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Judge screws N.J. screwers

NEWARK, N.J. (UPI) - A county judge yesterday upheld a 1796 law that makes it illegal for single persons to have sexual relations in New Jersey

Judge Stanley G. Bedford of Essex County said in a 12-page opinion that it is up to the legislature, not the courts, to decide whether the state should keep the law.

Bedford's decision arose from a challenge to the law brought by Newark laborer Charles Saunders, 20, convicted last February of committing fornication. He was fined a maximum \$50.

Saunders and a co-defendant argued that the statute was unconstitutional because it was seldom enforced, violated their right of privacy and was established in the

"prevailing notions of religious morality" of the latter 18th century. But Bedford rejected the arguments, saying that the state has "compelling secular reasons" to enforce the law in order to prevent birth of illegitimate children and the

spread of venereal disease Bedford conceded that enforcement in the state has been "limited and difficult." But in upholding the law's constitutionality and rejecting Saunders' bid for a judgment of acquittal, Bedford wrote:

The existence of those religious motivations do not, per se, make the statute a violation of the Constitution. Prohibition of fornication by the state neither advances nor inhibits religion.'

It is, he continued, up "to the

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Defense attorney Robert A. Baime said Bedford's decision would be appealed to the Appellate Division of state Superior Court

Saunders and another man were indicted on charges of rape and armed robbery stemming from a July, 1973 incident in which they allegedly picked up two females, drove them to a Newark parking lot and "engaged in sexual activities." During their six-day trial before Bedford, Saunders admitted com-

mitting fornication, prompting the judge to charge him with the misdemeanor. The jury acquitted the men of rape and armed robbery, but found them

guilty of a fornication count.

House-Senate conferees are considering emergency

legislation to pump \$600 million over the next two fiscal years into mass transit operating subsidies and capital im-

The administration has opposed the measure, contending

that operating subsidies should only be part of a com-

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prehensive long-term mass transit assistance package.

By VAUGHN GILBERT **Collegian Staff Writer** The University Faculty

Senate yesterday sent back to committee a motion aimed at revising the State Employ-ee's Retirement System (SERS)

The unaminous decision to return the motion came after Fringe Benefits Subcommittee Chairman John J. Cahir told the Senate his committee did not feel the motion was ready for Senate approval.

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Cahir said the motion, which called for annual adjustments in pension benefits and an optional early retirement age of 55 for state employees, was vague and misleading. He said the motion did not

specify if the proposed revisions would pertain to all

state employees or just faculty members.

He also said the motion did not effectively separate the proposals. "It is possible that some may think the pro-posals are linked to each other," he said.

Retirement change tab

The Senate directed the Fringe Benefits Subcommittee to investigate the tailor courses to the students possibility of changing SERS to include the original who come to University Park during the summer: motion's proposals.

The Senate also approved These students would inthe Summer Term 1975 clude school teachers and calendar students from other colleges

who come to the University to Students will be able to take extra courses. These hoose between a six-week or people often have a limited ten-week term next summer amount of time to spend in the under the new calendar. Asa summer and a shorter term Berlin, chairman of the Calendar Commission, said would benefit them, Berlin the plan was designed to

said. University President John W. Oswald said he would work to immediately implement the plan.

China celebrates anniversary

HONG KONG (UPI) — The People's Republic of China celebrated its 25th anniversary yesterday with a call for unity.

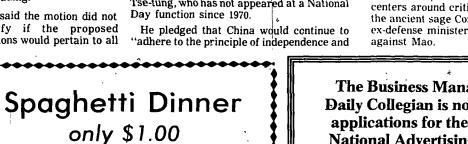
Premier Chou En-lai left his hospital bed Monday night to host a massive reception on the eve of the 25th National Day

Chou, who has been hospitalized since June and recently underwent an operation for an apparent heart ailment, delivered a toast on behalf of Communist Party Chairman Mao Tse-tung, who has not appeared at a National

self-reliance" while seeking to preserve national unity. The New China News Agency said in a

report on the observations of the anniversary of the takeover of power by the Communists in 1949 that "unity for struggle was a keynote of the festivities" in the capital.

The struggle referred to was a mass political campaign launched early this year by Mao. The campaign, which bears some resemblance to the Cultural Revolution, centers around criticism of two dead men the ancient sage Confucius and Lin Piao, an ex-defense minister who died in a 1971 plot



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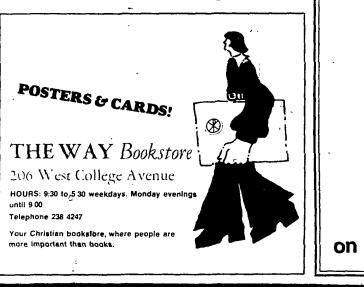
Ford non-committal Mayors seek transit aid the prospects for passage of a long-range measure the

WASHINGTON (UPI) - Twenty-two big-city mayors yesterday joined business and labor leaders in appealing personally for President Ford's support of \$600 million in emergency federal aid to mass transit systems

Mayors Abraham Beame of New York, Richard J. Daley of Chicago, Joseph L. Alioto of San Francisco and Ford Motor Company chairman Henry Ford II were among those meeting with Ford at the White House.

The White House said Beame requested the meeting. Aboto told reporters after the session that it was "inconclusive" because the President did not want to make any definite commitment one way or the other pending the outcome of mass transit legislation under consideration by Congress

Alioto, Daley and Beame said another meeting would be held next week with congressional leaders present to assess



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