

Louis Gerry Williams Unknown - January 21, 1965

HARVARD GRAD RULED A SUICIDE

CAMBRIDGE, England (UPI) — Harvard graduate, Louis G. Williams of Gladwyne, Pa., gassed himself to death following a period of depression, a coroner's inquest ruled Tuesday. The body of the 22-year-old student at Trinity College, Cambridge University, was found Thursday in his room, near the gas fireplace. A cloth attached to the fireplace lay over his face. Williams' academic superiors: were satisfied with the work of the Providence, R.I. native at Trinity, school officials said. "I had no reason to suppose he was worried or depressed," said Dr. Robert Robson, William's tutor. "His supervisors were very well satisfied with his work." A consultant in psychiatry at the university said the difficulty lay elsewhere. "Williams told me he lacked confidence," Dr. Bryan Davy told the inquest. "He said he felt his relationship with his girl friend was inadequate and not deep enough and this was the same with his relationship with other people." Williams, who graduated cum laude from Harvard last year, had been here since October reading architecture on a one-year Fiske scholarship. He attended Exeter Academy before entering Harvard, where he starred in soccer, lacrosse and squash. He won letters in each of the three sports and captained the soccer team in his senior year, when he was chosen all-Ivy League. "He was one of the finest and most versatile athletes we've had at Harvard in many years," a Harvard Athletic Department spokesman said. Williams was the number three man on Harvard's squash teams which went undefeated in 30 matches during his varsity career. He was one of the school's all time high scorers in lacrosse. In addition to his athletic prowess, Williams was a dean's list student throughout his Harvard years. He also was a member of the elite Hasty Pudding Club.

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