

# Misunderstanding Causes Health Center Confusion

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Much of the recent confusion concerning the functioning of the Ritenour Health Center is the result of student misunderstanding of the procedure to be followed in emergency cases, according to Hospital Director Herbert R. Glenn.

The dispensary serves the same purpose as the outpatient department of a hospital. It operates Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to noon and from 1:30 until 5 p.m., and on Saturday from 8 a.m. until noon. Students who come here with minor ailments are examined by a doctor and released with prescribed treatment. Those with more serious illnesses are admitted to the University Hospital.

The hospital is open 24 hours a day during all school sessions except Thanksgiving, Christmas and Spring Recesses. During the hours when the dispensary is closed, emergency cases are treated in the hospital.

Students who require emergency treatment should report to the nurse at the main desk in the hospital. In the event of a serious case, the nurse will contact a doctor who is on call at all times.

The health center is capable of handling almost all emergencies with the exception of those requiring general surgery. Surgical cases are sent to the Centre County Hospital in Bellefonte.

In addition to the usual doctors and nurses, the health center has a dental department located on the second floor. This department is equipped for all types of dental work. Students may take advantage of this service for emergency treatment of toothaches or for temporary fillings.

Other special areas of the health center include a laboratory, plastic department, psychiatric department with two

psychiatrists and a clinical psychologist and a health physicist.

The laboratory is particularly valuable in the diagnosis of appendicitis. In an average year, about 50 cases are diagnosed. This year more than the average 50 have been diagnosed since September.

The health physicist treats those who work with the isotopes at the atomic reactor. He keeps a careful check on the amount of radioactivity in the air and regulates the disposal of atomic wastes.

The policy regarding class excuses has been another area of conflict. At the present time, a

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## Child Hit by Car; Condition 'Good'

A five-year-old boy was listed in "good" condition at Centre County Hospital after he was struck Sunday morning by a car driven by Charles R. Ammerman, inventory clerk of the University property inventory division.

Richard Johnson, of 235 S. Buckhout St., State College, received a possible fractured skull and cuts of the left hip and left eye and was admitted to the hospital in critical condition.

Police said Johnson ran from between two cars into the path of the Ammerman car, which was traveling west on College Ave. just west of State College at 9:30 a.m. Sunday. He was taken to the hospital in the Alpha Fire Co. ambulance.

Damage to the car was about \$50.

## Blame Blue and White on Sun

If blazers of the 1880's had been made of color-fast dyes, you might have seen a rash of pink and black blazers appeared on campus.

According to the reminiscences of George R. Meek of the class of 1890 the sun soon turned the pink to white and took the jetness out of the black. The official colors were shortly changed to blue and white.

In 1887 the classes had chosen pink and black as the official colors and the following year a

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