

Pope has flu, cancels plans

VATICAN CITY (UPI) — Pope Paul VI, suffering from influenza and running a fever, yesterday canceled engagements because of illness for the first time in three years and asked for the prayers of Roman Catholics for recovery.

The Roman Catholic pontiff did appear at his study window in cloudy, chilly weather to apologize for the cancellation of his weekly general audience and give his blessing to a crowd of some 5,000 gathered in St. Peter's Square.

Viewed through binoculars from the Square, the Pope appeared to be in fairly good physical condition during his brief appearance. His voice sounded normal except for a slight breathlessness. He spoke the Latin formula of the blessing instead of chanting it.

"Most dear children, influenza has affected us, too, and prevents us today from keeping the weekly Wednesday appointment that is a source of great joy and comfort to us," the 79-year-old pontiff told the crowd.

"We must apologize for this indisposition, which certainly

is not voluntary," the Pope said. He thanked his listeners for coming and promised to pray for them.

"God bless you, and pray to the Lord for me, too," Pope Paul concluded.

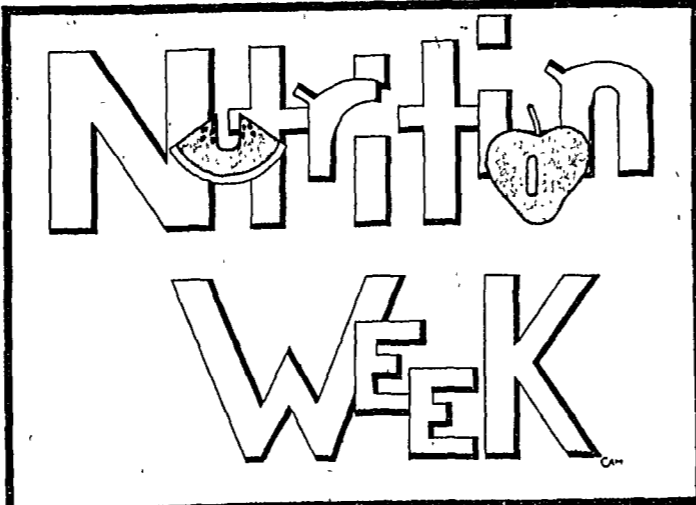
The Vatican spokesman, Msgr. Romeo Panciroli, announced earlier the pontiff was cancelling his general audience because of a "feverish influenza syndrome."

The Pope has not had a major health problem since he underwent surgery in 1967 for removal of an enlarged but non-malignant prostate gland.

Bouts of influenza caused him to cancel a few engagements in 1967, 1972, 1973, and 1974 and arthritic pains in his knees have made walking difficult for him and he is usually assisted up and down stairs.

Vatican sources said it was too early to predict if the Pope's indisposition might affect his Holy Week program, announced only 24 hours ago.

The schedule calls for six public appearances between Palm Sunday, April 3, and Easter Sunday, April 10.



Groups holding nutrition events

Several campus clubs and service organizations will mark National Nutrition Week (March 6-12) this year with a series of programs and events.

The Student Dietetic Association will publicize the event via radio and newspaper ads, pamphlets and a slide show in the Kern Living Center.

A major activity of the week will be the annual "Focus on Nutrition" program in the Living Center, sponsored by the Nutrition Resource Center. Running

today from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., it will consist of exhibits and workshops on food preparation and other topics. Some exhibits will be sponsored by other groups, such as the Nutrition Clinic, which counsels students on food intake and special diets. The clinic also will have an exhibit in the Nutrition Resource Center.

National Nutrition week, although not officially declared by Congress, is sponsored by the American Dietetic Association.

Women's center seeks workers

The Centre County Women's Resource Center will be accepting applications until March 31 for the positions of public relations and personnel coordinator.

No specific skills are required, but some experience would be helpful in public relations or personnel relations work, according to Antya Miller, personnel coordinator of the center. On-the-job training is provided.

The term of the coordinators' positions is one year, and all work is on a volunteer basis. Each position requires about 10 to 15 hours a week, Miller said.

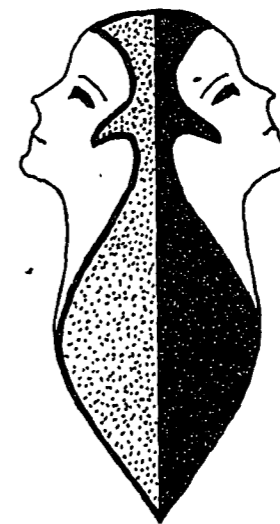
"One of the primary qualifications is that the person be a man or woman who would support the ideals

of the center," Miller said. "The two coordinators along with the three other coordinators will be responsible for the day-to-day operations of the center."

The Women's Resource Center was founded in March 1975 to help women develop both personally and professionally. The center's major focus is to provide area women and men with information about the services available to women in Centre County.

The center also sponsors personal growth sessions for groups of up to ten women who meet once a week "to provide women with a time and place they can spend on themselves," Miller said.

Informative programs and



workshops are also sponsored by the center on a regular basis. For example, next month the center will hold

workshops on auto repairs and household management, Miller said.

Bazaar Days, a fund raising activity, will be held on March 18 and 19 at the Nittany Mall. Records by female musicians, balloons, and costume jewelry will be sold. The center is accepting any jewelry people wish to donate.

The center is also seeking volunteers, especially in the areas of raising funds and gathering information, Miller said.

Anyone interested in applying for public relations or personnel coordinator or becoming a volunteer should call the Women's Resource Center at 234-5222 or stop by the office at 108 W. Beaver Ave., State College.

College asks Shapp for aid in probe

SLIPPERY ROCK, Pa. (AP) — Slippery Rock State College trustees have asked Gov. Shapp to intercede in an investigation of the school's former administration, saying they suspect wrongdoing may have been covered up.

"The lack of action by the Department of Education and the Department of Justice raises a number of questions," the board said in a letter to Shapp approved 7-2 on Tuesday.

"Is this a coverup of some type? If so, by whom? Of what? And for what reasons?"

The trustees said state investigators have failed to explain the unusual practices that led to several firings last year, including the ouster of former President Dr. Albert Watrel. "We have in the past asked these departments for a

cleansing investigation, but they have not made any headway," said trustee Eugene DeCaprio of New Castle.

Indeed, education department attorney Patricia Donovan, who attended the meeting, told the trustees in a letter recently that an investigation showed "no evidence of serious crime."

But the school's former food services director Arthur C. Garrett was indicted on federal mail fraud charges in January for allegedly conspiring to rig bidding for food contracts.

Also named in the indictment were Fiesta Foods, Inc., of New Castle and its president.

Slippery Rock officials would also like an explanation for Watrel's sudden firing last June, shortly before former Auditor General Robert P. Casey released a report questioning some of the college's financial dealings.

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