

Minors Granted Medical Rights

Bill Eliminates Consent

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A bill granting certain minors, at least 18 years of age or older, the right to obtain any medical, dental or health services without the consent of their parents, goes into effect today.

The bill, passed by the Pennsylvania General Assembly last January, states that "any minor, who is 18 years of age, or has graduated from high school, or has married or has been pregnant" may give his own consent for personal medical care.

It also allows medical services to be rendered to a minor of any age "when, in the physician's judgment, an attempt to secure consent would result in the delay in treatment which would increase the risk to the minor's life or health."

Birth Control Dispensary?

According to Dr. John A. Hargleroad, director of health services, the passage of this bill does not mean that the Ritenour Health Center will become a birth control dispensary for the residence halls.

Hargleroad said the relationship between the doctor and patient at Ritenour always has been one of a confidential nature. "I have no intention of telling the doctors how to practice medicine," Hargleroad added.

The bill is most beneficial to University physicians in emergency cases. For example, if a student needs an immediate operation, he is referred to a local, not a University, surgeon who, in most cases, would not operate without parental consent. If the parents were away or divorced or had moved and the student refused to give pertinent information necessary to

locate his parents, no medical treatment could be administered.

As for contraceptive advice, Hargleroad said, it always has been available to students. Certain doctors may not have felt comfortable in discussing this with certain patients, he said, but the student always was free to discuss his or her problems with another doctor.

Each doctor is free to prescribe contraceptive devices as he sees fit, Hargleroad said. The type of contraceptive to be given, if any, would depend on the student's needs and medical history.

In the past, doctors may have prescribed the pill for a coed under the guise that she was having problems with her menstrual period, when in fact, such a diagnosis would have been difficult to substantiate, Hargleroad said. Under the new bill, the doctor now may prescribe the pill if he feels it is warranted simply because a coed does not want to run the risk of interrupting her college education with an unwanted pregnancy, he added.

Doctor-Patient Confidences

The confidences between the patient and the doctor are not violated simply because the student is under age. The only time that a student's parents would be notified about their child's condition, without the student's permission, would be when the patient has a contagious disease that constitutes a health hazard for other University residents, Hargleroad said.

"If a pregnant coed came to us, we would urge her to seek treatment but we could not force her to do so. We would not violate her trust and notify her parents, unless she wanted us to help her 'break the ice.' This might be a crisis in her life, but this sort of thing happens every day at Ritenour," he said.



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All For 24; 24 For All!

WOMEN OF SIMMONS, led by Gail Levy (6th-physical education-Philadelphia), last night campaigned for 24-hour visitation rights for their residence hall. They can sleep peacefully now, as Simmons approved 24-hour visitation last night.

Fulbright: N. Vietnam Power Acceptable Foil to Peking

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. J. W. Fulbright, D-Ark., said yesterday the United States should be willing to accept control of Indochina by a North Vietnam strong enough to resist Chinese domination but too small to pose a threat to the rest of Southeast Asia.

Opening a new series of Senate speeches on what he considers the myths that afflict U.S. foreign policy, the chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee said it makes little difference to the United States and to the area's inhabitants who rules Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia.

"The plain fact that comes out of the war in Vietnam reinforced by recent events in Laos and perhaps Cambodia as well—is that, puny as it is by great power standards, North Vietnam is the paramount power in Indochina.

Resist Domination

"We ought to welcome North Vietnam's pre-eminence in Indochina," Fulbright said, "because while North Vietnam has shown itself strong enough to dominate Indochina, if left alone by outside powers, it also has shown itself willing and able to resist Chinese domination." "At the same time," he added, "North Vietnam is far too small a power to have any serious hope of conquering all of Southeast Asia, much less of posing any kind of a threat to the United States."

Fulbright emphasized "I do not advocate a Communist-dominated Indochina.

Unwelcome but Tolerable

"I merely propose to accept it, if it arises from the local power situation, as something unwelcome but tolerable, and most emphatically not worth the extravagant costs of a war like the one we are now fighting!" he added.

The Arkansas Democrat said, "From the standpoint of American security, the central fact about Indochina is that it does not matter very much who rules in those small and backward lands.

"What it all comes down to is that, if all other things were equal—as indeed they are not—it might be a convenience to the United States to have the countries of Indochina ruled by non-Communist leaders," he said.

Fulbright said "North Vietnam, though materially dependent and politically influenced by both Moscow and Peking, is an authentically independent country."

Founder of DuBois Campus Receives Penn State Medal

Caroline M. DuBois, a woman who gave her family home for the founding of the University's DuBois Campus was presented today with a Penn State Medal in recognition of her many contributions to higher education.

The presentation was made by University President Eric A. Walker during a luncheon ceremony at the DuBois Country Club.

"We are proud to present this medal to Caroline DuBois," Walker said. "Her service to the young people of this community has been untiring and her dedication to the support and expansion of higher education in Pennsylvania unswerving."

The Penn State Medal was established by the University Board of Trustees in 1957 to "recognize and honor achievements of persons who perform continued and dedicated service toward the betterment of higher education in Pennsylvania."

Miss DuBois, who resides near the campus, played an instrumental role 35 years ago in the location of a Penn State Center in the community named for her family.

In 1938 she and her sister, Sarah D. Cravcy, donated the family mansion and four acres of

land to the University to serve as a permanent campus offering education opportunities to the young people, primarily from Clearfield, Elk and Jefferson counties.

Miss DuBois is a charter member of the DuBois Educational Foundation, the campus advisory board, and has served as its vice president since its incorporation in 1945.

"Caroline DuBois has been a strong force behind the growth of Penn State in this community and its acceptance and support by the citizens of this region," Donald S. Hiller, director of the campus, commented. "She has contributed generously of her time and her resources to the continued development of this campus and we here are genuinely and deeply grateful."

The award of the Medal preceded ceremonies at the campus when Walker presented a replica of the Penn State Nittany Lion Shrine to the DuBois student body.

Allan Robb DuBois, a sophomore in drafting and design technology and president of the campus student government, accepted the club from Walker.

The replica of the Penn State mascot was modeled under the supervision of Heinz Warnke, the sculptor of the Nittany Lion statue located on the University Park campus.

To Help Low Income Families

Center Plans Furniture Fair

The Penns Valley Outreach Center will sponsor a Furniture Fair April 18.

The Fair will enable low income families from the Millheim area to purchase second-hand furnishings at minimal prices.

The project was announced at the March meeting of the Centre County Community Action Board of Directors Tuesday evening at the courthouse in Bellefonte.

The Millheim Outreach Center is one of four such centers established by the Office of Economic Opportunity in Centre County. The other three are in Bellefonte, Howard and Port

Matilda According to Marion K. Stocker, assistant professor of Human Development. "These buildings are established as places where people whose incomes are substandard can buy good clothing at surplus prices and attend classes in such areas as home economics."

A large group of University students is expected to go to the Buchanan Barn April 11. They will paint and refurbish the furniture that already has been donated for the sale.

Furniture donations now are being solicited and contributions will be collected if donors call the center at 349-5850.

Teamsters Close To Agreement; Thousands Continue Truck Strike

WASHINGTON (AP) — Teamsters and trucking negotiators were reported yesterday to be close to a three-year wage agreement for 425,000 truck drivers, and some striking workers already were returning to their jobs.

"The secretary is quite optimistic that a lot of progress has been made," a spokesman for Secretary of Labor George P. Shultz said.

However, many of the thousands of striking drivers in dozens of cities remained off

the job while the national contract talks continued in Teamsters Union headquarters here.

Sources said bargaining teams headed by the acting Teamsters president, Frank E. Fitzsimmons, and chief industry negotiator Ray F. Beagle had narrowed their earlier 80-cent gap in wage positions to a difference of about 30 cents. And they were continuing efforts to compromise.

The talks reportedly centered in the area of about \$1.25 an hour wage increase over three years, plus improved mileage pay, pensions, health and welfare benefits, vacations and cost-of-living pay.

The strikers returning to work reportedly did so on the assurance that whatever final agreement is reached will be retroactive to Tuesday midnight when the old contract expired.

Boy Discovers Dead Girl Near Pittsburgh Supermarket

PITTSBURGH (AP) — The nude body of a 17-year-old high school girl was found yesterday in a vacant lot behind a supermarket in the Homewood section of the city.

Police said she was wearing only a wrist-watch and black boots.

The girl was identified as Eileen W. Taylor, a student at Sacred Heart High School.

Miss Taylor's parents had reported her missing some seven hours before a 9-year-old boy discovered the body while looking for his lost dog.

She was last seen leaving a party about 11:30 p.m. Wednesday, police said.

The exact cause of death was not immediately determined, but police said the girl had suffered head injuries.

Advertisement for 'Candidate School' featuring two monkeys swinging on a bar. Text includes 'SWING ON DOWN to The Daily Collegian CANDIDATE SCHOOL 7 p.m., Tues., April 7 265 Willard'.

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