

# Hotel

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Student Body President Ken Johnson and some senators.

The resolution objects to the "undue advantage" a campus hotel might have over competing hotels, to the traffic congestion it might create and to the damage a hotel might cause to the beauty of the campus.

Holubec's resolution also stated: "A commercial venture, such as this, would invite other businesses to petition the University for space on campus."

Holubec said: "I think it's a shame they're even considering commercializing the campus."

But Johnson objected to the resolution.

"I think the timing is wrong," he said. "We're jumping the gun; we're assuming far too much with this resolution."

And Bond said approval of this one proposal would not necessarily mean a spate of development on the University side of Texas Avenue.

"There is no reason to believe, if the board turns out to have the legal authority to approve leasing University land, that it will ever use it," Bond said. "Certainly approval of the hotel doesn't set up any kind of

open-door proposition."

Whatever the merits of the issue, the hotel's fate will ultimately be decided by the Board of Regents and its study committee. The committee will study the legality and desirability of the proposal and will propose terms for a lease if it decides the idea is in the best interests of the University.

Bond said the committee's report should be ready sometime in June.

The study committee is empowered to study only the hotel proposal, but Bright said he had received inquiries from other developers for leases of University land; the developers, he said, are interested in building a bank or a supermarket on campus.

Bright said, however, that those proposals would not be considered at this time.

And approval of a hotel on campus would not necessarily mean a Hilton hotel would be built. Bright said if the regents approve the hotel proposal, they will open competitive bidding on it.

Bond said the regents are not compelled by law to open bidding.

Whether the hotel will be built on campus, and who will build it, are questions the regents will decide sometime this year.

But the idea of a campus hotel is not a new one.

Eric Hilton Jr., senior vice president of Hilton Hotels Corp., said: "I was close to Gen-

eral (Earl) Rudder (former Texas A&M president) and we discussed the idea back in the '60s. At the time, we were talking about building a hotel and a hotel school here.

"It fell through, though, when we decided a hotel school ought to be located closer to a major metropolitan area.

"However, ever since, I've been interested in building a hotel on the campus."

And although he said he would not build a hotel in the area if his request for University land is turned down, he did not rule out trying again some time later.

He added that the University Hilton would not be unique in its location on state land.

## Chicago girls arrested for private crime wave

United Press International  
CHICAGO — Two teenage girls were arrested on charges of carrying out their own "crime wave" by breaking into as many as five homes a day on the wealthy North Side and making off with more than \$200,000 in stolen jewelry in four months, police say.

A North Side jewelry store owner who had campaigned against theft problems and one

of his employees were also arrested and charged with acting as fences for the stolen items.

One of the girls, Mary Buckman, 17, Chicago, was arrested Friday night at a home that had just been burglarized, police said. A victim of an earlier burglary picked Miss Buckman out of a police lineup, when she noted the girl was wearing her designer jeans.

The other, a 15-year-old runaway from downstate Illinois, was arrested Saturday and turned over to juvenile authorities.

The pair had conducted as many as five burglaries a day, hitting 50 to 75 homes, and their

arrest brought an end to "a major crime wave," police said.

Benjamin Perlman, 52, the jewelry store owner and William Doulin, 39, his employee, were arrested Saturday at the store on Chicago's Near North Side.

Police said Perlman is a former president of the Chicago chapter of the National Jewelers Alliance, a group that focuses on the problems of thefts faced by jewelers.

Buckman was charged with five counts of burglary. Perlman and Doulin were each charged with three counts of receiving and possessing stolen property.

The juvenile was being held pending charges.



photo by Karen Kaly

### Women's lib?

Scott Bates, a freshman pre-vet major, fans Carolyn Garrison, a junior exercise technology major and Alpha Chi Omega Derby Day queen candidate. The pair attracted more than a few stares in front of the Academic and Agency Building

on Monday. Derby Day is a sorority competition sponsored by the Sigma Chi fraternity, and its proceeds benefit the Wallace Village Home and Rehabilitation Center for retarded children in Bloomfield, Colo.

## Right to speedy trial denied Hinckley, father accuses

United Press International  
DENVER — The father of accused attempted presidential assassin John W. Hinckley Jr. says his son's right to a speedy trial is being denied because of government displeasure with his

planned insanity defense. "John is truly ill, and we're anxious to get that across in court," Denver oilman John W. "Jack" Hinckley said in a recent interview. "His rights to a speedy trial have been denied

him." The elder Hinckley, president and chairman of the Denver-based Vanderbilt Energy Corp., said the Justice Department has been dragging its feet and taking as long as possible to try his son.

"We're not playing games with the insanity defense," he said. "It's absolutely unbelievable that they (government prosecutors) would be so blind to think that we treat the mentally ill the same that we treat people who are normal and well."

Hinckley's son, then 25, was arrested March 30, 1981, on charges of shooting President Reagan, Press Secretary James Brady, a secret service agent and a District of Columbia police officer following a Reagan speech at a Washington hotel. He has been kept under guard at Fort Meade, Md., since his arrest.

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