

Workers search for victims in Cerritos, Calif., yesterday morning in wreckage single-engine plane collided in restricted airspace, killing 67 and leaving 15 wounded or dead.

## Pilot in L.A. crash had heart attack

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CERRITOS, Calif. — The man believed to have piloted the small plane that collided with a jetliner, killing all 67 people on the planes and leaving 15 missing and feared dead, suffered a heart attack minutes before the collision, a coroner's spokesman said.

The single-engine Piper Archer was not in contact with controllers directing air traffic in restricted airspace near Los Angeles International Airport, where the planes collided Sunday and plummeted into a residential area, said John Lauber, a National Transportation Safety Board supervisor.

Authorities said 64 people, including at least 47 U.S. residents, were aboard Aeromexico Flight 498, a DC-9 from Mexico City that was on its landing approach to Los Angeles, and three people were in the Piper when the planes collided a few minutes before noon Sunday.

The planes fell into an upper-middle-class neighborhood, littering streets, homes and trees in a six-by-eight-block section with steel, flesh, charred cars, luggage and ashes.

"A man in his 50s, believed to be the pilot of the small craft . . . suffered occlusive coronary artery disease," in addition to multiple injuries in the crash, said Bill Gold, a spokesman for the Los Angeles County coroner's office.

"This condition can be called a heart attack," Gold said. "He may have lived if there wasn't a collision. The heart attack itself wasn't fatal."

Coroner's officials couldn't determine the exact time the heart attack occurred, only that it was before the collision, Gold said.

"We were unable to determine at what time it occurred or how severe it was," Gold said. "The heart attack came minutes before his death, but the cause of death was his injuries."

The pilot of the small plane may have been William Kramer, who recently moved to Los Angeles from Spokane, Wash., a relative said.

Robert Kirkpatrick of Spokane, Wash., said the Los Angeles coroner's office notified his former wife, Suzanne Kirkpatrick of Spokane, that her father, mother and sister were in the small plane.

Kirkpatrick said the pilot's name was William Kramer, his wife's name was Kathleen Kramer, and the daughter's name was Caroline Kramer.

Gold said a positive identification of the pilot had not been made.

"Until we positively know, we can't say," Gold said, adding that an identification may be made today after a fingerprint check.

In addition to the dead, Red Cross spokesman Stan Schwartz said 15 people were listed as missing last night.

Sixteen houses burned, 10 of them destroyed by flames, falling wreckage or both. Minor injuries were suffered by 10 neighborhood residents, five firefighters and a deputy.

Gov. George Deukmejian toured the neighborhood, designated a local disaster area by officials, for about 45 minutes yesterday. He said he would consider designating the neighborhood a state disaster area, if local officials ask.

"There's no confirmed (dead) on the ground," Greg Colvett of the coroner's office said at a command post in Cerritos, 20 miles southeast of Los Angeles. "It's just too much of a mess. . . . We're talking bits and pieces of everything."

Lauber, speaking at a news conference, said the light plane had a transponder, a device that could broadcast its position, but "we don't know if the transponder was in fact working."

## BSCAR, other factors cited in black decline

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Although a University official said last semester's controversy surrounding divestment had a significant impact on black freshmen enrollment at the University, that is not the only reason explaining the 25 percent decrease.

The scarcity of financial aid and the declining pool of black students going to college are two other important reasons, officials said.

"There is no single factor you could use," said Victoria V. Staples, director of minority admissions. "This is not an exact science."

Staples added that black freshman enrollment was most significantly affected by the activities of the Black Student Coalition Against Racism and media coverage of the group.

"They used the press well," she said.

University President Bryce Jordan said the student activities had "some impact, especially where they visited schools."

However, he added, "As I said all along, it is a variety of causes."

Staples also pointed to demographic trends affecting the number of black students enrolling at the University.

She said that while both in Pennsylvania and throughout the nation the high-school graduation rate for blacks has increased, the number of 18-year-olds has decreased.

In addition, Staples said, the percentage of high school graduates who go to college is declining.

These factors result in a loss of black college-bound high school students, she said.

"Some people say if the trend continues as it is going, there will actually be less black people in college in 1990 than there is now," Staples said.

Jordan said the declining number of black students has had an impact on the recruiting efforts of all Pennsylvania state owned and state related institutions.

For example, Jordan said, Temple University, which does not have the geographical disadvantages of Penn

State for recruiting blacks, had a minor decrease in black enrollment.

Both Jordan and Staples said another factor affecting enrollment is the increasing scarcity of financial aid.

Staples said, "In the last four years, the median income for blacks has actually dropped . . . a lot of this (decrease in black freshman enrollment) has to do with economic things. There is a lot of unemployment in Pennsylvania. People cannot always afford to go to college."

Robert Evans, director of student aid, said black Pennsylvania students' financial needs are met through state programs designed for black students who fill out the appropriate applications and are admitted to the University.

However, he noted that out of state students cannot benefit from this program.

"If you are in the state of Pennsylvania, we have a full commitment. We do not have the same kind of commitment if you are out of state," he said.

Staples said the financial aid situation has "a greater impact on out of state kids. We bend over backwards for Pennsylvanians."

Staples said special efforts are made through her office to inform minority students of financial aid deadlines.

She added that the University runs special financial aid workshops for high school seniors and their parents.

Staples said another reason for the decline is increasing competition among schools to recruit the best black students.

"All state-owned and state-related institutions are competing," she said, adding that the military is another competitor for qualified high school graduates.

Jordan said this year's decrease in black freshman enrollment should not affect the University's goal of achieving a 5 percent minority population by 1987.

Jordan said the University's effort to recruit minorities is in good faith and pointed to the fact that minority enrollment is still "substantially" higher than three years ago.

## Student in serious condition after fall

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A University student suffered a fractured skull early Sunday morning after falling from a second-floor window during a fraternity party, the State College Bureau of Police Services said.

Robert Ross (senior-agricultural business management) fell about 16 feet headfirst from a window of Sigma Nu fraternity, 340 N. Burrows Road, after he leaned out the window in an attempt to enter a window adjoining his bedroom, police said.

Ross, 22, a member and resident of Sigma Nu, later told police he was trying to get in the window because the door to his room was locked.

When a University Ambulance Service team arrived on the scene, Ross was found lying on his back, his face covered with blood, police said. He was taken to Centre Community Hospital and later transferred to Geisinger Medical Center in Danville.

Carol Krone, a nursing supervisor at Geisinger, said Ross was in a medical surgical unit in serious condition. He suffered multiple fractures, including a fractured skull, broken vertebrae, a fractured shoulder and a sprained ankle, she said.

Krone said serious condition means "death is possible, but not necessarily within 24 hours."

State College police said the victim's mother, Diane Ross of Butler, told them a Geisinger spokesman said her son's blood alcohol content was listed at 0.20 percent at the time of his arrival there.

Krone refused to confirm that. Efforts to contact the victim's mother were unsuccessful.

A person with a blood alcohol content of 0.10 percent is considered "under the influence" of alcohol, police said.

Sgt. Dianne Conrad of the State College police said no further investigation will be made until police can speak with Ross.

Rob Hoffman, president of Sigma

Nu, said Ross was locked out of his room. Ross' keys were found in the purse of a girl who attended the party, Hoffman said.

Hoffman (junior-math) said the girl, whose name he couldn't recall, called the fraternity Sunday morning, saying she found the keys in her purse. She told Hoffman she didn't know how the keys got there, he said.

"I don't know why he didn't come to me because I have a key to his room," Hoffman said. "This is all a fluke. It's just one of those accidents that happens once in a million."

Hoffman said security at future parties would be strengthened in light of the incident, but he could provide no specifics.

John Thompson (sophomore-art), a fraternity member, said he was surprised by Ross's accident.

"He is one of the more intelligent people we have," Thompson said. "He always kept his head clear. It's just one of those things."

Thompson said Ross had acted as a security officer in the upstairs region of the house during the party, which was a toga party, Thompson said. Ross was not wearing a toga, he said.

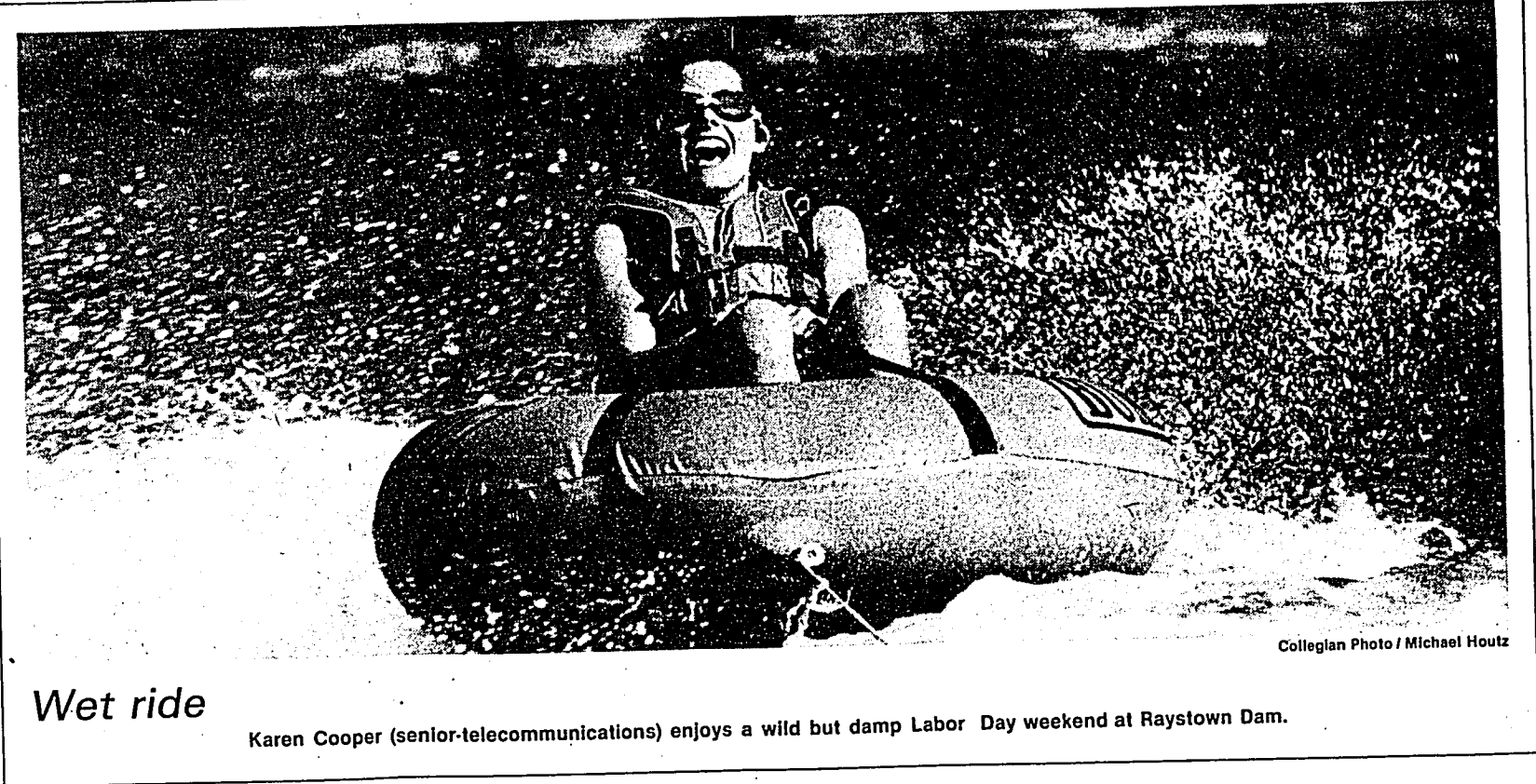
"I didn't think he was drunk at the time," Thompson said. "I didn't think he would do that. Everyone who is on duty as security is not allowed to drink."

When asked if the incident would affect future parties, Thompson said: "I don't think so. We usually have a good turnout because of our popularity. We'll probably continue to have our parties."

Interfraternity Council President Pat Conway declined to comment on the incident and would not say if the IFC would file any charges against Sigma Nu.

"I can't say anything about it because I don't know anything about it," Conway said. "I want to call the house and investigate for myself before I make any comment."

Fraternity parties are open only to rushees, invited guests and little sisters, Conway said.



Wet ride

Karen Cooper (senior-telecommunications) enjoys a wild but damp Labor Day weekend at Raysstown Dam.

## TKE fined for serving minors

By VICTORIA PETTIES  
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Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity has pleaded no contest to charges of serving alcohol to underage drinkers and was fined \$900 plus court costs, ordered to serve 350 hours of community service and placed on probation for two years.

The ruling came nearly four months after an automobile accident in which a 20-year-old Slippery Rock University student was killed after drinking alcohol at a party at TKE, 346 E. Prospect Ave.

Dave Thompson, TKE president, announced at last night's Interfraternity Council meeting that the fraternity was found guilty by Judge Charles C. Brown Jr. of the Centre County Court of Common Pleas in the May 1 incident.

Details, including probation terms

and the number of community service hours, will be discussed when TKE members meet with their probation officer Sept. 4.

In the accident, Stacey Paris of Pittsburgh was killed instantly when he drove his eastbound car into the westbound lane of U.S. Route 322. The vehicle ran into the path of an oncoming tractor-trailer.

The cause of death was listed as massive head and chest trauma.

According to police reports listed at the time of the incident, Paris and two men left Slippery Rock at 8:30 p.m. April 30 and went to McKean Hall, where they drank beer for about an hour and a half.

At TKE, the men were served beer again, the reports said, adding that at about 12:30 a.m. May 1 the men returned to McKean Hall, where they drank more alcohol.

IFC President Pat Conway warned

fraternity presidents that the TKE incident could happen at any fraternity house.

"Beware of the liability we are facing as we go into this new alcohol policy as we are researching what we want to do," Conway said. "This incident, though unfortunate, could happen at any house. I think we want to look long and hard about what we want to do this semester."

Conway announced the appointments of 10 fraternity presidents to a research committee headed by IFC Executive Vice President Jeff Peters to study the alcohol policy and make recommendations to the council in several weeks.

The recommendations from the committee and from IFC lawyer Ralph Rumsey will be studied before the council makes any final decisions on fraternity alcohol policies.

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### Correction

Due to a reporter's error, it was incorrectly stated in Friday's Collegian that Harold Cheatham is the president of the Forum on Black Affairs. He is the Forum's former president.

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