

'Times' Article Stirs Protest



Lowenstein: Sex question.

WILLIAM F. BUCKLEY JR. AND Herman and Irma Badillo have let *New York Times Magazine* editor Edward Klein know they are concerned about a forthcoming article on the late Allard Lowenstein. According to a source close to the *Times*, part of the article deals with the subject of the "sexuality" of the former congressman and Dennis Sweeney, his alleged murderer.

The author of the article is David Harris, the ex-hus-

band of Joan Baez and a former anti-war activist who had known Lowenstein since the sixties.

An article last month in the *Village Voice* by Teresa Carpenter, later reprinted in the *Washington Post*, suggested that Lowenstein had made a sexual approach to Sweeney in the sixties. But it is the prospect of a story in the *Times* that has especially enraged Lowenstein's family and friends. His brother, Lawrence, said, "If the article is true, we'll love it. But if it's got stuff in the gay area—the family is appalled that the *Times* would consider publishing such lies."

Added Herman Badillo, "If he had been gay, it wouldn't have bothered me a bit. But I knew him well, and he wasn't."

Said Klein, "No editor or reporter here discusses a story while it's in the works."

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