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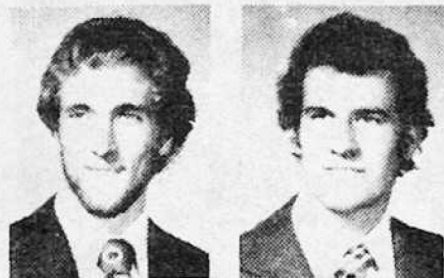
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## Two Cornell Students Die In Weekend Auto Collision



Clay W. Johnson '81 (left) and Jeffrey D. Melvin '81, brothers in Sigma Nu fraternity, were killed in an automobile accident Saturday on Route 13 near Dryden.

By CHARLES GEERHART

Two Cornell students and a Binghamton man were killed and five others were injured in a two-car collision early Saturday morning on Route 13 near Dryden.

Jeffrey D. Melvin '81 died at the scene of the accident and Clay W. Johnson '81 died at Tompkins County Hospital Saturday while receiving treatment. Keith W. Honnick, 19, of Binghamton, was pronounced dead on arrival at the hospital.

Steven R. Sigmon '82 remains

in critical condition in Elmira Hospital, a spokeswoman said last night.

### Accident Report

According to the accident report filed with the Tompkins County Sheriff's Office, Honnick's car, heading north on Route 13, crossed over into the southbound lane and collided into the driver's side of a car driven by Johnson.

The collision occurred at 1:30 a.m., according to the report.

Passengers in Johnson's car told police Johnson drove onto the right shoulder of the highway to try to avoid the collision.

Johnson's car carried himself and five other members of Sigma Nu fraternity — Melvin, Sigmon, David L. Powell '81, Robert T. Williams '79, and Mark P. Friedes '79. Honnick's car had one passenger, Margaret Hall of Cortland.

### Brothers Shocked

Sigma Nu president Scott W. Roland '80 said the group was not out on a fraternity function. "This is strictly a group of friends. They went to visit friends in Cortland," Roland said.

"The brotherhood is in a state of shock," Roland said. "We all feel the loss."

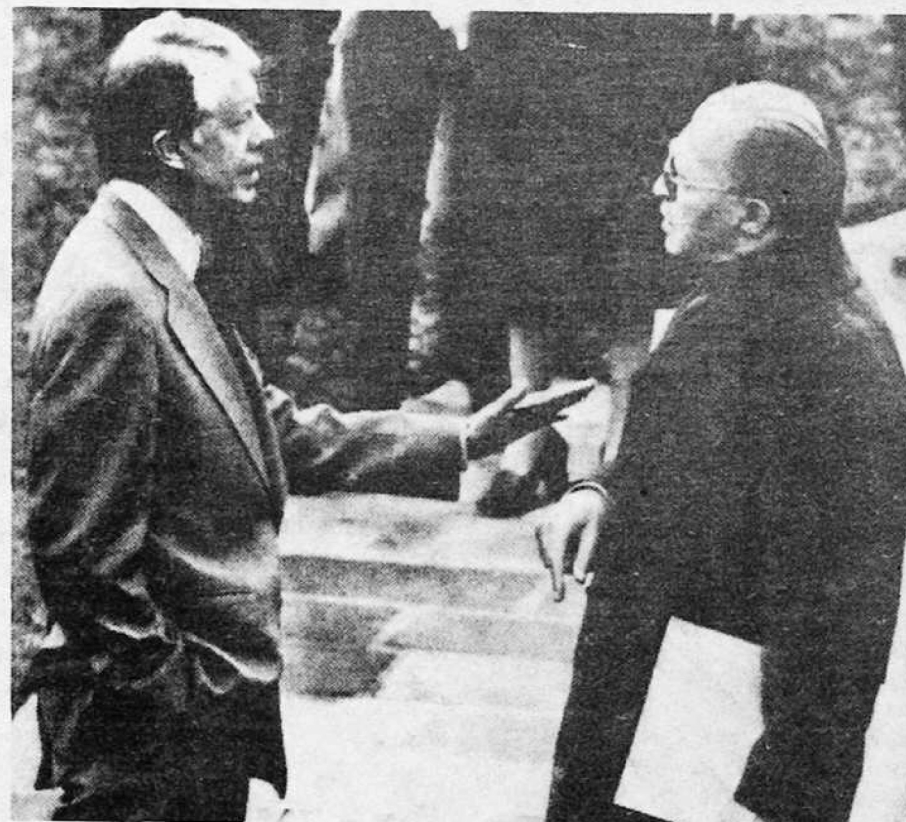
Powell is in stable condition in intensive care, Roland said. Hall and Friedes have been released from the hospital, according to the sheriff's office. Williams should be released today or tomorrow, Roland said.

Sigmon underwent surgery for rib injuries and neurosurgery, Roland said.

### Autopsy

State Police are conducting an autopsy to determine if Honnick was drunk at the time of the accident. Results were not available yesterday, according to Dr. Manuel Posso, Tompkins County Hospital chief medical examiner, who forwarded a blood sample to the State Police.

Hall told police that she was asleep at the time of the collision.



—United Press International

**STALEMATE:** President Carter and Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin pose for photographers on the South Lawn of the White House after talks yesterday which failed to bring any progress toward a peace treaty.

## China May Withdraw Forces From Vietnam



—Xinhua via United Press International

**BOOTY:** Chinese reports claim this photo shows ammunition captured from Vietnamese troops in the Sec Giang area of Cao Lang province. Vietnam yesterday declared a nationwide "war of resistance" against China.

**Bangkok, Thailand (AP)** — China reportedly told foreign diplomats yesterday it will withdraw from Vietnam as soon as possible, but Hanoi said Chinese

— 60,000 men — and hundreds of artillery pieces and tanks had launched new attacks around Lang Son. The Soviet news  
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## Carter, Begin Fail To Break Impasse

### OPEC President Favors Linking Oil, Palestinians

**Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates (AP)** — The head of the OPEC oil cartel said yesterday that future oil sales to consumer nations should depend on whether they help bring about a Mideast settlement favorable to the Palestinians.

Mana Saeed al-Otaiba, current president of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries, brandished the Arab "oil weapon" in another way as well, threatening a "blacklisting" of foreign oil companies that have raised prices sharply because of

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**Washington (AP)** — President Carter acknowledged yesterday that his extensive talks with Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin had failed to break the impasse in Mideast negotiations.

Begin, meanwhile, called on the United States to "talk to the Egyptians." He vowed, again, that Israel would not sign "a sham document."

"I do not adopt the theory of 'now or never,'" Begin said on a nationally televised interview program. "We shall have to negotiate again, and I don't see any tragedy in it."

Ultimately, he said, there would be peace in the Middle East.

Begin made his comments on the ABC television program "Issues and Answers."

Carter volunteered his bleak assessment in a Bible class at the