

Pitt postpones UFO speaker

PITTSBURGH (UPI) — The University of Pittsburgh, embarrassed by a press release that said the government had admitted officially the existence of flying saucers, Wednesday postponed a speech by the purported UFO expert who made the claim.

Pitt's press release of Oct. 25 identified Clark McClelland, who was to speak Wednesday night at the university, as "a recognized expert on the subjects of UFOs, astronomy and space exploration."

McClelland, the statement said, once worked extensively at Pitt's Allegheny Observatory and was NASA launch operations specialist and technical assistant to the Apollo program manager at Kennedy Space Center.

The statement added, "The United States government recently made an astounding disclosure. For the first time, they (government officials) officially admitted that

UFOs exist. In 1975 and 1976 several of our nation's supersecret nuclear missile launch sites and strategic bomber bases were visited by UFOs."

However, George Gatewood, director of Allegheny Observatory, denied McClelland ever worked at the facility, saying that he "simply used our 13-inch telescope to look at Mars a couple of times many years ago."

He also expressed serious doubts about claims concerning government recognition of the existence of flying saucers.

"McClelland's claims, such as that the U.S. government admitted UFOs exist and visited nuclear launch sites, are unsubstantiated in the scientific literature," Gatewood said.

McClelland, described in his own literature as "past Planetary Research Astronomer at the Allegheny Observatory," said he could document all his claims.