

More space in dormitories

# Bolster removal bolsters rooms

A proposal to remove bolsters from the walls in North Halls was approved by housing and will probably go into effect sometime next week, Jack Brown, manager of housing services said yesterday.

Bolsters are box-like shelves with lids which hang on opposing walls above beds.

Taking off the bolsters "will give students more flexibility in arranging their rooms," Brown said.

The proposal states that the removal of a bolster and the addition of bunk beds increases the living space 14 square feet.

Students who want to remove the bolsters, which are bolted through the walls of adjoining rooms, must have the consent of the residents of both rooms. Only one bolster may be taken off the

wall in each room. The residents then must secure a "Bolster Removal Request Form" from the Housing Supervisor and receive approval from him. The bolster may be taken off the wall but it must remain in the room.

Residents are liable for any damages or loss to the bolsters and are responsible for the removal and replacement of the bolsters at the end of the academic year.

The program now is on an experimental basis and can be terminated if there are problems.

Stephen Osborn, President of the North Halls Residence Association said the program gives the students "a means of personal expression in their rooms."

Osborn said the North Halls Residence Association recognized the limited amount of space dorm residents have and the removal of the bolsters adds substantially to that space.

"The proposal is exactly what we wanted," Osborn said. "Housing sometimes has a bad name, this is one case where they were trying."

"With the cooperation of students, both students and housing can work successfully together on this program," Brown said.

Brown said the proposal is for North Halls and it has no specific guidelines for the other residence areas. Students would have to get in touch with the Housing Supervisor in their areas.

—by Patricia McCaffrey

# FASH continues violent strike

United Press International

One truck was set on fire, the radiator on another was smashed by an ax and two trucks were shot at in a strike by independent steel-haulers now in its ninth week, state authorities reported yesterday.

U.S. District Court Judge Louis Rosenberg in Pittsburgh continued to consider a decision on an injunction requested by seven major steel producers to stop the strike by the Fraternal Association of Steel Haulers.

The steel companies also asked fines be imposed on FASH officers and some FASH members.

A spokeswoman for the judge said Rosenberg was working on his ruling, but she was uncertain when he would hand it down.

Pittsburgh police Wednesday night arrested a Wexford man in connection with strike-related violence in McKees Rocks in which a rig was set afire and said more arrests were expected.

Police said Elmer D'Antonio was charged with criminal conspiracy; aggravated assault and recklessly en-

dangerous another person.

Thomas Ottenschot, an independent trucker from Corland, N.Y., was attacked in McKees Rocks by a mob shouting "scab," police said.

Ottenschot said he was driving a rig hauling aluminum sheets when a red pickup truck blocked a road near McKees Rocks.

Ottenschot said a mob got out of the truck with rocks and bricks, smashed his cab windows and tried to pull him from the vehicle. Ottenschot said he managed to get out of the cab and ran from the mob.

He said the mob, shouting "scab", chased him until he was picked up by a passing motorist.

State police reported yesterday that shots were fired at trucks in the western part of the state.

A driver said he was forced to stop his truck in Allegheny County near Pittsburgh and strikers busted his radiator with an ax.

State police in Indiana reported three tire slashing incidents.

# Colloquy pays top dollar for names

How much does it cost to lure a famous, high-priced attorney to speak at Penn State? Colloquy paid \$4,500 to bring criminal lawyer F. Lee Bailey, who has defended the Boston Strangler, Patty Hearst and now Sid Vicious.

Columnist Art Buchwald, scheduled to appear Feb. 7, will be getting \$5,000.

Colloquy publicity director Jeff Schmoyer said recently that the amount of money paid to celebrity speakers certainly is an essential factor, but there's more involved. Without the time spent planning, telephoning, scheduling, debating and deciding, Bailey would never have appeared.

Finding renowned speakers takes more than calling and offering them money, he said. Even the building where the speaker is to appear must be reserved a year in advance. "We then have to find people to fit the

date," he said.

The debating end entails recruiting speakers who are popular with students and at a price Colloquy can afford, Schmoyer said. The initial contact is made through agencies that check who is available and when.

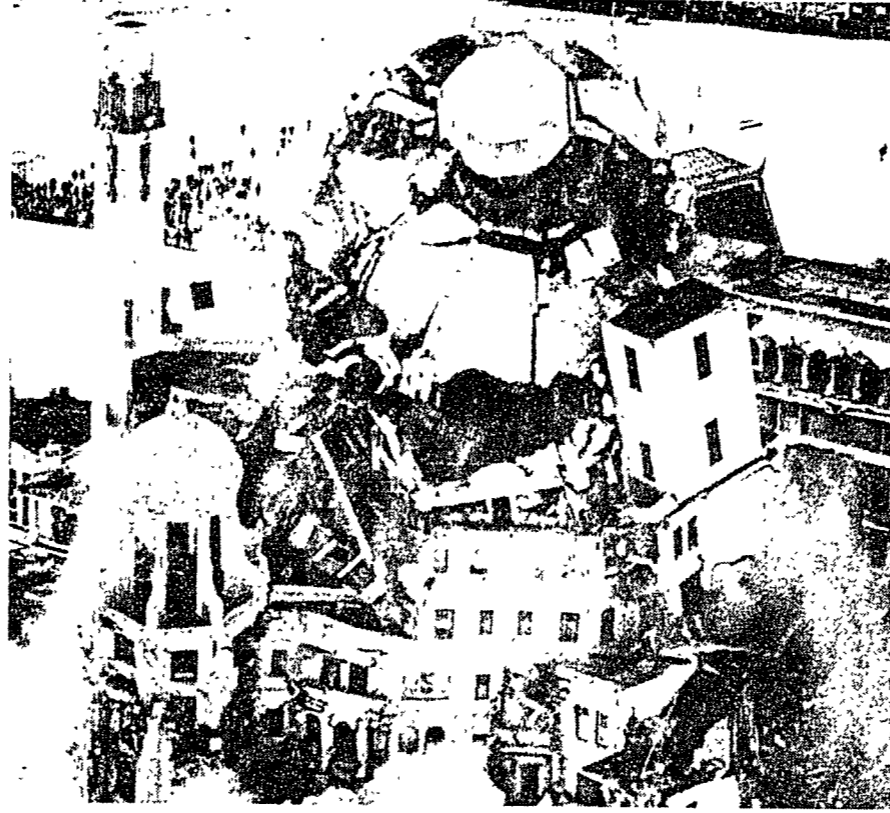
Schmoyer said the next step is choosing "the best possible person for the right amount of money."

Colloquy tries to schedule one major program and one major speaker each term, Schmoyer said. Often a theme or program is designed around a speaker's appearance.

The compensation a speaker receives is directly proportional to how well known the individual is.

For the unknowns, however, the payment is considerably less, Schmoyer said. Last year, lecturers discussing the future were given \$1,000 each.

—by Denise Laffan



Thar she blows

Once Atlantic City's finest, The Blenheim Hotel paid the price of progress yesterday to make room for a new casino.

# Judge rules against postponing Flood trial

WASHINGTON (AP) — A federal judge yesterday refused to postpone the Jan. 15 bribery and perjury trial of Rep. Daniel J. Flood, but said efforts are under way to provide important financial documents to the defense in time for the trial.

The Pennsylvania Democrat had asked U.S. District Judge Oliver Gasch to postpone the trial until March, partly on grounds that key financial records from Pennsylvania banks were not available to defense attorneys.

"Both the court and the United States attorney offered to assist (defense) counsel in getting the remaining materials sought from the Pennsylvania bank accounts," Gasch said in a court ruling. "The court was advised by the United States attorney that the court's request for expedition had been made known to the banks concerned."

"It thus appears that reasonable efforts are being made to furnish the defendant with the material his counsel seeks on an expedited basis."

Flood, 74, chairman of a key House

appropriations subcommittee, is charged with 13 counts of bribery, conspiracy and perjury, including charges that he accepted payoffs, bank stock, and the promise of additional payoff money.

Gasch also said the trial could not wait for a Supreme Court decision in another case, which may decide which actions by a congressman are immune from prosecution under the Constitution.

Referring to the case involving former Rep. Henry Helstoski, D-N.J., Gasch said, "It is unlikely that a decision will be reached on this case during the current (Supreme Court) term."

Defense motions to have the indictments against Flood dismissed also were denied. Flood's attorneys had argued that their client was not told he was a potential target of a California grand jury investigation when he was called to testify before the Los Angeles grand jury in 1977.

Gasch also said that perjury counts are valid as long as the defendant understood he was answering falsely.

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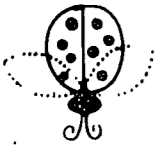
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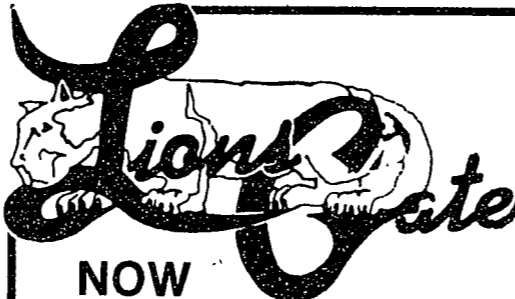
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