

# Inquiry reveals ghoulish details of student's death

SASKATOON (CUP) — The 18-year-old man who died in a University of Saskatchewan residence last Sept. 28 underwent a bizarre mock funeral before being stuffed into a garbage chute by unknown persons, a coroner's inquest has revealed.

A number of students and experts were called to testify before the inquiry in hopes of reconstructing the night's events, which culminated in Shawn Reineke's violent death.

Reineke died after plummeting 20 metres and, in the words of pathologist Dr. Fergus Murphy, sustaining "severe skull fractures, fractures in the pelvis, thigh and ankle areas, lacerations on the forehead, abrasions and scratches."

Murphy said Reineke went down the chute feet first, while Corporal Arnie Mainland of the Saskatoon police said it is unlikely Reineke climbed into the chute himself.

Several witnesses testified Reineke was extremely drunk and passed out on the twelfth floor couch.

Two residents, Carey Barrett and Timothy Wall, doused Reineke with wine, shaving cream and mustard, covered him with newspapers and put a pickle on him.

No explanation was given for this strange behavior.

"I don't know what made Carey and I do what we did," Wall said. "I had no intention of harming him in any way."

Barrett wrote a mock death tag for Reineke and taped it to his toe. Another unidentified student performed "last rites", and another took a picture of him.

Wall and Barrett then carried Reineke to the elevator, hoping security would find him.

One hour later, the two went searching for him. "Like an unseen force we decided to go looking for him," Wall said.

When Reineke was not found on the elevator, the two followed a trail of shaving cream to the ninth floor garbage chute, into which they assumed Reineke had thrown up.

Barrett said he thought Reineke had fallen down the chute, and they went to the basement to look for him.

Kenneth Mark was the last student to have seen Reineke alive, sometime between 3:00 and 3:30 a.m. Mark testified that Reineke seemed quite drunk and was covered in shaving cream. Mark said Reineke was with two other students, Kelly Ham and Irvin Reekie.

Ham and Reekie started a beer fight and set off a fire extinguisher, behavior Reekie admitted was "crude, loud and boisterous."

mony was vague and often contradictory. At one point, the coroner asked Ham why he was being so careful with his statements.

Hes said he did not trust the judicial system. "It's a big pain," he said. He later told lawyer Robert McKercher he was being careful because the possibility of attempted murder charges being laid had been mentioned to him.

Monika Faber and Pamela Stimpson testified that Ham and Reekie were in their residence room between 3:30 and 4:00 a.m.

Stimpson told the inquiry she was well aware that "depending on what I said, I could help or hinder them." Her testimony was interrupted when the court warned her that perjury was a criminal offence. The inquest was adjourned for a brief recess while Stimpson re-read her original statements.

At approximately 4:00 a.m. on Sept. 28, seven students, among them Wall, Reekie, Barrett and Ham,

went to the ground floor garbage area.

Donna Puto, another resident, discovered the badly injured Shawn Reineke in the garbage.

"He was kind of moaning," she said. "We tried to keep him still." Reineke died in hospital an hour later of massive head and body injuries.

Police constable Brian Trainor, investigating the incident, came upon four people huddled in a residence room and overheard part of their conversation. One woman was sobbing hysterically and said, "Kelly didn't know what he was doing ... he made a mistake", Tainor said. The woman Shannon Freeman, a woman Kelly Ham called his girlfriend.

Freeman denied she made this statement, but said she, Ham and Reekie got together the day after the incident, but said she didn't remember what they had discussed.

The crown prosecutor later gave Freeman an opportunity to add to or correct her story,

but she declined.

Besides determining Reineke was assisted into the garbage chute, the coroner's jury recommended that liquor regulations and the legal drinking age be enforced at licensed university functions.

As well, it said university

highrises should be equipped with security clocks and a key system be installed to indicate when a security guard has visited a location.

The crown prosecutor will review testimony and decide if further investigation is needed or if charges will be laid. The police will review

a transcript of the inquest before seeking more information or interviews.

The Saskatoon board of police commissioners has posted a \$10,000 reward for additional information that would lead to the apprehension of the person responsible for Reineke's death.

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