

## Libya implicated in bombing

Official says evidence is 'indisputable'

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WASHINGTON, D.C. — The supreme allied commander in Europe said there is indisputable evidence that the bombing of a West Berlin nightclub can be linked to a worldwide network of terrorists set up by Libyan leader Moammar Khadafy, and he said U.S. officials were already warning soldiers at nightposts in the city when the blast occurred.

"I can't tell you how we get it, but the evidence is there," U.S. Army Gen. Bernard Rogers said in a speech.

Meanwhile, the Navy dispatched a second aircraft carrier to sea in the Mediterranean yesterday, but sources said the Pentagon had yet to order a military strike against Libya in retaliation for recent terrorist attacks.

Should such orders be issued, however, the Navy is in position to form a two-carrier battle group that would include 16 combat ships and more than 160 airplanes, the sources said. It would take about two days to move such a battle group to the Libyan coast, said the sources, who discussed the situation only on the ground they not be identified publicly.

Rogers' remarks came Wednesday night during a question-and-answer session after a speech at a private school in suburban Atlanta.

Rogers said U.S. officials were in the process of warning soldiers at off-duty gathering places in West Berlin when the blast occurred at the La Belle club.

Rogers also said France's recent expulsion of two Libyan diplomats may have prevented a terrorist attack on U.S. Ambassador to France Joe Rodgers, but other U.S. officials said they knew of no specific threat against the ambassador.

The Libyans "had, in fact, been party to a plan to terrorize the American ambassador in Paris," Rogers said.

Although the White House has stopped short of officially blaming Khadafy for the West Berlin bombing, Rogers said U.S. officials had learned of the possibility of a terrorist attack in West Berlin on Saturday.

The two Libyan diplomats expelled from France were members of the Libyan People's Bureau in Paris, which has embassy status.

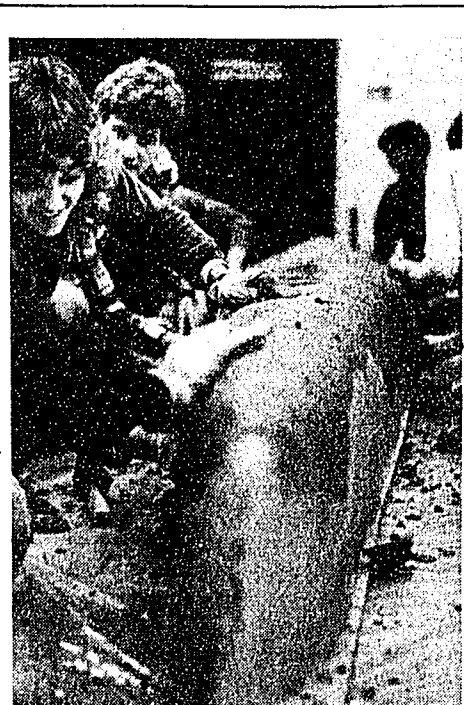
Authorities said the pair had been in contact with people believed to be planning attacks against American citizens and property in Europe.

The Pentagon officially declined comment yesterday on the position of the Navy ships. But officials who requested anonymity said the carrier Coral Sea — its orders to return home canceled — had departed port in Malaga, Spain, early in the day.

The Coral Sea was steaming eastward toward the central Mediterranean, but is still far to the west of Libya, the sources said.

NBC Nightly News, quoting sources, said last night that the Pentagon is preparing a detailed plan for military attacks against Libya, but that U.S. aircraft carriers won't be sent into action until Reagan reviews battle plans with top aides, including Vice President Bush and Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger, both of whom are out of the country.

The plans key on a preliminary attack on four anti-aircraft missile sites, then would move to an attack on three military airfields, the report said.



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### Teamwork

Students from the Society of Civil Engineers labor over a concrete canoe they are making for their annual canoe races to be held in late April.

## PSU receives \$3.5 million gift

By DAMON CHAPPIE  
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The University yesterday received a \$3.5 million gift from a State College couple. It is the largest gift ever made to the University by living individuals.

James and Barbara Palmer donated about 600,000 shares of C-COR Electronics stock worth \$3.5 million.

Palmer was for 31 years the chief executive officer of C-COR, 60 Decibel Road, State College, the firm that develops high quality electronic equipment used in data communications and entertainment cable television systems.

The Palmers' gift will be used to fund the following:

- \$2 million to build an addition to the University's Museum of Art.

- \$1 million to establish an endowed professorial chair in either electrical engineering or communications. The Palmers haven't decided yet if the chair will be in the College of Engineering or the new School of Communications.

- An as-yet-undetermined amount to establish an endowment fund for Pennsylvania Centre Stage at Penn State, the nation's newest professional regional theater.

The gift will also establish an endowed chair in electrical engineering at Iowa State University, where the Palmers' alma mater.

"The University community is elated by the Palmers' gift," University President Bryce Jordan said at a news conference packed with administrators, trustees, faculty and alumni.

"This generous gift from the Palmers is especially significant because it will quicken the pace and set the tone for the Campaign for Penn State," Jordan added. The campaign seeks to raise \$200 million in next five years.

The amount collected this year for the campaign is well ahead of last year's, said David Gearhart, vice president for development and University relations.

"We're as happy to be here to make this gift as Penn State and Iowa are to receive it," said Palmer, a slim, brown-haired man who has lived in State College since 1953.

"Penn State has been good to us by just being here," James Palmer said. "State College is what it is because of the University. It has all the benefits of a large metropolitan area from a cultural basis, without all of the disadvantages. It is this atmosphere that has contributed to C-COR's success."

The Palmers have served in many capacities in the University and the community. Barbara Palmer served on the board of directors of the Friends of the Museum of Art at Penn State from 1977-84 and served on the Penn State Development Council.

She was also a director on the Centre County

United Way's board from 1969-81, and was president in 1980-81.

Her husband joined C-COR Electronics as general manager in 1954, was promoted to president in 1955 and served as chief executive officer until July 1985. He was C-COR chairman until October 1985 and continues there as a director.

He has worked extensively with the cable television industry, serving as director of the National Cable Television Association in 1965-68, as well as in other cable groups.

Palmer previously established the Palmer Graduate Fellowship in Electrical Engineering at the University.

The largest single gift to the University was a \$5.6 million bequest by Homer Braddock, a 1906 University graduate, who died in 1944. The Braddock money was used to establish endowed scholarship and fellowship funds in the College of Science.

As Jordan announced the gift yesterday afternoon in Alumni Lounge on the first floor of Old Main, pro-divestment protesters marched and shouted just outside and could be heard clearly during the entire conference.

The protesters have staged demonstrations at many of Jordan's public appearances lately, including a Sunday concert he attended and a Graduate Student Association meeting Tuesday night where he spoke.

## Phi Psi 500: Organizers try to reduce problems

By JOHN SPENCE  
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Despite significant vandalism and related crimes experienced in past Phi Psi 500 races, organizers of this year's event say new measures should help to reduce the problems.

Eric Graves, overall chairman of the philanthropy, said a number of steps have been taken this year to reduce vandalism during the race.

"We've been pushing the awareness campaign in the papers and on the radio," he said. "We just want people to act responsibly."

Graves said most of the problems in the Phi Psi 500 involve public urination, vandalism and violations of the open container law.

To combat these the race will be patrolled by 157 student marshalls, who are volunteers from the fraternities on campus, and an additional hired security guard, he said.

In an effort to curb public urination, 20 portable toilets will be strategically placed along the race course. In addition, the Phi Psi 500 committee has put out a community relations pamphlet to warn people not to urinate in public.

"I think both runners and spectators realize that their conduct is going to determine the future of the race; therefore they want their conduct to be good," Graves said.

State College Municipal Council President John Dombroski said that while the council is generally supportive of the race and endorsed it by a 7-0 vote, it still has concerns.

Some council members argue the race should be non-alcoholic and others want to "clean up the acts" in the anything goes division so that the race is geared more toward family entertainment, he said.

But Dombroski praised the Phi

Kappa Psi fraternity for responding to other council concerns in the past — like using the portable toilets and stationing student marshalls along the race course.

Jack Orndorf, commanding officer of the field services division for the State College Bureau of Police Services, said police also think the race has improved over the years.

He said the decrease in Phi Psi-related crimes can be attributed both to the open container ordinance and to changes made by Phi Kappa Psi.

An equal number of uniform and plainclothes policemen will patrol this year's Phi Psi 500 as they did last year, Orndorf said.

"We were ready last year and we'll be ready this year for anything that comes up, although we don't expect anything serious to happen," he added.

Last year State College police reported fewer incidents of destruction or vandalism than the year before.

The department issued 57 citations during last year's race. Fifty-three of those people were in violation of the open container law, three were cited for underage drinking and only one was cited for disorderly conduct, which includes public urination.

In 1984 State College police reported 29 citations were issued for disorderly conduct during the race.

The Phi Psi 500, which began in 1969, is run every year as a charity event of the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity. The event benefits a different charity each year — this year's beneficiaries are Counseling Services Inc. and the Frank Firstin Fund.

The race begins in front of the fraternity house, 403 Locust Lane, and follows a 1.1-mile route through six area bars back to the fraternity. The race starts at 11:45 tomorrow morning and will continue to 4 p.m.



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### I do solemnly swear . . .

Matt Baker, new Undergraduate Student Government president, and Sue Sturgis, new USG vice president, are sworn in by USG Supreme Court Chief Justice Tony Verwey as ex-USG President David Rosenblatt looks on last night at Gatsby's, 120 W. College Ave.

## Lack of race insurance worries lawyers

By DAMON CHAPPIE  
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These days organizers of charity events like the Phi Psi 500 and the Beta Sigma Beta Sy Barash Regatta don't just have to worry about reaching the monetary goals they set but also about soaring liability insurance costs.

Two years ago, insurance for the Regatta cost \$600. If it had to be bought today it would cost \$6,000 — a 1,000 percent increase.

But the fraternity organizers were saved recently when the American Cancer Society, which the charity benefits, picked up the tab for the insurance.

Since the Regatta is held at the Bald Eagle State Park, the state Department of Environmental Resources requires the insurance.

Although Joel Kirsch, this year's Regatta chairman, doesn't want to release the details of the agreement between his fraternity and the cancer society, he said the insurance will still cost "at least \$4,000."

However, the Phi Psi 500, which runs tomorrow, doesn't have any liability insurance, a fact that worries some legal experts.

Phi Psi 500 organizers are relying on a waiver form that all participants must sign which releases the fraternity, the six bars, State College and the race's sponsors from liability for injuries or damages.

But several law professors and lawyers said they wouldn't rely on a waiver anymore "because they just aren't fool-proof."

"There is always the risk that the waiver will not be effective," said Jack Dobbyn, a professor of insurance law at Villanova University.

"If it wasn't sufficiently explained or there were actions taken by the organizers that the court would find not under the waiver, the organizers could be vulnerable," he added.

According to Kirsch and Phi Psi 500 Chairman Eric Graves, no suits have ever been filed against the events because of an injury.

Graves said he didn't seek to buy insurance because he heard the

prices were so high. But he added he talked "briefly" to a lawyer and believes the waiver is adequate protection.

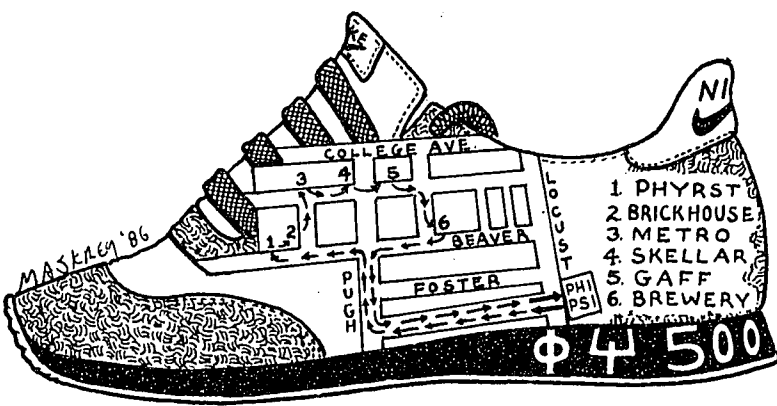
A spokesman for the Insurance Information Institute, an educational and fact-finding organization, said the Phi Psi 500 would have difficulty obtaining insurance because of the alcoholic nature of the race.

"Let me put it this way — not any one insurance company on God's green earth would insure that event and if they did the costs would be astronomical," said Sam Schiff.

Mark Rahdert, a law professor at Temple University, said "waivers are by no means a panacea and wouldn't hold up unless the situation is very tightly controlled."

Rahdert said a waiver for the Phi Psi 500 would have to cover not only the participants but also the spectators.

Schiff blames the increasing insurance costs that are changing the way Americans live on multi-million dollar damages awarded by juries.



## Ag and Engineering face diverse, but serious, problems

This is another in an occasional series on how strategic planning is affecting the University.

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On a warm July day in 1862, Abraham Lincoln penned his name to the land-grant legislation that created the University "where the leading object shall be to teach such branches of learning as are related to agriculture and the mechanic arts."

During the next 123 years, the University's Colleges of Agriculture and Engineering have grown to be the strongest and most popular programs in the institution.

Indeed, a popular guide to public universities, "The Public Ivys," rates the University among the top 10 land-grant institutions but reserves special praise for the two colleges: "Nearly every major in the College of Agriculture and the College of Engineering is absolutely superb."

But as the two colleges look ahead through the strategic planning process that the entire University is attempting, they face different pressures and futures.

- The College of Agriculture is facing a serious funding crisis that has resulted in a hiring freeze and a hold on research projects. Gramm-Rudman budget cuts are ripping into the college more severely than any other college because a large percentage of salaries for research are funded by the federal government.

- Research money spent by the College of Engineering has doubled since 1981 to close to \$14 million in 1985. Private support from corporations and alumni has doubled in the last two years to \$5.6 million in 1985.

- Agriculture is attempting to halt a steadily declining student enrollment caused largely by misconceptions in the media about the failures of farming as a career.

- The College of Engineering is turning students away as it continues strict enroll-

ment controls to keep class size reasonable and reduce the number of students using equipment that is still in short supply.

Despite the funding crisis in Agriculture, the largest college in the University, administrators assure that undergraduate education will not be hurt. Most classes are taught by professors rather than by teaching assistants, who are less costly.

"The last thing to be hurt would be the quality of undergraduate education," said Jim Starling, associate dean for administration in the College of Agriculture. "Teaching for the college is paid for by tuition. The federal crunch on research and extension won't hurt teaching. The last thing we would do is close or alter a program."

But federal cuts are having a drastic effect on the college's research programs, which historically have pushed the college to first place in the East and into the top 10 nationally.

Every 5 percent cut in federal agriculture

education equals a \$750,000 loss in salaries for faculty doing research. The college wants the state to take up the slack and eventually provide all the money that used to come from Uncle Sam.

That would require \$11 million from the state, even though Pennsylvania gives less money to universities than 45 other states. So this year Agriculture asked for a special line item of \$2.9 million to make up for the federal shortfall, which fell under the University's new differential funding concept.

But Gov. Thornburgh granted only \$1.8 million of that request. For the salaries alone, the college needed \$1.4 million and that was before the birth of Gramm-Rudman.

Now, said Starling, "the funding crisis has crashed in on us and instead of acting with rational resource management we now have to act under a crisis management." He said he hopes the University will provide more funds to make up the difference.

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### friday

### fyi

All fifth semester students with last names beginning with A through L should go to Waring Hall today to get their photos taken for new identification cards.

### weather

This afternoon, still cloudy and cold with a few stray snowflakes, high 45. Saturday, we'll have a slight improvement for the Phi Psi 500, with a mix of sun and clouds. It will still be chilly, though, with the high in the mid-40s. Sunday, lots of sunshine but still cool, high near 50.

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