

Shiver

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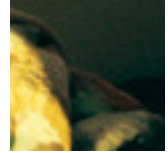
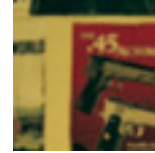
Art



Heartbreak and the Girl from Perham Hall

Nonfiction

By Matt Benoit



John Stickney was an 18-year-old, six-foot-three, 180-pound high-school dropout with a slender build and straight, sandy hair. He lived with his parents near Seattle, on Mercer Island, and worked as a charge and powder man at a Monroe, Washington rock quarry. And on a Tuesday afternoon in December of 1979, he took a satchel filled with dynamite to the fifth floor of Washington State University's Perham Hall and blew himself apart.

There was a reason, to be sure, in Stickney's madness. There was a reason why three female students and two campus police officers were injured, why part of a dorm room door was blown 500 feet across Stadium Way onto the front lawn of a Presbyterian Church, and why his bone and tissue fragments lay covered by plastic in a dorm parking lot.

Her name was Lisa Clark.

The beginning of the end

John's father, William Stickney, said in a newspaper article that John and Lisa had known each other since junior high. Meeting after Lisa's family moved to Mercer Island in 1973, John became close friends with Lisa and then something more. They dated, on-and-off, for about three years. To his father's knowledge, Lisa was the only girl John ever dated.

Eventually, as with many young relationships, their paths in life began to diverge: John dropped out of high school and