

# ROTC Machinegun Missing

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### Construction Worker Escapes Serious Injury after Cave-In

By BILL JAFFE  
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A construction worker on the Turf Grass Residence Hall project was "resting comfortably" last night in Centre County Hospital after being buried for an hour in a huge cave-in yesterday morning.

John Lynch, of Grassflat near Philipsburg, was admitted to the hospital shortly after noon, complaining of chest injuries.

Lynch was completely buried at 11:05 a.m. when a 30 to 40-foot sewer ditch caved in while he and several other workmen were shoring up the ditch. The ditch was to be used for the installation of pipe to the girls' residence halls, located across from the flower gardens.

After a frantic hour's work, workmen pulled Lynch from the cave-in. He was buried to above his waist in a first cave-in and was completely engulfed by the falling timber and earth the second time.

Two other workmen—Charles Temmo, of Ginter, and Charles Meyers, of State College, escaped injury in the cave-in. Both men scrambled free immediately after the accident.

"The earth slid in from underneath us," Temmo said. "It caved in on Lynch and me before we knew it."

"I was buried up to my waist but pulled myself out," he said, "and then I tried to help Lynch out but he was deeper down. He started yelling for me to pull him out and I tried but couldn't. I then scooped away some dirt from his face so he could breathe."

"I had to get out in a hurry as the ground was pretty loose," Temmo said.

Myers, the third workman, was only slightly buried but was hit by mounds of dirt and shoring timbers in the cave-in.

The men are employed by the Araco Construction Co., a mechanical construction company from Philadelphia. It was the first day on the project for Temmo and Lynch, although they have worked at many other University sites.

Dr. Herbert R. Glenn, University physician, was down in the large ditch with the men. Lynch was brought to the surface by a chain-gang of men lifting him on a stretcher up an incline. He was removed to the hospital in the University's ambulance.

The Alpha Fire Co. emergency truck and rescue squad responded to the siren at 11:15 a.m. It was noon before Lynch was removed.

It was the second serious accident on the project.



—Penn State Photo Shop

FRANTIC CONSTRUCTION WORKERS work to free John Lynch, a University construction worker, buried in a sewer ditch cave-in at the new residence halls projects yesterday. Lynch was freed an hour later and is reported "resting comfortably" in Centre County Hospital.

### Members Petition For SGA Meeting

By CAROL BLAKESLEE

A petition has been circulated this week among SGA Assembly members asking that a meeting be held tonight.

The Assembly Rules Committee and the Executive Committee have decided not to schedule a meeting.

According to the SGA Constitution the Assembly must hold two meetings a month. Two meetings have been held this month.

Rules Committee Chairman Jay Hawley said last night that the executive felt a meeting before vacation was not necessary and that his committee agreed.

Howard Byers (U.-Sr.), one of the circulators of the petition, said

that some of the issues might be "sold short" if they were held over until after vacation. Specifically, he mentioned the Nittany question and the proposed seating arrangement for students in the new Beaver Stadium.

However, SGA President Leon

### Residences Searched; Gun May Be Loaded

By DENNY MALICK  
Editor

Men's residence halls were searched last night for a sub-machinegun missing from the Army ROTC unit since Monday.

Residence hall counselors, under orders from William Crafts, assistant to the dean of men, conducted a simultaneous check through West, North and Nittany areas at 11 p.m.

Crafts said last night that: "We have it reported from good authority, that if the gun is dropped or mishandled, it might go off." He urged that any information concerning the missing gun be reported immediately to police or the dean's office.

Capt. Anthony Lentini, Army ROTC supply commander, said the gun was discovered missing Monday. He immediately notified A. F. Helleberg, local agent for the Federal Bureau of Investigation, who is also investigating.

Helleberg said last night that it is FBI policy not to release any information concerning an investigation until it is completed.

Lentini said he did not know where the gun had been stored prior to its apparent theft. Such equipment is usually kept in the Armory, he said, but it was not definitely known that it was there.

Crafts said he did not receive word of the missing gun until yesterday morning. He then called a meeting of all residence hall counselors and coordinated the 11 p.m. search.

"It was a necessary step to take because of safety precautions," Crafts said. He added that he knew of no clues to the gun's whereabouts.

Jim Lavin, residence hall coordinator for North Halls, said he heard rumors that the gun was loaded with live ammunition.

He also said the search was very orderly and the boys in his area co-operated without any "squawks or gripes." No clues were discovered.

The 11 p.m. search by counselors immediately sent rumors flying through the residence halls. Some students thought the halls were being searched by FBI men.

Campus Patrolmen, borough and state police were not included in the search. When contacted by a Collegian reporter late last night, the three police offices had no knowledge that the search had been conducted.

A State College policeman said early this morning that the department had been notified a "couple of days ago of a stolen .45 caliber machinegun."

### Junior Advisory Board Offers Services to SGA

The Junior Class Advisory Board has volunteered to serve as an SGA committee to study any legislation problems that may arise in the future.

Pledges for the class gift fund have been collected, and plans for a class project are still under discussion.

### Allies Want French Help In Air Plan

PARIS (AP) — France's 14 NATO allies argued in vain yesterday that the French should agree to a unified NATO air defense system. The debate was part of a U.S.-led campaign for overall integration of Atlantic Alliance military forces.

A NATO spokesman said most members of the alliance appear to support the U.S. program for integration of all forces under international command.

The dispute over air defense dominated proceedings at the NATO meeting for a second day as the 15 members were informed by the United States that the Soviet Union has built up a powerful nuclear and missile system under a fourth arm of its military forces.

A Moscow propaganda broadcast heard last night accused the NATO delegates in Paris of keeping their "war chariot on an aggressive course."

It was announced last night the NATO defense ministers will meet in an extraordinary session today to try to find common language on the issue of air integration.

Authoritative informants said that despite French objections NATO's Secretary General Paul-Henri Spaak insisted the alliance cannot ignore the integration issue. It was largely through Spaak's insistence the extraordinary session was called.

The United States stood firm in the fight for integration despite French anger over the way the question was raised. France wants to retain control of its forces.

It appeared that the concentration by Spaak and U.S. officials on the air defense issue was their avenue of approach to the overall integration question.

Britain, West Germany and Belgium gave support to the American view that the alliance must have an integrated international command.

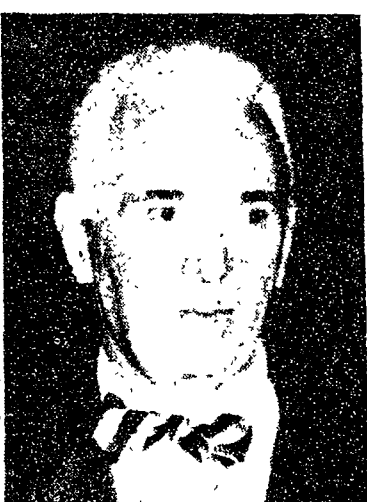
## Farewell Rally to Be Held at 3 P. M. in Rec Hall



STEVE SUHEY  
... '47 All-American



PAT BOTULA  
... team captain



BOB HIGGINS  
... 'grand old man'



FRAN ROGEL  
... Lion-Steeler great



RIP ENGLE  
... first bowl game  
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