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Murder of Jody Stambaugh

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Terry Foster reports on Jody Stambaugh, a UAF student murdered by Allen Walunga, a fellow student. Stambaugh is described as an especially nice person: not too outgoing but friendly, feminine, helpful, smiling, basically a happy person who was close to her few friends. She spent most of her time with her roommate and her brother, Gary, and his friends. Associated press correspondent Steve Weiner in Juneau reports that she was artistically and musically talented, graduated from high school in just three years, and went to Norway on a student exchange program that specialized in folk art courses.

Walunga was described as antisocial and as "strange, obnoxious and a really weird guy." Jim Engwald reports on Walunga's family background: Walunga's hometown was the St Lawrence Island village of Gambell. He was one of 11 children from a well-known and liked family. Walunga's academic experience is described. Teachers thought he was intelligent but did not mix well socially. Walunga reportedly made people ill at ease.

The murder brought to a head the problem of growing racial tensions in Moore Hall.