation's two major teachers' unions, the National Education Association and the American Federation of Teachers, reacted with disdain.

Mary Futrell, president of the 1.7 million-member NEA, said, "President Reagan today offered the nation's educators nothing but a packaged version of the same old empty rhetoric."

Albert Shanker of the 600,000-member AFT said, "The time is now for President Reagan to do more than spill rhetoric on the laps of the American public."

Reagan said the nation's total

education bill is \$230 billion a year, rising at a 7 percent rate, twice the rate of inflation. "So if money alone were the answer, the problem would have been shrinking, not growing," he said.

As part of his effort to put education "at the top of the national agenda," Reagan announced he would form a commission to make "academic fitness awards," based on President Johnson's physical fitness awards program still in operation. The awards would recognize outstanding academic achievements, spokesman Larry Speakes said.

Reagan laid out the following six-point reform program:

•"First, we need to restore good, old-fashioned discipline. Then support our teachers when they enforce those codes."

•"Second, we must end the drug and alcohol abuse that plagues hundreds of thousands of our children. Whatever it takes,

we must make certain America's schools are temples of learning, not drug dens."

•"Third, we must raise academic standards. Our sons and daughters need to do more work, to do better work and to spend more time in schools."

•"Fourth, we must encourage good teaching. Teachers should be paid and promoted on the basis of their competence and merit. Hard-earned tax dollars should encourage the best. They have no business rewarding mediocrity."

•"Fifth, we must restore parents and state and local governments to their rightful place in the educational process. Decisions shouldn't be made by the people in Washington."

•"Sixth, and last, we must teach the basics. Too many of our students are allowed to abandon vocational and college prep courses for general ones. So when they graduate from high school they're prepared for neither work nor higher education."

Bail jumper returned to Louisiana

United Press International
SLIDELL, La. — A former volunteer firefighter who jumped bail on a charge of stealing almost \$3,000 from fellow volunteers will be returned to Louisiana from Wisconsin within a week, officials said.

Christopher W. Barber III, 37, was arrested Nov. 7 near Milwaukee after driving a truck pulling a stolen trailer into a truck weighing station, officials said.

Barber waived extradition on Monday and must be returned to Louisiana by next Wednesday, officials said. A Wisconsin charge of possession of stolen property in the theft of the trailer has been dismissed, officials said.

Barber was booked Aug. 15 by Slidell Police on four counts of theft of more than \$100 and two counts of theft of more than \$500 from the Slidell Volunteer Firemen's Association, a group of which he was treasurer.

He allegedly wrote six checks totaling \$2,949 on the association's checking account to himself, his wife and his trucking company.

The charges later were reduced to theft of more than \$500, but Barber failed to appear Oct. 5 in a state court in Covington on that charge.

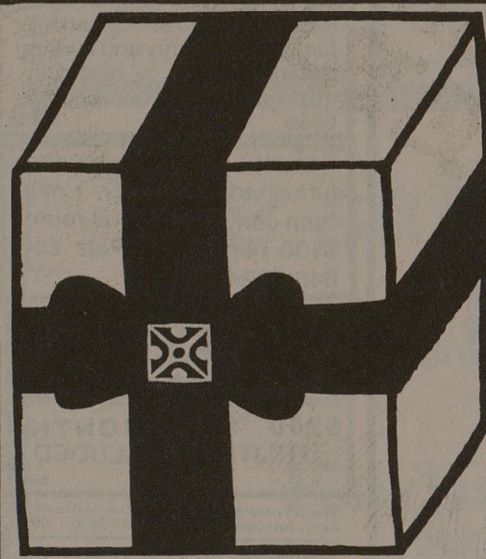
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