

## Two car crash, slashed roof reported yesterday

A two car collision occurred yesterday when a car driven by Brendan Clark McManus of Pittsburgh collided with a car driven by Robert R. Reed Jr. of State College, State College Police said.

McManus was traveling south on Pugh Street when McManus pulled from the intersection at McCormick Avenue and struck the right front corner and side of Reed's vehicle, police said.

Estimated damages were \$800 to Reed's car and \$1,500 to McManus' car, police said.

Arthur Yarzumbek of State College reported yesterday the convertible top of his car was slashed while the vehicle was parked in parking lot 80, University Police Services said.

Estimated value of the damage is \$250.

Ann Looker of State College reported yesterday the theft of gym shoes and clothing from her locker in Rec Hall, University Police Services said. Estimated value of the loss is \$30.

—by Tim Konski

# Pro-life workshops set tomorrow

The Newman Student Association will hold a series of pro-life workshops tomorrow in the Frizzell Room of Eisenhower Chapel. The schedule of talks is: 10-11 a.m., Anne Zelnosky, R.N., medical aspects; 11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., Dick Bord, euthanasia; 1:30-2:30 p.m., Chuck Schneider, legal aspects; 2:45-3:45 p.m., Suzanne and Dick Glasgow, abortion 'doublespeak'/student involvement. Everyone is invited.

Rev. Stephen Yelovich will be the guest speaker at the Newman Student Association pizza party after today's 5:05 p.m. Mass in Eisenhower Chapel.

New members are welcome to a

work meeting of the Penn State Model Railroad Club at 7 tonight in the HUB basement.

## Collegian notes

Homophiles of Penn State will hold a general meeting and a business meeting to plan Blue Jeans Day at 7 tonight in 316 HUB.

The Penn State Veteran's Organization will hold Happy Hours

from 4-9 tonight at 227 E. Nittany Ave.

Overcomers Christian Fellowship will meet at 8 p.m. Sunday in the Eisenhower Chapel library.

The first rally of the Penn State Sports Car Club Winter Rally Series will be held Sunday in Parking Lot 80. Registration is 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., and the first car will be off at 1 p.m.

## CATA manager position listed

A search committee has been formed to find a new manager for the Centre Area Transportation Authority, Chairman Paul Rigby said.

The resignation of Richard Lang, which was announced in November, became effective at the end of the year.

Rigby said the committee would develop criteria for selecting Lang's successor and recruit applicants by advertising the position in trans-

portation trade journals.

The committee will wait for response to those advertisements before a date for the appointment of a manager can be set, he said, and the Authority's board would choose the manager.

In the meantime, complete day-to-day operation of the bus company is being handled by operating supervisor Charles Shaffer, he said.

—by Mary Ann Harvey

## Fraud suspected in coal reclamation loan

PITTSBURGH (AP) — The FBI said yesterday that a \$35-million loan for coal reclamation in western Pennsylvania is one of more than 50 area coal deals in which fraud is suspected.

The FBI's Pittsburgh office is checking the possibility that First National Bank of Chicago was defrauded when it loaned the \$35 million, said Arthur Nehrass, special agent in charge.

"There are allegations of fraud and our investigation is to determine whether there's actually been fraud," he said.

The loan was made for the acquisition of 3,200 acres of land and the processing of waste piles to recover useable coal and coke, the FBI said.

Nehrass said agents suspect the bank may have been victimized if the value of the land and minerals was overstated when the loan was procured. He declined to identify the other parties involved.

The borrower, Pittsburgh Coal & Coke Inc. of Allison, in nearby Fayette County, unknowingly may have been the conduit through which another party fraudulently received part of the loan, according to unnamed sources quoted in the Wall Street Journal.

But PCC Chairman Lloyd Arnold said yesterday he's satisfied with the gob piles and unmined coal he bought at Allison. The company is currently expanding reclamation efforts, he added.

"The suspected fraud is a mystery to me," he said, adding that two shifts

working 20 hours a day recovered nearly 8,900 tons of coke in December.

Arnold said PCC borrowed the \$35 million based on an engineering study by Pullman Swindell Division of Pullman Corp. The study showed the gob piles contained at least 6 million tons of recoverable coal and 4.2 million tons of coke, Arnold said.

"We're here. We're operating. We do have a \$35-million commitment, and we haven't used \$10 million of it yet. Our credit is still good. We've made every payment we're supposed to make," he said.

A spokesman for Pullman Swindell's Pittsburgh office said the company performed the study, but he declined to comment on the investigation.

The probe began two months ago and is one of 55 coal deals in West Virginia and western Pennsylvania under investigation, Nehrass said.

The Securities and Exchange Commission and the Internal Revenue Service are cooperating in some of the cases in a nationwide crackdown on suspected coal fraud.

"Back in the 1950s and 60s the big thing was oil swindles. We're seeing the same (methods) in coal swindles," Nehrass said.

"We're finding such things as fraudulent leases, sale of leases not owned by the person selling them, and switching, where they're showing a prospective investor a mine, but the mine he's really buying is 10 miles away," he said.

## Gas rates may go up

Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania, Inc. has filed a request with the Public Utility Commission that would raise the cost of gas to the average residential user 10.9 percent a year, according to a notice the company sent to its customers.

Columbia estimates the rate increase will produce \$26.5 million per year in additional revenues and hopes to implement the new rate schedule Feb. 28, the notice said.

A Columbia spokeswoman said the increase is necessary due to inflation in labor costs, taxes, materials, employee benefits and other costs. She said the firm's last increase request was two years ago.

A PUC spokesman confirmed that Columbia has filed for an increase

but estimated "it will be several weeks at the earliest before the commission votes on the matter."

He said it is possible public hearings will be held before a PUC administrative law judge before any vote is taken, but for the time being the commission is only studying the proposal.

The average monthly cost to customers who heat with gas will increase by \$3.71 and the non-gas heating customer will pay an additional 57 cents a month if the full request is granted, the PUC spokesman said.

The new rates would increase Columbia's annual revenues by 8.6 percent.

—by Paul Sunyak

### Student Nurses Association

Sunday, Jan. 7

"Violence Against Women" Speaker from the Rape-Abuse Center of State College

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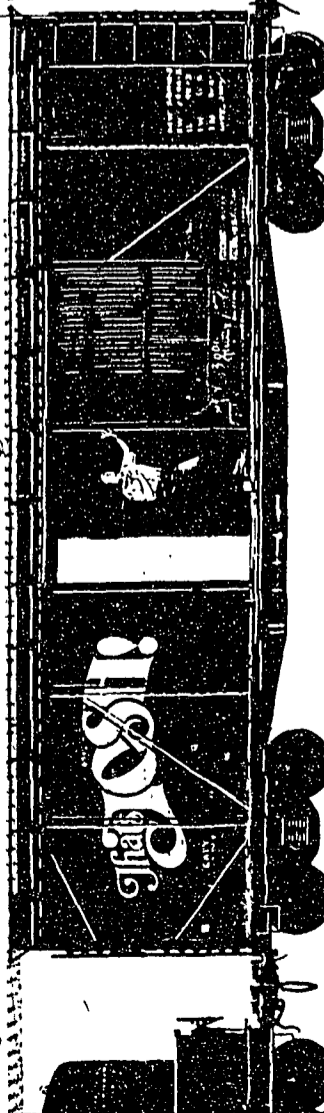
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