

# Student Killed in Car Crash

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# 88 Killed, 100 Injured In Chicago School Fire

By The Associated Press

CHICAGO (AP)—Eighty-eight children and teachers burned to death yesterday and 100 were injured in a fire that flashed through a parochial grade school 18 minutes before dismissal.

The possibility that an arsonist had touched off one of Chicago's worst disasters was being investigated by a picked team of police detectives and firemen.

Seventy-one of the dead were laid out at the county morgue, many of them awaiting identification. Another 17 were distributed among seven hospitals.

The sudden spread of the flames through the older wing of the three-story brick building prompted Chicago's fire commissioner to express a belief an arsonist was behind the disaster.

The tragedy stunned the entire neighborhood about Our Lady of the Angels Roman Catholic Church and School at 3808 Iowa St.

Kinfolk and neighbors pushed against tight police lines for a glimpse of the little corpses, fearful that they might recognize one as that of a loved one.

Priests who at first helped evacuate as many of the children as possible later stood at the doors of the doomed structure, administering Extreme Unction, last rite of the Catholic Church, as grim-faced firemen carried out bodies.

The bodies were removed to the morgue and to hospitals. There again was the cry, "where are our children? Where are our children?"

"This could have been a touch-off," Fire Commissioner Robert Quinn said in anger. "Touch-off" is the fireman's word for the legal term of arson.

The police arson squad was sent to the scene to help fire investigators.

The fire virtually wiped out the eighth grade class housed in the northeast corner of the old wing of the building.

The school is U-shaped with a paved court between arms of the U. The Rev. Joseph F. Cussen, pastor of the parish, said the building is 40 years old and that fifth, sixth, and eighth grade children occupied the wing attacked by fire.

Most classrooms were on the

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# Death Marks First '58-'59 Auto Fatality

By DON CASCIATO

Gerald D. Wanner became the first student auto accident fatality of the school year when he was killed in a head-on collision early Sunday morning.

Wanner, senior in mechanical engineering from Shoemakersville, died instantly in the two-car crash on the Pottsville Pike near Reading.

Also killed was the driver of the other car, Richard Schaeffer, a 20-year-old serviceman from Lebanon County.

Earl Hess, 24, also of Shoemakersville and a passenger in Wanner's car, was critically injured in the crash. Although still in serious condition, Community General Hospital officials in Reading report Hess as "slightly improved."

State Police in Reading said

# Prexy Asks \$581,250 for Student Aid

President Eric A. Walker has asked the federal government for \$521,250 to be made available for student loans next semester and the two succeeding school years.

Walker has informed the government of the University's desire to take part in a loan program of the National Defense Education Act of 1958 which authorizes up to \$260,000 a year to each participating institution.

"Already there is evidence that our students are interested in this program," Walker said. "Our inquiries have come, not only from students, but also from many parents eager to know more about the act and the opportunities it provides."

On the basis of the University's prior experience with student loans, Walker is seeking \$116,250 for the rest of the 1958-59 year and \$232,500 for each of the two succeeding years.

Wilbur Wise, assistant to the dean of men who handles student loans, said yesterday that the money asked by Walker would be in addition to that already provided by the Board of Trustees.

The Trustees have made \$62,000 available for next semester. This semester's fund of about \$50,000 is almost depleted.

"The only money we have left this semester is for extreme emergencies," Wise said. "There is very little left."

The U.S. Office of Education, who administers the federal loan program, has indicated it hopes to make loans available by February.

The money is to be used for essential education expenses as tuition and required fees, room and board, instructional supplies, equipment and books.

The education office asks that special consideration be given to superior students in-

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# Gator Snubs Lions Despite 25-21 Win

By LOU PRATO

Sports Editor

If the members of Penn State's football team decide to forego the television version of the 1958 Gator Bowl over Christmas recess, it wouldn't be too surprising.

After all, when the Lions bumped traditional rival Pittsburgh, 25-21, at Pitt Stadium Thanksgiving Day, they had

hopeful dreams of playing in that post-season bowl.

But both bids went to two Southeastern Conference teams—third place Mississippi (8-2) and fourth place Florida (6-3-1).

In fact, the Lions weren't even considered seriously for the nod—Sam Wolfson to the contrary. Wolfson, Gator Bowl selection committee chairman, told the Daily Collegian last Monday that the winner of the State-Pitt game would "be considered seriously" for a Gator berth.

But Wolfson changed his mind between Monday and Thursday. For before the Turkey Day game, newsmen in the Stadium press box were informed that a Pitt win would earn it a Gator spot while a State victory would only bring disappointment to Pitt—and it did.

The victory, witnessed by some 39,000 shivering fans in 20-degree weather, ranks as one of the "sweetest" in Penn State football annals. Not only because it was over the Lions' most bitter rival, but also because of the method of victory.

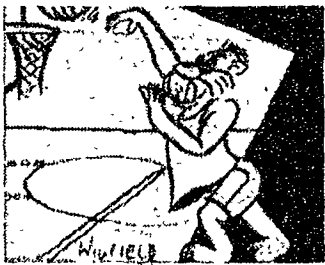
Pitt led for most of the game and at the intermission had a 14-0 spread. But the Lions stormed back in the second half and buried the deflated Panthers under a running-passing avalanche.

It was the finest comeback win since the Lions edged Syracuse 21-20 three years ago on the pinpoint passing of quarterback Milt Plum, now of the Cleveland Browns.

What kind of fire did Coach

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# Cloudy Skies, Cold Predicted



The weather outlook for today is cold and partly cloudy with a possible high of 31 degrees and a low of 19 degrees predicted.

The prediction for tomorrow is cloudy and cold with some light snow likely during the afternoon.



Gerald D. Wanner  
Year's First Fatality

that the accident occurred on a 2-lane concrete bridge. They said it was difficult to learn how it happened, since both drivers were killed and Hess was still in a condition such that he could not be questioned.

They could not determine if either or both cars were going too fast for the traffic conditions present at the time. According to police, there was no ice on the narrow Berkley Bridge, but there was a light snowfall.

The narrowness of the bridge seems to loom as the most probable reason for the head-on crash at this point in the investigation by police.

Wanner was going north on Pottsville Pike, Route 122, when the mishap occurred. His roommate said that he was not on his way back to school at the time. Wanner, 21, was driving his own car, a 1955 Ford, according to police.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold L. Wanner. His sister, Helen, is a freshman in home economics at the University. Funeral services are scheduled to be held this afternoon.



PENN STATE'S Dave Kasperian tries the right side of the line against the efforts of Pitt's Mike Ditka. State won 25-21.

# NC State Whips Nittany Cagers, 70-54

By SANDY PADWE

North Carolina State's basketball team didn't show Penn State any Southern hospitality last night as it beat the Lions, 70-54, in the 1958 lidlifter before 7000 screaming fans at Reynolds Memorial Coliseum in Raleigh.

Two small men—Penn State's Mark DuMars and North Carolina State's Lou Pucillo—put on a scoring and passing display that had the big throng cheering throughout the game.

The two 5-9 mighty mites scored 27 points between them (14 for DuMars and 13 for Pucillo). But their passing and not scoring had the crowd going wild.

Penn State took an early lead

in the game and was leading at the 10-minute mark, 13-12. Then the Wolfpack began to roll.

The Nittanies fought back behind the rebounding of Tommy Hancock and the scoring of DuMars and Ted Kubista to narrow the Wolfpack lead to 28-24 with three minutes remaining in the first half. But the Wolfpack really got hot and broke the game open with five straight goals and the first half ended with the Nittanies behind, 37-28.

Penn State couldn't make up the nine-point deficit that the Wolfpack had rolled up at the end of the first half. But they made the game interesting.

DuMars' passing kept the Lions in the game as he set-up Bob Edwards and Kubista beautifully. Not to be outdone North Carolina State's Pucillo kept the crowd

humming by matching DuMars play for play.

Although he was disappointed with the outcome of the opener, Lion coach John Egli had a lot of praise for DuMars and Hancock. "For playing in his first college game DuMars really looked good," Egli said, "and you can't take anything away from Hancock because his rebounding was great." Hancock had 15 rebounds to lead the Lions in that department.

North Carolina State coach Everett Case had a lot of praise for the Lions even though they lost, and dubbed them as "the best Penn State team" his teams have faced in the last few years.

The story of the game can best be told in the statistics. North Carolina State connected on 39 per cent of its field goal attempts

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