

### police log

• Julia Maddox, 133 Fenske Laboratory, told University Police Services on Wednesday that a calculator and math pack were missing from 133 Fenske Lab. The items are valued at \$430, police said.

• Alfred K. Blackadar, 905 W. Foster Ave., told the State College Police Department that four wheel covers were removed from his car within the past two weeks. The covers are valued at \$175, police said.

• William MacDonald (junior-electrical engineering), 602 McKean Hall, told University police Wednesday that his coat and \$20 were missing from a secured locker in White Building. Loss is estimated at \$85, police said.

• State College police reported Wednesday that a Betamax recorder, power pack and cables were missing from a University van parked along the 400 block of West Beaver Avenue. A loss estimate was not available, police said. —By Anita Huslin

### collegian notes

• The Orienteering Club will hold an orienteering meet at 11 a.m. Saturday at Stone Valley Recreation Center.

• Recreation Park will sponsor a trail accessibility workshop and training session on the use of tools noon Saturday at the Stone Valley Nature Center.

### Delta Upsilon to sponsor free concerts

Delta Upsilon fraternity will hold its first Fraternity Fling from 12 to 5 p.m. Sunday, the event chairman said yesterday.

"Delta Upsilon" wanted fraternalties to do something with no competition involved. Something where they could just get to know each other," Henry Carl said.

Local bands Azgard, MX and The Front will perform on the fraternity's front lawn, 229 Locust Lane. The public is invited to attend and admission is free, Carl said.

Fraternity Fling will be in cooperation with the following fraternities: Alpha Chi Sigma, Alpha Chi Rho, Tau Epsilon Phi, Theta Delta Chi, Acacia, Delta Chi and Sigma Phi Epsilon.

It is sponsored by the Miller Brewing Company and WQWK radio, Carl said.

—By Kristine Sorchilla

### N.H. court considers child abusers' immunity

By DAVID WYSOCKI Associated Press Writer

CONCORD, N.H. — The state Supreme Court is considering whether a man who admitted having sex with his 12-year-old stepdaughter is immune from prosecution under a law that shields people who report child abuse.

Under the state law, anyone who suspects child abuse must report it and is granted immunity from prosecution, even if the suspicion turns out to be unfounded. It does not specifically mention confessed abusers.

An attorney for Eugene Howland, 40, of Tamworth argued Wednesday before the high court that his client should be given immunity because he reported the offense.

But the state's deputy attorney general contended that the law covers only the act of reporting and does not include abusers who turn themselves in.

Superior Court Judge Louis Wyman cited the immunity provision when he dismissed rape charges against Howland last summer, prompting a storm of protest and a request from the state that he reconsider.

Wyman set aside the dismissal and agreed to send the case to the high court.

"The essential relationship between a father and a stepdaughter makes rape in italics entirely different from a statute that prohibits consent by a minor (under 13)," he had said. "They need to solve the problem within the family."

### Senate probing Meese's finances

By JAMES ROWLEY Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — Senate investigators are questioning the failure of Edwin Meese III to report on financial disclosure statements some trips he took as White House counselor, Meese's attorney said last night.

The allegations involve Meese's alleged failure to list some trips he has taken since 1981 on financial disclosure reports required by the Ethics in Government Act, attorney Leonard Garment said.

Of the hundreds of trips that Meese has taken in the last three years, "you come down to a relative handful in which this issue is involved," Garment said.

Meese's Senate confirmation as attorney general has been held up while a special prosecutor examines loans he received at favorable terms from men who later received government jobs. His failure to report a \$15,000 interest-free loan from a man who was later given a government job is one of the items expected to be investigated by Special Prosecutor Jacob Stein.

Meese has denied any impropriety and said his failure to report the \$15,000 loan was an oversight.

"Piecemeal and misleading stories about overcomplicated factual issues like this one have been extremely unfair and hurtful to him," Garment said.

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## Anti-chemical warfare treaty to be offered to Soviets

By TIM AHERN Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — While the Reagan administration is pressing for a worldwide ban on chemical weapons, Iraq may be preparing for the "large-scale" use of lethal nerve gas to fend off Iranian attacks in the Persian Gulf, U.S. officials said yesterday.

The "bold American initiative" which President Reagan promised in his news conference Wednesday night will be a proposed treaty which would permit Soviet inspection of U.S. chemical weapons stocks and sites if the Soviets allow similar U.S. searches of Russian facilities.

The proposal will be offered within two weeks by Vice President George Bush at the 40-nation Committee on Disarmament, a United Nations group which has been trying for years to draft a new anti-chemical warfare treaty. The Soviets have proposed banning chemical weapons in Europe.

Chemical and biological weapons are outlawed by the 1925 Geneva Protocol and a 1972 treaty. But both pacts lack enforcement and verification procedures, a fact Reagan said had been made "tragically clear" by the Iran-Iraq war and his administration's charges that the Soviets have used or supplied chemical weapons in Southeast Asia and Afghanistan.

The Soviet Union yesterday derided Reagan's proposal, saying his calls for verification and checking procedures would destroy any possibility of reaching an agreement on

such a ban. The official Soviet news agency Tass accused the president of seeking to justify a program for the U.S. buildup of chemical arms and said the United States already possesses "the world's largest chemical arms arsenal."

In an earlier reaction to Reagan's remarks, the government-controlled Radio Moscow said the United States has been stockpiling chemical weapons and using them in Afghanistan and Southeast Asia.

In Washington, deputy State Department spokesman Alan Romberg said the United States believes it is "regrettable that the Soviet Union chose to attack the president's initiative before even seeing it."

"As to other Soviet charges about U.S. policies on chemical weapons, they are false and misleading," Romberg said. "They are obviously intended for propaganda effect to divert attention from their own actions in this area."

On the Persian Gulf situation, the administration charged last week that the Iraqis used lethal nerve gas to stem Iranian attacks in the four-year-old war between the two nations.

It would be the first time that nerve gas, developed by Germany in the 1930s, has ever been used in warfare. Earlier, the United States said Iraq had used mustard gas, a weapon widely used in World War I. Mustard gas and related weapons are far less lethal than nerve gases. A small drop of nerve gas can kill in 15 minutes.

The Iraqis have at least five well-protected facilities to produce nerve gas, according to U.S. officials who spoke on condition they not be identified.

"You could see some real large-scale use pretty soon if the Iraqis attack again," said one official. "It shows how desperate Iraq is getting, because obviously you pay a heavy price worldwide because of the revision over these weapons."

Iraq's military is far outnumbered by Iran, which has used human wave attacks in recent offensives at the northern end of the Persian Gulf.

"Nerve gas is so horrible that most people don't even like to think about it," said another official. "So what Iraq is doing is raising the CW issue in a way that gets the world's attention. Perhaps it can come to some good if we could get a treaty."

### Twisters rip through Bucks County

By The Associated Press

WARMINSTER, Pa. — One man was injured and several houses and trailers were damaged when funnel clouds described as "tornadoes" touched down during a thunderstorm in Bucks County last evening, police said.

The first twister struck at about 6:30 p.m., damaging two to three houses in Warmminster, police said. There were no reports of injuries and the full extent of the damage had not been determined.

Minutes later, a second twister touched down in nearby Northampton, destroying two construction trailers, police dispatcher Martin Comyn said. A worker was trapped inside one of the trailers for about 10 minutes until he was rescued by area residents, Comyn said.

The man, who was not identified, sustained back injuries and was taken to St. Mary's hospital in Langhorne, where he was listed in stable condition.

Ken Hagy of the National Weather Service in Philadelphia said the twisters were probably not actual torna-

does, but rather funnel clouds with extremely high winds.

"Since there weren't a whole lot of houses destroyed and no one was killed, we sort of doubt that it was a tornado," Hagy said.

The first report of a tornado came from Willow Grove Naval Air Station in neighboring Montgomery County. Aviation Apprentice Chuck Whitworth said he watched from the main gate of the base as the twister formed about a mile to the northeast, just across the county line.

"I was watching the low clouds and all of a sudden I saw the dark clouds spinning down," he said. "It lasted about 30 seconds, and when it had disappeared I saw debris that looked like the roof of a house or something about 150 yards in the air."

The twister came in the middle of a 30-minute thundershower that brought hail and lightning.

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### Reagan threat turns out false

By JAMES GERSTENZANG Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK — A "threat situation" briefly delayed President Reagan's departure from the New York Hilton Hotel last night and city police said bomb squad officers had removed a suspicious package that later turned out not to be a bomb.

A White House spokesman, Mark Weinberg, who described the incident as a threat situation, said the delay was about 10 minutes.

A suspicious package was left at the hotel, said Tony Vallelong, a New York City police department spokesman.

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