

Fall victim listed as 'satisfactory'

By JOHN SPENCE
Collegian Staff Writer

A University student who fell from a second-story window during a fraternity party is now listed in satisfactory condition at Geisinger Medical Center, Danville, a hospital spokesman said.

Robert Ross, a member and resident of Sigma Nu fraternity, 340 N. Burrows Road, fell 16 feet head-first to the ground after leaning out a window. Ross, who was listed in serious condition yesterday, suffered a fractured skull, broken vertebrae, a fractured shoulder and a sprained ankle, the spokesman said.

"I'm feeling great," Ross (senior-economics) said in a phone interview from his hospital bed at Geisinger. "They've X-rayed everything and it's not that severe. I won't need any casts or braces," he added.

Ross said he had been locked out of his room sometime Saturday night, during a Sigma Nu party. He said he was determining if a crossing from a window adjacent to his bedroom was possible, when he lost his grip and fell.

"I was just seeing if I could do it and I lost my grip," Ross, 22, said.

On Monday, State College Bureau of Police Services said the victim's mother, Diane Ross of Butler, said a Geisinger spokesman told her Ross's blood alcohol content was listed as 0.20 percent at his arrival there.

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

"If you're asking me if I'd been drinking, the answer is 'yes,'" Ross said yesterday. But Ross declined to comment on whether he considered himself to be under the influence of alcohol at the time of the incident.

Interfraternity Council President Pat Conway said that because Ross is older than 21, a fraternity member and not in violation of any IFC regulations, there will probably be no charges filed against Sigma Nu.

However, Conway cautioned that the decision to file charges is ultimately up to the IFC executive board, expected to meet in the near future.

"I hope that all the (fraternity) chapters can learn from this," Conway said. "I'm hoping that this unfortunate incident can have some positive outcomes."

police log

- A 19-inch color television belonging to Lisa Bilo, 611 S. Pugh St., was reported missing from her apartment on Monday, the State College Bureau of Police Services said. The television's value was unavailable.
- Linda Rodrigue, 101 Irwin, reported that her vehicle was struck by an unidentified vehicle in parking lot Green E. The vehicle was slightly damaged, University Police reported.
- The elevator at Sprout Hall was vandalized, Jesse Snyder, foreman of the Office of Physical Plant, reported to University Police. Estimated damage was not known.

—by Carolyn Sorisio

collegian notes

- Two car windows of a 1976 Dodge station wagon owned by Scott Miller, 510 N. Burrows Road, were shot out by a pellet gun sometime on Monday, State College police said.
- \$105 was reported missing Monday from the apartment of Lisa Bury, 440 W. Foster Ave., State College police said.
- Seven beer kegs worth \$105 were reported missing Tuesday from Phi Kappa Sigma Fraternity, 234 E. Beaver Ave., State College police said.
- A \$200 leather jacket was reported missing Tuesday from outside Sparks Building by Jean Roberts.
- A \$110 bicycle belonging to Richard McAdams, 202 Gary, was reported missing yesterday from a bike rack at Shunk Hall.
- The Field Hockey Club will meet at 6:30 tonight in 169 Willard.
- The Women's Rugby Club will meet at 5 tonight in the White Building lobby.
- The Penn State Chess Club will meet at 7 tonight on the HUB ground floor.
- The Student Red Cross Club will meet at 7:30 tonight in 106 Boucke.
- Colloquy will meet at 7:30 tonight in 318 HUB.
- The Penn State Horticulture Club will meet at 7 tonight in 108 Tyson.
- The Accounting Club will hold a lecture titled "How to Interview" at 7:30 tonight in 121 Sparks.
- The Peer Contraception Education Program will hold a contraception information session at 7 tonight in Ritenour lobby.
- The European Student Club will meet at 8 tonight in 251 Willard.
- The Undergraduate Student Government's department of women's concerns will meet at 8 tonight in 120 Boucke.
- The Chinese Students Association will meet at 7:30 tonight in Rec Hall.

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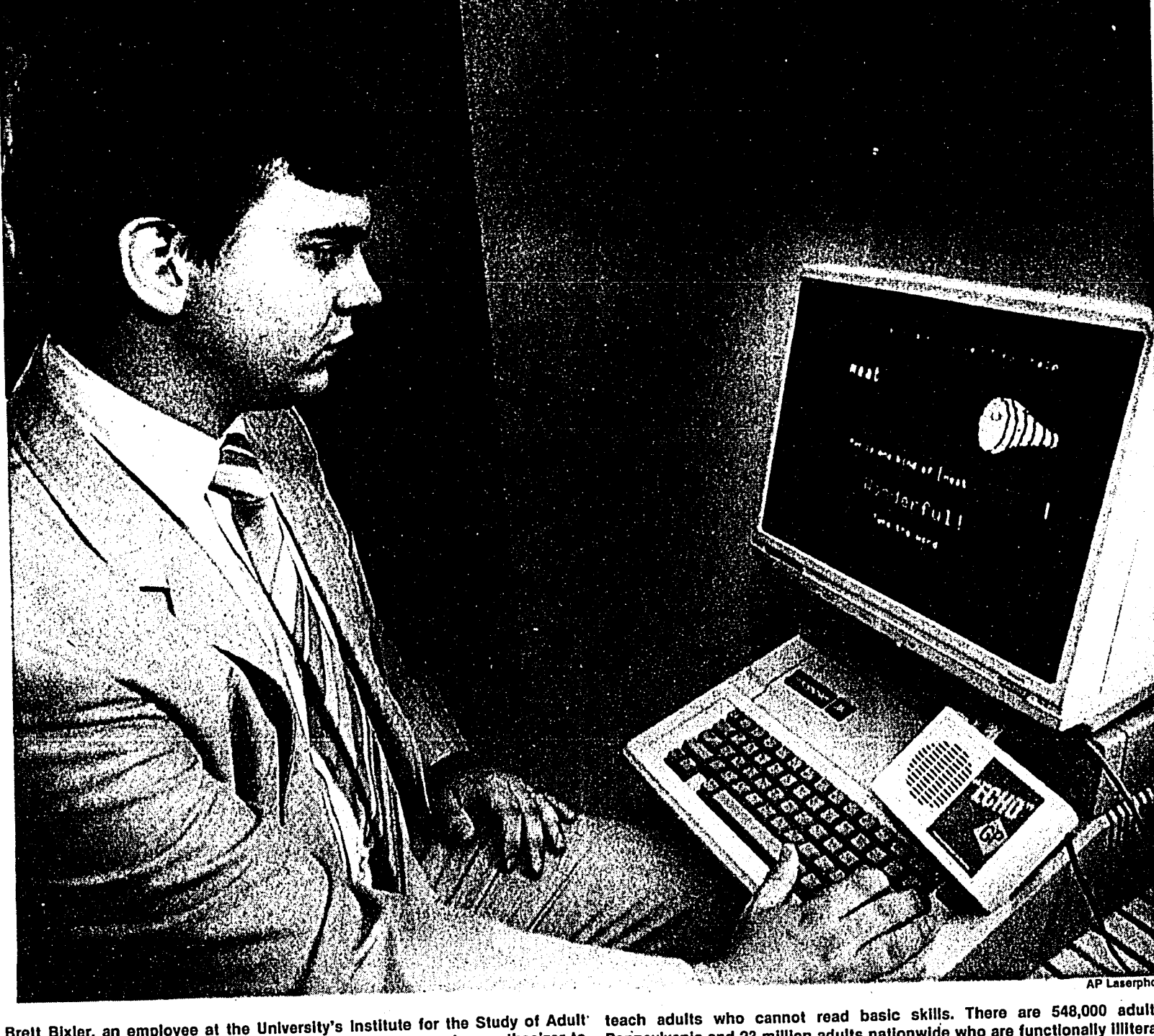
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PSU program helps adults learn to read
Associated Press article released during the summer.
But a new University program may bring hope to many illiterate adults.

At the Institute for the Study of Adult Literacy, a new computer program is designed especially to help adults overcome the difficulties of learning to read, said Askov, who is also director of the institute.

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