

# YU Student Dies In Plane Crash

## ROTC Award Winner Galus Killed In Carb Freeze Up

Funeral services were held Wednesday for Ray Galus, a senior, who was killed Sunday in a plane crash south of Youngstown.

The campus received the biggest shock it has had for well over a year at Galus' death, when the plane which he was flying to complete his hours in the ROTC flying program crashed near Canfield.

Galus was one of the better-known University students, as a member of Sigma Tau Gamma fraternity and an active participant in campus military activities. A business student, he was to have been graduated in June.

A member of Scabbard and Blade honorary, Galus was with the Pershing Rifles. He was one of seven students participating in the ROTC flight training program. Earlier this year, Galus had been named Superior Cadet. He was also the recipient of the Department of Ohio Reserve Officers Association gold medal.

### Crash Caused by Carburetor

The Federal Aviation Association has determined that the cause

of the crash was an iced carburetor. The small plane which Galus was flying, rented by ROTC from Southern Airways, had a carburetor heater; the FAA will determine if it had not been functioning or whether Galus had neglected to turn it on.

With the evidence of observers, authorities have determined that Galus realized that his carburetor was icing, and looked for a place to land. He saw an open field, and after dropping to inspect it, saw that it was newly plowed and realized that he would probably flip if he landed there.

He tried to regain altitude to take another look around, and in doing so, dropped. He hit a tree before the plane hit the ground.

### Galus Not Foolhardy

Galus' instructor told Col. John Wales, head of the University ROTC, that Galus was a careful pilot and was not one who would be likely to do anything foolhardy. There have been no repercussions

on the flight training program, and Col. Wales commented that he does not expect any. Wales commented that he felt he is speaking for the whole Corps when



he speaks of their great loss.

"I guess that there was nothing which might have been done," he commented, "it was just one of those things."



Galus' plane sits in the Canfield pasture where it crash-landed during an icy drizzle last Sunday.