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## Shuttle fuselage believed found

NEW YORK (AP) — ABC, CBS, NBC and Cable News Network said yesterday they will provide live coverage of today's memorial service for the astronauts who died aboard the space shuttle Challenger.

The service, which President Reagan plans to attend, will be held at the Johnson Space Center in Houston. Coverage is scheduled to begin at 12:30 p.m. EST.

By HARRY F. ROSENTHAL  
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CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — A Coast Guard cutter reported finding a large piece of debris believed to be part of the fuselage of the space shuttle Challenger yesterday and said parts of the cockpit appear to be floating on the Atlantic Ocean.

The fuselage is the central body portion of the shuttle. The segment was hoisted aboard the Coast Guard cutter Dallas and a spokesman reported, "they said it took everything they had to get it up there on the cutter, so it must be fairly large."

NASA divers were on the scene and prepared to go down 140 feet where

sonar indicated a substantial piece of the Challenger lay.

An investigating board spent the day checking TV tapes of the liftoff taken from different angles and NBC said the focus was on one of the solid rocket boosters.

Reporter Jay Barbree said a frame-by-frame study of the film seen by the public seemed to indicate that a splice between two of the booster's four segments sprung a leak and "served like a blowtorch and burned through the tank — a 6,000 degree blue torch."

A source, speaking on condition he not be identified, told The Associated Press that "this is one piece of evidence... they are looking at it, but there is nothing conclusive."

Earlier, NASA had expanded its search for shuttle debris, dispatching six Navy ships to probe the "missile graveyard of the world." Crews recovered thousands of pounds of debris, including one of the shuttle's control panels.

Experts were also examining a piece of bone which washed up on a beach and was found by a private citizen.

At a news conference yesterday evening, Lt. Cmdr. Jim Simpson of the Coast Guard said the cutter Dallas reported finding "a large piece" and that there appeared to be parts of the cockpit on the surface.

Asked whether there was any sign of the bodies of the seven astronauts who died in Challenger when it exploded on Tuesday, NASA spokesman Hugh Harris said, "no."

Simpson would not give the location of the sighting, but said it was far offshore.

"They had multiple sonar hits indicating there is something large on the bottom," he said.

A bone with blue fabric attached washed up on a beach, and medical technicians examined it to see if it belonged to one of the seven astronauts killed in Tuesday's explosion.

The bone was found near Indianalantic, 35 miles south of Cape Canaveral and taken to a hospital at nearby Patrick Air Force Base. NASA spokesman Hugh Harris said the bone and tissue fragment measured four inches by six inches by one inch.

NASA officials did not know what kind of bone it was, and there nothing

was to link it to an astronaut.

"An anonymous citizen found a navy blue sock with what appeared to be a burned bone fragment attached to it at 11:30 today at the high water mark on the beach," said Steven Okes, an Indianalantic police communications officer.

He said police called NASA, which instructed them to refrigerate the find, then "20 minutes later they told us to take it to the hospital at Patrick Air Force Base."

Jim Mizell, a spokesman for the Kennedy Space Center, called the area offshore "the missile graveyard of the world" because it contains the wreckage of scores of failed rockets and the discarded first stages of hundreds more.

"It will take some real expert to take pieces and say it's not Snark, Redstone, Pershing, Atlas and on and on," he said.

Thousands of pounds of small pieces of debris found floating on the sea were aboard ships running search patterns over 8,000 square miles, northward from Cape Canaveral to Daytona Beach.

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## Nurses end walkout

By TABASSUM ZAKARIA  
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HARRISBURG — Negotiators for the commonwealth and nurses reached a tentative agreement late last night to end a week-old strike at 140 state-run hospitals, prisons and health centers.

"We are prepared at this point to suspend the strike," said Fred Stull, spokesman for the Pennsylvania Nurses Association. "We will be contacting our people immediately."

Stull said union members would return to work for morning shifts today.

The strike, which started Jan. 22, was the longest involving state employees since 1975, according to mediator Thomas Quinn.

"I think we got what we asked for. It's consistent with what we were able to achieve last summer," said Murray Dickman, state secretary of administration, referring to settlements with other state employees last year. "We've

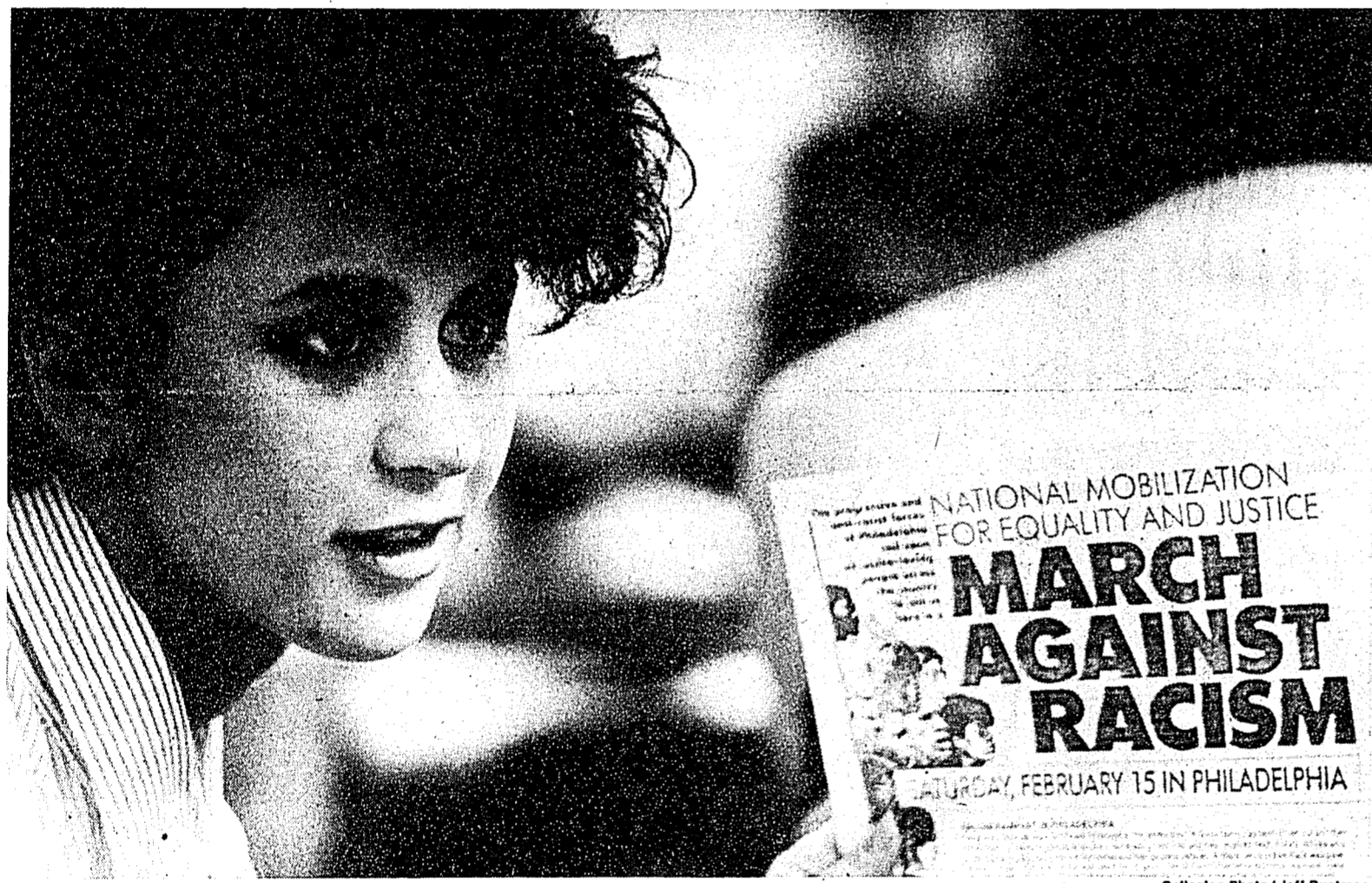
been telling them this was it, there wasn't going to be any more."

Dickman said the three-year contract includes reductions in holidays, sick leave and in the number of days off for new employees. The contract is retroactive to July 1, 1985.

"We are accepting it reluctantly," Stull said. "However we believe it is the best possible settlement we are going to get. The bargaining team has recommended the package be accepted."

State officials entered the ten-and-a-half-hour bargaining session saying their final offer to the nurses, pharmacists and other health professionals will mirror contracts signed by other state employees last year.

Members of the Pennsylvania Nurses Association were offered increases of 3 percent, or 32 cents, per hour the first year, 3 percent, or 33 cents, per hour the second year, and 3 percent, or 34 cents, per hour the third year.



### Interested spectator

Tracy Wellens (senior-psychology) listens as the Black Student Coalition Against Racism resolution is read at a meeting of the Committee for Justice

in South Africa last night. The Committee will support the efforts of BSCAR to pressure the University to divest. Story on Page 12.

## Jordan: group could harm black enrollment

By DAMON CHAPPIE  
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University President Bryce Jordan read the warning from a new black student coalition yesterday and said he "regrets very much" its threat to the University's efforts to bring black students to Penn State.

And the principal architect of the University's minority recruitment efforts said the impending action "has great potential" to decrease the number of black students, despite a court-ordered effort by the University to recruit Blacks.

William Asbury, acting vice president for student services, said the University will continue its minority recruitment programs even though 13 black student organizations declared they will no longer participate.

"I think it has great potential to influence the number of black students (admitted) because we depend on a number of black students to recruit," Asbury said yesterday.

Asbury said the administration will still strive to "meet the goals that we have set for ourselves unless (Jordan) or the (University Board of Trustees) changes that policy."

Jordan said he "regrets very much the course of action" proposed by the new Black Student Coalition Against Racism, which announced Monday night that it will work against minority recruitment. The move came in response to the trustees' two-week-old decision not to divest holdings in South African-related companies.

"I understand the anger and anguish these students feel. The issue is not the evil in South Africa; we are all sickened by what is happening there. The issue is how one combats that horrible situation."

Jordan said the University's policy of investing only in companies that sign the Sullivan Principles has been a "positive force in an otherwise calamitous situation."

The Jan. 18 trustees' decision to form a committee to monitor those companies, consider selective divestment and initiate academic programs for black South Africans "are actions in which the University may best use the limited influence it has," added Jordan.

Asbury said the monitoring committee, which will give advice to

Jordan on University investments, will be named next week. The committee will include members of the original committee that developed a host of options the trustees could adopt in response to South Africa, he said.

More members will be appointed to the committee which will include Undergraduate Student Government President David Rosenblatt, Graduate Student Association President Brian DelBuono, Black Studies Director James Stewart, University Assistant Treasurers David Branigan and Ray Nargi and incoming chairman of the Faculty Senate Gregory Knight.

Asbury said the administration is "interested in having a dialogue with the coalition. Any student group that needs to be heard can be heard by the president or myself."

Although a meeting has yet to be scheduled between Jordan and BSCAR's leadership, several administrators have met informally with coalition leaders.

University Vice President for Academic Services Robert Dunham met informally with BSCAR Chairman Carlton Waterhouse Wednesday to discuss BSCAR's resolution and the situation in South Africa, Waterhouse said.

Dunham did not comment yesterday on reports of the meeting.

Waterhouse said he met briefly with Asbury yesterday and that a more formal meeting is being scheduled for next week.

Waterhouse said Jordan's statement disappointed him because it only addressed BSCAR's intention to oppose minority recruitment and ignored BSCAR's other resolves.

BSCAR said it will also "refuse involvement with companies that operate in South Africa and voice dissatisfaction with and opposition to the University's attitude and actions toward the Black community."

Katrina Scott, president of the Committee for Justice in South Africa, said BSCAR formed not only in response to the divestment decision but also to a "negative climate for Blacks" at the University.

"The fact is we see racism here, our call is to end racism here. Up till now all we've been doing is tolerating it," Scott said.

## DA asks for reversal of Vedam decision

By PHIL GALEWITZ  
Collegian Staff Writer

Centre County District Attorney Ray Gricar has asked the state Supreme Court to reverse a lower court decision granting a retrial to a State College man convicted of murdering his former roommate.

Should the state's highest court agree to hear Gricar's appeal, a ruling would not be expected for several months.

A three-judge panel of the state Superior Court voted 2-1 earlier this month to grant Subramanyam Vedam a new trial. The judges said evidence had been presented in the

case that was irrelevant and would have prejudiced the jury.

The superior court ruled that a 1983 Centre County Court decision finding Vedam guilty of first-degree murder had been based partly on evidence not relevant to the case. Vedam was found guilty of killing Thomas E.P. Kinser of Boalsburg, who was shot in the head in December 1980.

"We are bringing the case to court because we respectfully disagree with the panel's decision," Gricar said.

Amos Goodall, the local counsel for Vedam, said material Gricar admitted should not have been heard by the jury, because it did not give a

motive for the murder.

Gricar said the illegal evidence presented involved a 14-pound synthetic ruby stolen from the University's Mineral Research Building.

Vedam pleaded no contest in January 1984 to stealing the ruby. Then-District Attorney Robert Mix contended at the murder trial that Vedam had hid it in a forest five miles out of State College and later shot Kinser in the woods, believing Kinser was there to take the ruby.

The ruby, which Vedam believed worth thousands of dollars, was in reality worth a few hundred, Gricar said. Later a woodcutter had found the ruby and turned it over to Univer-

sity experts who identified it as the stolen item.

Gricar added that Vedam had lured Kinser into the woods before killing him.

"The incidents with the ruby are relevant to the case and related to Kinser's death," Gricar said. "The stolen ruby does present a motive for the alleged murder of Kinser."

But Goodall said verdicts arising from previous cases are "legally inadmissible and (have) nothing to do with the murder trial."

Under judicial regulations, Gricar could have either brought the case to the entire Superior Court or filed an appeal with the state Supreme Court.

## Further charges filed in investment scam

By PETE BARATTA  
and PHIL GALEWITZ  
Collegian Staff Writers

A State College man arrested last week in an investment scam had further charges levied against him Wednesday for theft by deception and failure to invest funds allegedly given to him by about 40 people from Centre County, western Pennsylvania and Ohio.

More than 12 current or former officers of the State College State Police, Ferguson Township police and the State College Bureau of Police Services were victims of the scheme, said State College Criminal Investigator Thomas King.

As a result of the scam, four State College police officers were allegedly swindled out of \$13,250 by Gary H. McCaffrey from Oct. 2 to Dec. 31.

Before the new charges were filed, a spokeswoman for District Justice Clifford Yorks said that victims had invested a total of \$24,800 in the scheme.

McCaffrey, 31, allegedly led victims to invest money in non-existent truckloads of videocassette recorders and stock in the London Stock Exchange, Gail Brown, assistant office supervisor at Yorks' office, said yesterday.

The new charges are a result of an ongoing investigation between University Police Services and State College police. King said more charges are expected.

McCaffrey, a former Pugh Street Parking Garage employee, was arrested Jan. 12 by University and State College police for failing to return a leased car to the University Park Airport. In addition, he was charged with issuing a \$2,600 check drawn on insufficient funds.

McCaffrey, 119 W. Suburban Ave., was arraigned Wednesday on eight more charges of theft by deception and one charge of theft by failure to make required disposition of funds, Brown said.

McCaffrey is in Centre County prison awaiting his Feb. 6 preliminary hearing where he will be

charged with all allegations against him. He is being held on \$100,000 bail, King said.

King said he does not know why some police officers became victims of the scheme, adding that the officers were contacted by McCaffrey on a personal basis.

"By law, McCaffrey, after making a verbal agreement, is obligated to place the funds he received in an account. But McCaffrey failed to do that," King said.

McCaffrey operated under the business name of Keystone Finance and Insurance Group, formerly of 1200 W. College Ave. King said McCaffrey legally sold insurance.

Tom Harmon, assistant director of University safety, said University police are involved with the investigation because the transactions between McCaffrey and his first set of victims occurred in the parking lot of the Applied Research Lab.

"The transactions occurred on campus; that's why they're being investigated by our agency," Harmon said.

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#### weather

This afternoon, lots of clouds and a brief period of snow is possible. High of 28. Tonight, mostly cloudy with a low of 21. Weekend outlook: gradually becoming milder with lots of clouds on Saturday and light flurries possible. High of 34. Mostly cloudy on Sunday.....Heldt Sonen

#### fyi

ABC-TV's "Good Morning America" will broadcast a segment featuring Penn State's ice cream short-course on Monday between 8 and 9 a.m. Erma Bombeck, a featured reporter on the show, visited the University two weeks ago to tape the segment about the University's internationally acclaimed eight-day ice cream-making course.