

Club offers mathematics tutoring

- The Math Club will offer free mathematics tutoring from 7 to 9 tonight in 102 McAllister.
- The Orthodox Christian Fellowship will hold an orthodox vesper service at 7 tonight in Eisenhower Chapel.
- Delta Sigma Pi, a professional business fraternity, is holding a rush meeting at 7 tonight in the HUB Assembly Room. All third- to seventh-term students in the College of Business Administration are welcome.
- The Performing Arts Festival will present the Rustical Quality String Band and Red Rose Cottillon in concert at 8 tonight in Schwab Auditorium.
- The Microbiology Club will meet at 7:30 tonight in 350 North Frear.
- The Penn State ski team will meet at 7:30 tonight in 2 White Building.
- The Penn State Ice Hockey Club will meet at 7 tonight in 64 Willard.
- The Society of Women Engineers will meet at 8:30 tonight in the HUB reading room.
- The Advertising Club will sponsor Van Fulton, president of Le Nature's Mineral Water, speaking at 7:30 tonight in 162 Willard. Van Fulton will speak on promoting his product in a State College test market.
- The Comparative Literature Film Series will present the film "The Seagull" at 6:45 and 9:05 tonight in 112 Kern.
- Graduate health insurance applications must be turned in by today to 305 Kern.
- Bennett Dyke, associate professor of anthropology, will speak to the Anthropology Club on "Graduate Schools: Requirements and Admissions" at 7:30 tonight in the Anthropology Museum in Sparks. Enter the museum under the blue canopy from the Fraser Road entrance.
- The Messianic Jewish Community will sponsor an outdoor sidewalk concert at 9 this afternoon, and an indoor performance at 7:30 this evening, at the Wesley Foundation.
- Circle K will meet at 7 tonight in 119 Boucke.
- Alpha Kappa Psi, a professional business fraternity, will meet at 7 tonight in 207 Business Administration Building.
- East Halls Residence Association will sponsor a coffeehouse from 8 to midnight tonight in the FUB lounge.
- Herbert Hayes will speak on "Whales in the Caribbean" at the Marine Science Society meeting at 7:30 tonight in 112 Walker.
- The Graduate Student Association will hold a thesis preparation workshop at 7:30 tonight in 101 Kern.
- The Table Tennis Club will meet at 7:30 tonight in 110 Intramural Building.
- Colloquy will meet at 7 tonight in 321 HUB.

Cancer death rate in state hits record high

HARRISBURG (AP) — The cancer death rate hit a record high in the state last year while newborn and infant deaths reached a record low, state health statistics have shown.

Heart disease still was the biggest killer, causing 40 percent of the deaths in the state in 1978, the statistics showed.

"The 1978 cancer mortality rate of 215.9 per 100,000 population is the highest ever recorded in the commonwealth," according to the Health Department's 1978 birth and death statistics.

Deaths from lung cancer showed the greatest increase since 1964, rising 65 percent. And the rate went up more for women than men.

Since 1965, the cancer death rate has jumped 20 percent, from a level of 179.9 per 100,000 in 1964, the report said.

Health officials said they didn't have any information on why the rate is rising.

"We don't have any studies," said Krishnan Ramaswamy, head of health statistics.

Of all the forms of cancer, stomach and digestive cancers claimed the most victims — 27.9 percent of all cancer deaths. Lung cancer was next, 23.4 percent; bone, connective tissue, skin and breast cancer, 10.8 percent; cancer of genital organs, 10.8 percent; and cancer of lymphatic and blood cell tissue, 5.4 percent.

In 1978, 61 percent of all cancer deaths were in people 65 and over, 55.7 percent in persons 44 and over.

Cancer, however, still claims only about half as many people each year as does heart disease, the leading cause of death in Pennsylvania for 53 years, the report said.

Forty percent of all deaths are attributable to heart disease, compared to 21.3 percent for cancer.

Last year in Pennsylvania, 49,373 persons died because of heart disease and 25,376 because of cancer. However, the death rate from heart disease has fallen 9 percent since 1964 although it was up slightly, 0.6 percent, last year.

"The heart disease death rate for men is down 13 percent and for women, down 5.7 percent.

Meanwhile, death rates for infants and newborns dipped to 13.4 and 10.2 per 1,000 live births, lowest ever for the state.

Also the actual number of deaths, 1,540 newborns and 2,031 infants, reached a record low, the study said.

Despite the cancer increases, people are living longer than ever, MacLeod said.

"The average child born in 1978 has a life expectancy of 73.3 years," he said.

O'Neill prediction: Carter vs. Reagan

WASHINGTON (UPI) — House Speaker Thomas O'Neill, long a political ally of Sen. Edward Kennedy, said yesterday he thinks the 1980 election will pit President Carter against former Gov. Ronald Reagan of California.

Saying he had no inside information, O'Neill told reporters he doubted Kennedy would seek the nomination.

"The nominee will be Jimmy Carter," O'Neill said. "He will be fighting (Ronald) Reagan, who's got it sewed up" for the GOP nomination.

As for Kennedy, D-Mass., the speaker said: "I think if he were a candidate he'd be out there organizing."

O'Neill said that Kennedy has put together no campaign organization and has sent no advance organizers into the field. That simply is not the Kennedy style, he said.

"Any organization out there is a rump organization, and that just isn't a Kennedy organization," he said.

While O'Neill said he would likely support Kennedy if he runs, he said he personally liked Carter, calling him "a brilliant man, highly intelligent." O'Neill said Carter was doing "as reasonably good a job" as any man could under the circumstances.

Kennedy has said he will decide by late this year whether to challenge Carter for the Democratic nomination. He said his decision will be based in part on Carter's handling of the economy.

In Providence, R.I., U.S. Ambassador-at-large Elliott Richardson said he expects Kennedy to seek the nomination and said he would be "a formidable challenger to President Carter."

"Kennedy's footwork has been pretty nimble lately," the Massachusetts Republican said. "He's made movements toward being more conservative while at the same time pointing toward his earlier accomplishments which were quite liberal."

Kennedy's statements over the past two weeks have sparked a flurry of activity among draft Kennedy groups across the nation.

Marianne Olson, co-chairman of the Pennsylvania draft Kennedy movement, said Democratic National Chairman John White should resign because he supported Carter's reelection and was therefore unable to be impartial.

"John White not only does not understand our party, he doesn't understand what's troubling the American people," she said.

Carter lost an ally in Florida when state comptroller Gerald Lewis became the first statewide officeholder to announce his support for Kennedy.

Florida Democrats will vote in a "straw ballot" at a state convention in November to choose a presidential favorite, although the balloting is not binding and the state will hold a presidential primary next March.



Public pope? Aethelred Jones Murray, left, and his mother, Madalyn Murray O'Hair, have filed suit against Pope John Paul II and the U.S. Parks Service. They are trying to prevent the pope from saying Mass on public property during his visit to the United States.

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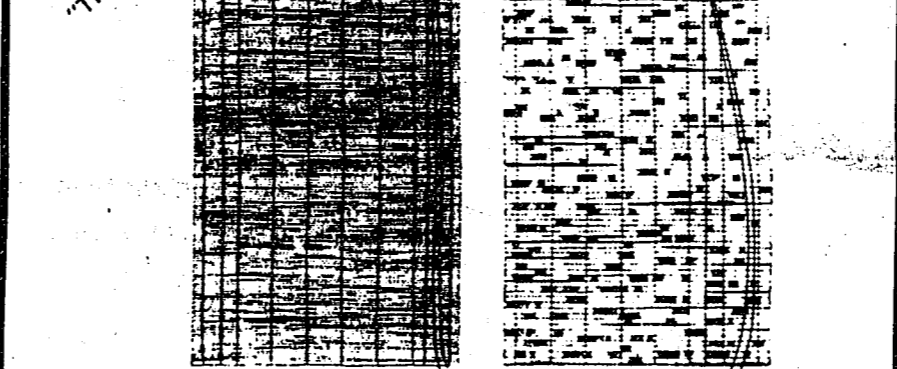
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