

PSU paid \$5 million in health benefits last year

The University spent about \$5 million last year on medical insurance for its 13,596 full-time employees here, at Commonwealth Campuses and at the Hershey Medical Center, according to Steve A. Garban, University controller.

Benefits including hospitalization, surgical, maternity and major medical provisions are extended free of charge to those 12,083 employees 65 years of age or younger and eye care and dental coverage are scheduled to be added to the list, William F. Batcheler, manager of employee benefits said.

Plans for the last two benefits were made this summer after University negotiations with the Teamsters Union.

"It was through our efforts that we did open the door to dental benefits and eye care," Jane Pikovsky, president of the Teamsters Local 8, said.

Pikovsky said the benefits have been long needed and added that the University is a public service employer. "It's a tough field to be in from an employer's standpoint," she said.

The dental care plan will become effective in January, Batcheler said, and the eye care plan is to be instituted in July, 1980.

Other changes in the plan became effective in August. They include an increase in coverage from a maximum of \$450 to \$750 for a physician's surgical charges and an increase from \$100,000 to \$150,000 in the major medical provision.

The major medical benefit pays for 80 percent of medical expenses incurred that are either not covered in the base plan or are more than allocated in the base plan.

About \$4.2 million in claims was filed between May 1976 and May 1977, said Michael G. Klein, risk manager.

Solicitor's permit revoked

One of the seven members of the Unification Church group soliciting in this area has had his license revoked by the borough of State College, police said.

Thomas A. Iversen had his license revoked after the State College police department reported receiving complaints from citizens concerning Iversen's persistent tactics.

"He was misrepresenting himself," Police Chief Elwood G. Williams said. "He told people he was representing a youth organization, and he had been cited for soliciting after hours." Williams also said Iversen was

requesting donations for the non-existent youth group.

Iversen had requested permission earlier from State College Mayor Arnold Addison to waive an ordinance so the members could solicit after 5 p.m.

"I would not give any waiver to extend the solicitation period," Addison said.

Shortly afterwards, Williams told Addison of receiving two or three calls from citizens complaining, and recommended the suspension of Iversen's license, the mayor said.

—by Elaine Lembo

Green to run for Philly mayor

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — William Green, a former six-term congressman, has become the fifth formal Democratic candidate for mayor in next spring's primary election.

"I think I have made it as clear as I possibly can that I will be a candidate for mayor in 1979," Green said during a cocktail party Wednesday night sponsored by the Charter Defense Committee.

The committee is opposing a

referendum on the Nov. 7 ballot to amend the City Charter and permit the mayor to run for more than two consecutive terms. Mayor Frank L. Rizzo is campaigning strongly for the proposal so he can seek a third term.

Green, 40, who lost to Rizzo in the 1971 election, was asked if he was going to seek the mayoralty again.

"I thought I had already made it clear many times in the past few months that I intend to run for mayor."

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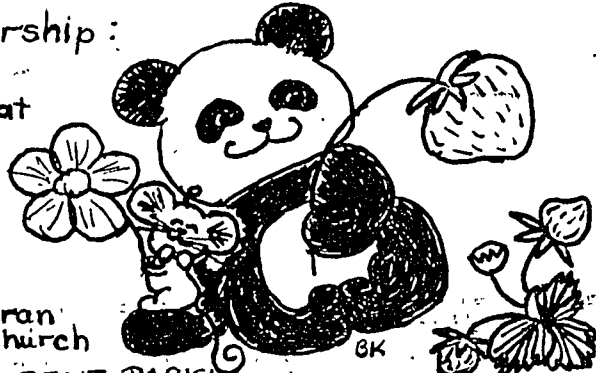
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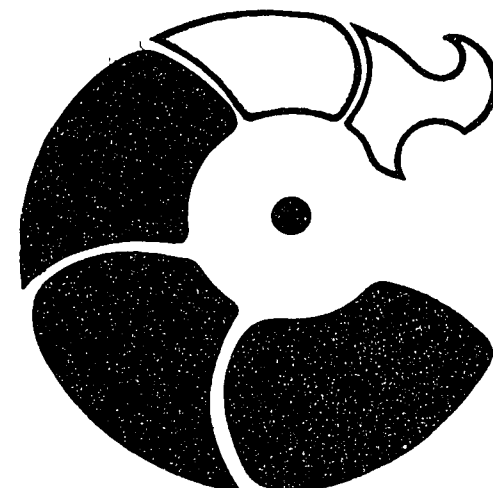
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