

Health phone service available

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Centre County residents now will be able to get free health information by dialing a phone number.

The telephone health information service, Tel-Med, is the fourth of its kind in the country. The system is designed so anyone can phone and request that a tape on any of 129 health subjects be played over the phone.

The tapes, which are approximately five minutes long, are physician-approved. Information is available in such areas as common ailments, diseases, pregnancy, birth control, dangerous drugs, cancer warnings,

nutrition, child care and county health organizations.

According to Tel-Med Director Tom Hammonds, the service supplies "preventive information, not diagnosis." Hammonds added the important feature of the system is convenience.

The first Tel-Med service was organized in San Bernadino, Calif. in March 1972. Similar services later were begun in two other California metropolitan areas. Centre County is the first non-metropolitan area in the country to institute a Tel-Med program.

The project was organized by the Centre Area Health Council, with

sponsorship by the Centre County Medical Society. Volunteers from the Bellefonte Hospital Auxiliary operate the tape service from the Willowbank Unit of the Centre Community Hospital. The service is located in Bellefonte because most parts of the county can call there without toll charges.

Hammonds said he estimates that after the system gets under way calls could average about 4,000 each month. Tel-Med operates from 1:30 to 5 p.m. and from 6:30 to 9 p.m. weekdays. The number is 355-1531. There is no toll charge from State College.

Volunteers still are needed for the service.



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Folklore Society will meet 8 p.m. Thursday in 101 Kern.

Block and Bridle will meet Thursday in 111 Animal Industries.

Garfinkel also will lecture on "Computer Applications in Medicine" 8 p.m. Thursday in 110 Osmond.

Marvin Freed, community relations officer for University Safety, will speak on women's self-defense 7:30 p.m. Thursday in Simmons.

Jazz Club will meet 8:30 Thursday in 167 Willard.

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