

## Clery Suit Settled Out Of Court

Lehigh University and Mr. and Mrs. Howard K. Clery, Jr., of Bryn Mawr, Pa., have reached an out-of-court settlement of the Clerys' lawsuit stemming from the April, 1986, slaying of their daughter, Jeanne Clery, on the Lehigh campus. The settlement was announced July 14.

By mutual agreement, the monetary part of the settlement is not being disclosed.

As part of a non-monetary settlement, Lehigh has agreed to implement no later than the 1989-90 academic year a pilot residence-security program for the Lower Centennial (Centennial II) dormitory complex. The pilot program will include at least the following three measures:

- installation of electronic hardware on dormitory exterior doors which will signal to a central point whether the doors are secured;
- limitation on entry into each dormitory to a single exterior door, selected as the most appropriate door from a security standpoint and provided with adequate lighting; and
- additional staffing for the Lower Centennial complex to monitor the exterior-door signal system, as well as carry out other security functions.

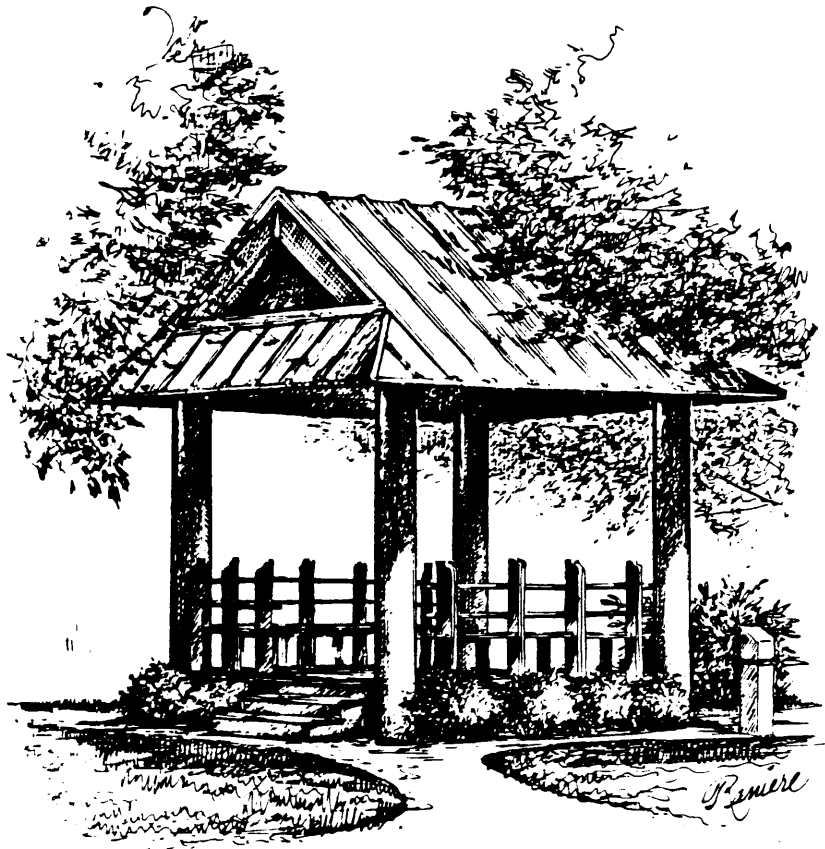
John Smeaton, Lehigh dean of students, said the measures were agreed upon as a pilot program to gather experience and make technical refinements toward a broader implementation at Lehigh or on other campuses.

"As the program is implemented, we will continue to consult with experts in the security field, Mr. and Mrs. Clery, and our respective attorneys to identify ways to improve security," said Smeaton.

He said the program will remain in effect for at least one year, after which time Lehigh will be free to make improvements or eliminate the program.

The Lower Centennial dormitory complex includes Carothers, Palmer, Stevens, Stoughton, Beardslee and Williams dormitories.

Jeanne Ann Clery was a freshman at Lehigh when she was slain on April 5, 1986 during a robbery in her Stoughton House room. Another Lehigh student, Joseph Henry of Newark, N.J., was arrested and later convicted of murder. He now faces the death penalty.



Ken Rantere

Pavilion in memory of Jeanne Ann Clery in the Centennial II complex.

Mrs. Clery commented on the settlement in an interview with *The Morning Call*, Allentown:

*Mrs. Clery said she hopes the settlement will accomplish what she hoped for all along, "that Lehigh would become a beacon to help other schools in this country avoid such a horror. Now I hope that Lehigh, which is such an excellent school, with wonderful young people, will take upon itself that challenge to be a pathfinder.*

*"That would really please me because Jean loved Lehigh," she said, quietly adding "and we loved Jeanne."*