

Blood Clot Kills Bridge Man, 20

Timothy A. Auchinachie, 20, of 1 Calgara Lane, Chenango Bridge, died Saturday when a blood clot from a broken ankle lodged in his lung.

Broome County Coroner Patrick J. Ruddy said Auchinachie had broken his ankle about a month ago and it was still in a cast.

Ruddy said death from such a clot, which moves in the blood stream, is rare and is caused by a person's body chemistry.

Auchinachie is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Roy Auchinachie of Chenango Bridge.

He was a student at the State University at Binghamton.

Sheriff's investigators said Auchinachie was boating on the Tioughinoga River, not far from Chenanco Forks, with a friend, Rodney Smith of Port Crane, when he suddenly collapsed.

Friends took him to Binghamton General Hospital where, because his body was wet, it originally was thought he was a drowning victim. Investigators said he was placed in water while people tried to grip him as they pulled him from the boat.