

2 SANTA CLARA STUDENTS KILLED NEAR BAKER AND 2 OTHERS HURT

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Front Tire Blows Out and
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Pin Riders Beneath

WANZ, HARGROVE DIE

Injured Pair Rushed to
Victorville Hospital;
Fight for Lives

Three hours after they had bidden goodbye to a group of Las Vegas friends who had tendered them a farewell banquet at the Willows Saturday night, John L. Wanz, 22, and Nelson Hargrove, 24, Santa Clara university students, lay dead alongside the Los Angeles highway near Baker, following an automobile accident in which A. L. Bonocoursi, 20, and James McSweeney, 20, fellow-students, were critically injured.

The four youths were members of the party of 35 engineering students from the university, and had spent the latter part of the week going over the Boulder dam project. They left for home Saturday night about nine o'clock, following the banquet at the Willows.

NEARING BAKER, about five miles out, their car was proceeding down the long hill into the Death Valley town, when it suddenly blew a front tire, and despite frantic efforts on the part of Bonocoursi, who was driving, it left the highway and overturned, pinning all four underneath.

Fellow students, following in other cars, hastened to their aid, and found Wanz and Hargrove had been instantly killed. The other two were still alive and were loaded into another car and rushed to the Victorville hospital where it was found they were critically injured. Latest reports today were that they were staging a game battle for their lives and might recover.

THE HILL on which the accident occurred has been the scene of several similar crashes, although this is the most serious yet recorded. The long down-grade into Baker encourages high speed, and several motorists have experienced blow-outs on this particular stretch in recent months, with many near-serious accidents reported.