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Plane Disintegrates Over N. Carolina; 34 Persons Killed

BOLOVIA, N.C. (AP) — A four-engine National Airlines plane with 34 persons aboard apparently disintegrated in flight near here early yesterday, raining bodies and debris over a 20-acre area of blackness and mud.

Searchers found no survivors.

The plane carried 29 passengers and five crew members.

Thirty bodies had been recovered late yesterday.

Most of the passengers were Northerners bound for Florida vacations.

John L. Morris, a National Airlines vice president at the scene, said:

"The plane which went down southwest of Wilmington apparently disintegrated in the air from an unknown cause. The plane was in good order and was in the hands of a veteran crew. There was nothing from the pilot prior to the crash that would indicate any malfunction."

Reporters who hurried to the woods and fields where parts of the massive night coach tumbled out of the murky skies about 2:45 a.m. said there appeared to have been an explosion in flight.

The passenger list included retired Navy Vice Adm. Edward Orrick McDonnell, holder of the Congressional Medal of Honor and other decorations. He commanded aircraft carriers in the Pacific in World War II.

The big plane was one of two substitute flights. Passengers originally had been booked on a jet flight which was canceled because of a broken windshield. The other substitute flight reached Miami without incident.

Several of the dead passengers were harnessed in Mae West life jackets—some of the jackets inflated. Bent against a pine tree was an orange, 25-person capacity life raft, fully inflated. Such rafts inflate automatically when released.

At least three dead men were found strapped in their seats. These seats had been ripped from the plane and were scattered about the piney woods.

Vonada Receives Patent For Gem Stone Machine

Phillip A. Vonada, machinist at the Ordnance Research Laboratory, has been awarded a United States patent for a multi-purpose machine to simplify the manufacture of gem stones.

The multi-purpose machine combines as many as five pieces of equipment into one device about the size of a sewing machine. Vonada completed the first working model in 1956.

Auto Rule Change Unlikely—Diem

By CAROL BLAKESLEE

The spring semester will see virtually no changes in student traffic regulations, Albert E. Diem, vice president for business administration, said yesterday.

Diem will attend the SGA Assembly meeting at 7:30 tonight in 203 Hetzel Union to answer any questions assemblymen might have on a traffic bill proposed by Howard

Byers and John Brandt.

The only change in the regulations for next semester is a reduction from \$15 to \$7.50 in the fee charged for parking permits for motor scooters, Diem said.

Diem said last night, that if there were any other changes they could still be made. "But this is not saying there will be changes," he added.

Of course, suggestions that anyone makes would be considered, he stressed.

The proposed SGA bill contains three recommendations.

● That sophomores be prohibited from driving in Centre County.

● That a registration fee be collected from each student who registers a car.

● That Pollock Rd. from Shortlidge to Burrows Rds. be closed to all traffic between class periods and from 11:50 a.m. to 12 noon and from 1:05 to 1:15 p.m.

Majority Party Floor Leader Walt Darran, C-Jr. termed the ban asked on sophomore driving "absolutely ridiculous."

He said there was no need to further curb student driving at present. It might be necessary in the future, but when it comes to that point that will be the time to impose restrictions, he said.

Minority Party Floor Leader Mary Ann Ganter (U.-Sr.) said she was "definitely opposed" to that part of the bill, also.

Byers had said Monday the sophomore driving ban was needed because of the increasing University enrollment. More and more sophomores will be driving, he said, raising the possibility of accidents. We've been fortunate, so far, he said, but accidents are bound to happen and prohibiting sophomore driving would lessen the number.

Miss Ganter said she felt Byers' logic was completely wrong. "Why should we try to lower an accident rate we don't have?" she asked.

Darran said he favored the closing of Pollock Rd as recommended in the bill.

Miss Ganter, however, was opposed to this recommendation on the grounds that it would be too specific for students to obey.



TIME EXPOSURE IN ABSTRACT—by Donati is viewed during the last day of the recent HUB art exhibit. A new exhibit will start today.

Weather Continues Cloudy and Cold

Mostly cloudy skies and rather cold temperatures will continue today, tonight and tomorrow with a few light snow flurries expected tonight.

The storm system that threatened to bring a little light snow to the Nittany Valley passed out to sea further south than had been anticipated. The snow did spread as far north as Philadelphia yesterday morning.

This storm dumped from 6 to 12 inches of snow over a wide portion of the Southeastern states.

Temperatures will climb to the 40 degree mark this afternoon and then fall to a low of 26 tonight. Tomorrow's high should be near 42 degrees.



AKPsi Will Petition For New Status

Alpha Kappa Psi, professional business fraternity, will soon move 20 of its members into the former Theta Kappa Phi fraternity house, thus becoming a social-professional fraternity similar to Alpha Zeta.

William Graham, president of Alpha Kappa Psi, said last night that the move will be on a trial basis and the fraternity living quarters will be rented similar to a rooming house until its new status has been defined.

"Although our status has not yet been ascertained by the senate subcommittee on Student Activities, we have petitioned for special social-professional status not under jurisdiction of the Interfraternity Council or Town Independent Men," Graham said.

Alpha Kappa Psi is a professional fraternity for undergraduates in business, commerce and economics. It has 73 members. The fraternity sponsors professional programs including speakers, interviews with visiting business personalities and conferences.

The fraternity is currently distributing questionnaires to top national executives to determine what qualities they expect in college graduates and junior executives. The results of the survey will be made available to the various colleges at the University and the commonwealth campuses.

Mook Writes Article

Dr. Maurice A. Mook, professor of anthropology, is author of an article, "Quaker Knowledge of Quaker Folklore," published in a recent issue of the Keystone Folklore Quarterly, a publication of The Pennsylvania Folklore Society.

Phys-Ed Grading to Be Discussed

A proposal to abolish assigning grade points to credits in physical education courses may be considered by the University Senate at its meeting at 4:15 p.m. in 121 Sparks today.

The proposal was made in the form of an amendment to part of a report made by the Senate Committee on Academic Standards Nov. 5.

The section asked that credit be given for the physical education courses. Dr. Richard G. Stoner, chairman of the Committee on Admissions, proposed that the recommendation be changed by adding "but grade points shall not be assigned."

Stoner said that the grade a

student received in physical education should not have any bearing on his academic grade point average.

Students should be given pass or fail marks for these courses, he said.

However, several members questioned the effect of this change on the status of these courses feeling that students would not take the courses seriously.

The proposal was referred back to the standards committee for further study.

In other business, the Senate is expected to consider a plan to give Senate membership to the directors of the commonwealth campuses, amending Article I, Section I of the Constitution.

The committee on rules asked

that this amendment be made at the Dec. 3 meeting.

In giving the committee report, Chairman John M. Anderson said including the directors in the Senate would provide a better communication link between the University and the Campuses.

However, Dr. Joseph Jordan, associate professor of Chemistry objected to the proposal because it would upset the balance between faculty members and administrative members in the Senate.

The Senate now has 120 elected faculty members and 134 administrative members, Jordan said, and the addition of the directors would bring the number of administrative members to 150.

Then, he said the number of elected faculty members would have to be increased from 12 to 15 in order to maintain a balance bringing the total number to 300.

Panhel to Hold Buffet To Honor President

Panhellenic Council will hold a buffet Sunday afternoon in honor of the graduating president, Carol Dominick Koans.

All sorority presidents, Panhel officers and members of the Dean of Women's staff have been invited to the buffet to be held in the combined Sigma Sigma Sigma and Alpha Chi Omega suites in Hibbs Hall.

Sue Chapman, graduating Panhel Rush Chairman, will also be presented with a gift at the buffet.

Chapman Publishes Review

Dr. Hugh H. Chapman, associate professor of Romance languages, published in the December issue of the French Review a book review of Renee Riese Hubert's "Le Berceau d'Eve."

SGA to Consider Nittany Suggestions

A long and detailed list of recommendations to improve living conditions in the Nittany area will be presented to the SGA Assembly tonight.

The Nittany Area Investigation Committee has drawn up 24 recommendations to alleviate the numerous complaints

voiced by students living in the area. he lists contains suggestions for improvements and some approximate costs.

Harold Scott, chairman of the committee, said the committee will continue to work in pursuit of its goals, and will represent the Nittany men in obtaining the improved living conditions. The Administration is now studying the report of the committee and no action has been taken, Scott said.

Recommendations suggested by the committee cover improvements in the efficiency, appearance and comfort of the Nittany residence halls; better lighting is asked for the individual rooms, halls and lounges;

insulation is needed for pipes and radiators; a paint job on the inside and outside of the buildings is requested; and soundproofing is needed for the telephones and in the lobbies.

The committee report also recommends that a system be established where only one student is assigned to each room since there is only 35 square feet of "moving space" after the furniture is placed in each room.

Improvements are also requested in the drainage system to prevent the residence halls from being flooded and that new landscaping be completed to cover up bare spots that become mudholes in rainy weather.