

Deaths Top Semester News



FLU CASES filled the University hospital to capacity as the disease hit more than 4000 University students in October



TUG-OF-WAR accident injured six freshmen when blue band chair toppled over.

Flu, Football Also Rated Big Stories

More than 4500 new students arrived at the University Sept. 8 to swell the main campus population to a record total of nearly 14,000.

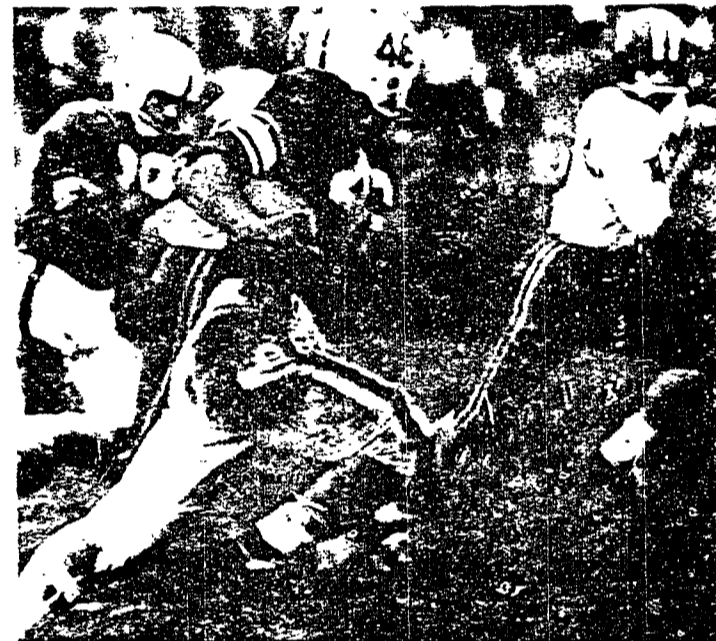
But the normal tranquility of the new semester was short-lived. On Thursday night, Sept. 26, four days after the semester's first fatality (Walter Majka, junior in civil engineering from Binghamton, N.Y.) was claimed in a fall into a sunken patio, six freshmen were injured in the tug-of-war to end freshman customs.

Only one of the students was hurt seriously, but the result was a move to bar the tug-of-war for future years.

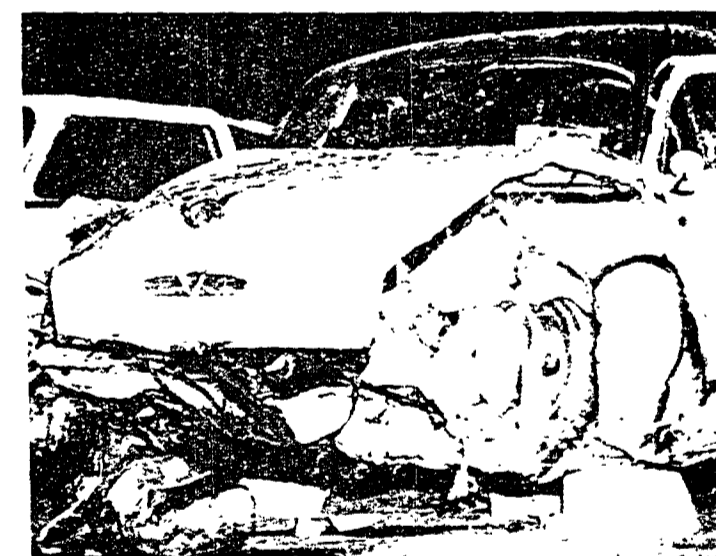
President Eric A. Walker received the traditional title of student esteem—"Prexy"—on Oct. 2.

During the last two weeks in October, a respiratory diseases epidemic—which included Asiatic flu cases—hit more than 4000 students. At the end of the month, four Russian diplomats—one with an Ivy League taste in clothes—visited the University to look at American educational facilities and describe their own.

The Nittany Lions ended their season with a 6-3 record, and a winning season, despite not fulfilling some pre-season predictions. Much more grim, however, was the record of student fatalities: a total of seven. But the students went out of their way to raise \$3000 to aid an injured classmate, Larry Sharp, who broke his neck Oct. 12 in Recreation Hall.



THE HOLY CROSS thriller turned out to be the most exciting football game of the season. Halfback Dave Kaspran cuts up center for yardage.



ANOTHER AUTO accident took the life of Jack Welsh, junior in forestry from New Castle in January.



RUSSIANS "INVADED" the Nittany Valley. The four Soviet diplomats visited the campus in November.



STUDENTS NAMED President Eric A. Walker "Prexy" on October 2. Mrs. Walker and son, Brian, watch as All-University President Robert Steele reads the proclamation to Walker.