

# USX challenges steel union aims

PITTSBURGH (AP) — USX Corp. told members of the United Steelworkers union yesterday that union negotiators are more interested in aiding other troubled steelmakers than in reaching a settlement to a 126-day-old work stoppage.

"It's not now the time to ask yourself, after four months of strike, why the international union refuses to accept better wages and benefits for you than it accepted from your major competitors?" wrote J. Bruce Johnston, chief USX negotiator, to employees of USX's USS steel division.

A USW spokesman said the letter, mailed to about 45,000 company employees including union and management, was a study in "distortion, omission and error."

The union particularly took issue with Johnston's claim that the USW refused to offer USX a competitive settlement and broke off talks. The union has proposed mediators be engaged to help settle the dispute.

The union has adopted a negotiating policy of granting concessions only to companies that can demonstrate they are in poor financial shape.

USW negotiators are also angry because USX, unlike several other major steel producers, has refused to open its books to union auditors.



Falls Township police arrest and remove striking steelworker Lou Dopson after a group of steelworkers including Dopson attempted to block four truckloads of steel leaving USX Steel's Fairless Works Wednesday.

# Fraternity helping Second Mile unit

Triangle fraternity, 226 E. Beaver Ave., will sponsor a Second Mile Christmas party from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. Sunday.

R.J. DiCamillo, a Triangle brother, said the Second Mile organization functions like a big brother/big sister program for young children in the Centre County area. The program is geared toward helping children from single-parent homes and children who have no role models to look up to, he said.

Nearly 110 children are involved in the Second Mile program, DiCamillo said.

He added that this is the first year Triangle will hold the Christmas party at the fraternity. Activities will include cookie and tree ornament making and singing carols, he said.

DiCamillo said he believes the party will provide a festive time for many of the children who do not have Christmas celebrations in their homes.

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# Profs defend assigning own texts

By PAT ALMONY  
Collegian Staff Writer

University students are often surprised to learn that their professors write the textbooks for their courses.

Recently, however, this practice has created controversy at Indiana University of Pennsylvania, when student government leaders called an IUP professor unethical and accused him of requiring his textbook for his own profit.

At Penn State, however, professors differ on the ethical implications of requiring their own textbooks.

"I don't think it's unethical if one contributes the royalties to some educational or nonprofit organization," said Edward Keynes, a professor of political science who uses a textbook he co-edited for one of his political science courses.

However, he added, "I don't think there ought to be a profit in writing one's own textbook."

Carol Cartwright, dean of undergraduate instruction and vice provost, said using one's own textbook is "perfectly appropriate."

Although not all faculty authors require their books for their courses, many professors use them as primary or supplementary reading sources in class, said Norm Brown, Penn State bookstore textbook specialist.

This semester, about 45 textbooks were written by University staff, Brown said.

Many University professors donate a percentage of their profits to charities.

History Professor Arthur Goldschmidt Jr. follows this practice. His textbook, *A Concise History of the Middle East*, is sold at colleges

and universities throughout the country and at two Middle Eastern universities.

Goldschmidt, now working on the third edition of the 7-year-old book, said he receives royalties from the sales each year. But he contributes the profits he makes from the book's sale at the University to a special fund, which will eventually go toward student trips to the Middle East.

Although he does not use his own text, Keynes similarly donates the profits from the book he co-edited to another university.

John Dalbor, professor of Span-

ish, said it is common for professors to publish textbooks and not donate the royalties to the University.

But he added: "The main motivation is never just to make money because in a lot of cases you don't. The main motivation is thinking that you can do something better."

He said he decided to write a book because the materials he used were inadequate.

Goldschmidt said textbook writing "is not a way of making an academic reputation."

Professors are often looked down upon for writing texts because they're geared for the layman and

break no new ground, he said.

Goldschmidt said he was compelled to write a book because the text he was using when he first began teaching was outdated. Like Dalbor, he began using his own mimeographed material for two years before writing a textbook.

Cartwright said the selection of textbooks for classes is "basically a faculty matter."

She explained that some departments have committees to determine the books for basic courses with many sections, but otherwise a professor is free to choose any applicable textbook.

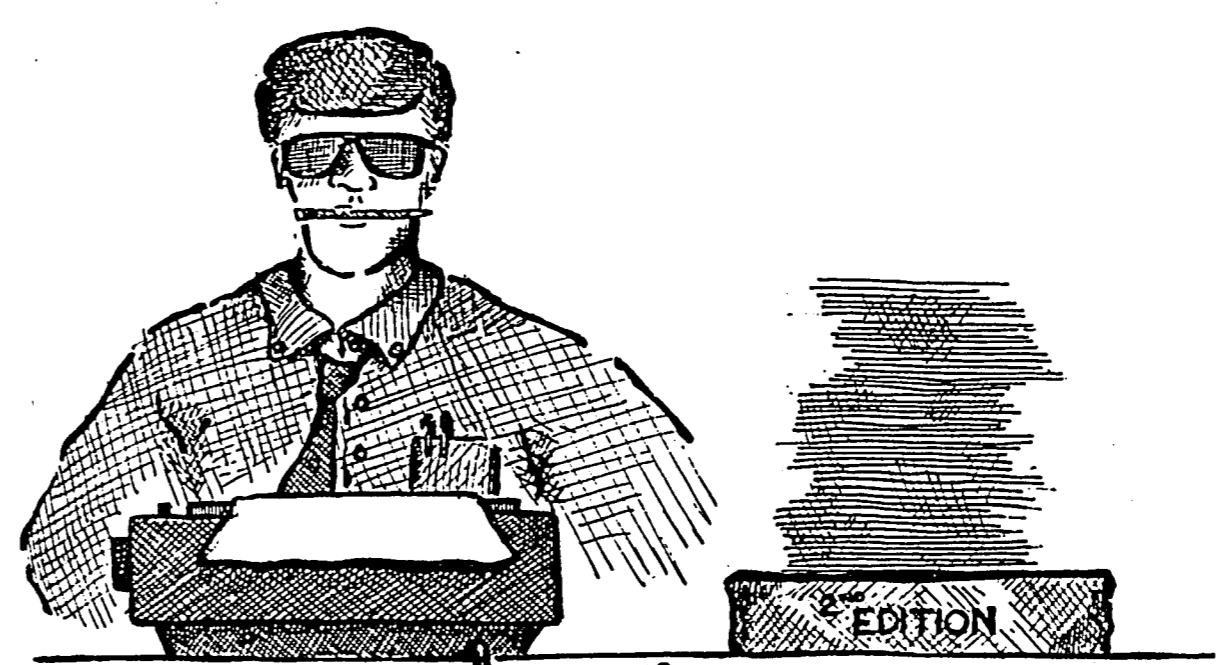


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