

Rape programs may get state aid

Center will get 75 percent of funds from Senate bills

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HARRISBURG — Programs that counsel and shelter rape victims may receive financial help from two bills referred Monday to the state Senate.

The Senate Judiciary Committee recommended bills 744 and 745, both of which would fund rape crisis centers by increasing the state marriage license fee from \$3 to \$8 and by collecting \$10 from any person who pleads guilty or is convicted of a crime.

The bills also would create an Office on Crime Victims that would coordinate programs that provide assistance to rape and domestic violence victims.

The bill's chief sponsor, Sen. Michael O'Pake, D-Berks, said the legislation was initiated because "I think it's time Pennsylvania makes a commitment about helping victims of rape and domestic violence."

He said the 2,300 rape victims treated at crisis centers throughout the state in the first half of 1979 "prove that this commitment should be accepted quickly and effectively."

Patrick Beatty, an aide to O'Pake, the judiciary committee chairman, said the bills were suggested by seven statewide rape counseling groups that must annually apply for funds.

"Right now, this funding process takes away time these groups could be using to provide more comprehensive assistance to rape victims," Beatty said.

"These bills will create a government office that will handle the funding process for the rape service programs and guarantee that they receive an annual state subsidy," he said.

At the committee meeting O'Pake said the legislation would channel \$1.8 million to the state's 26 rape and 19 domestic violence centers.

However, he said funding would be limited to 75 percent of each center's need, leaving the group responsible for collecting 25 percent of its funds from local sources.

Cathryn Power, spokesperson for the Pennsylvania Coalition Against Rape, said the legislation is "unequitable" because it would earmark about \$30,000 for each program without first considering the financial needs of each group.

"The effectiveness of this funding depends of the type of program," she said. "Obviously, a rape crisis center, which offers limited services, can use the \$30,000 effectively. But the money

won't mean much to a domestic violence shelter which offers "round-the-clock service."

She said the centers need extensive funding because "they're going out of business and can't afford to train staff members adequately."

Beatty, however, said funds would be distributed fairly because the bills state that the Office on Crime Victims would annually determine each center's need.

"There is nothing in the bills that says the money will be distributed equally," he said. "Each year, the Office on Crime Victims will determine each center's need and, from the information we receive, we'll be able to provide for 75

percent of their funding as required."

State Attorney General Edward G. Biester Jr. last week announced his support for the legislation because "for too long victims of rape and domestic abuse have not received from the justice system the kind of necessary assistance that they require."

"The commonwealth has a responsibility to assure that everything possible is done to assist crime victims," he said.

He said the Justice Department is also financially committed to helping rape victims and, since 1976, has awarded \$925,000 to 700 victims through its crime victims compensation board.

Senate bills could affect services

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Pennsylvania Senate bills 744 and 745 could either increase or decrease the paperwork for funding requests and, subsequently, affect services offered by rape crisis and domestic counseling centers, the county Rape Abuse Services coordinator said yesterday.

"What kinds of obstacles to providing services will this kind of bureaucratic mish-mash create?" Jacqueline Stutts asked in reference to the proposed Office on Crime Victims.

If a lengthy annual funding review of each of the 26 state rape crisis centers and 19 domestic counseling centers is ordered by this office, even more time may be taken away from the administrators and volunteers of the centers, she said.

"I just went through six weeks of having to write proposals for a grant for continuation funding," Stutts said. "We have to go through a constant assessment and documentation of the kinds of calls we're getting, where they are coming from, the age levels involved, and all those kinds of things to satisfy any of the funding policies that we look at."

The Rape and Abuse Services division of the Centre County Women's Resource Center is funded primarily locally by fund raisers and donations, Stutts said. A governor's continuation grant, of which 75 percent of the total grant will be funded by

the state Commission on Crime and Delinquency and 25 percent by the Centre County United Way, will "most likely" be awarded to the center by Oct. 1, she said.

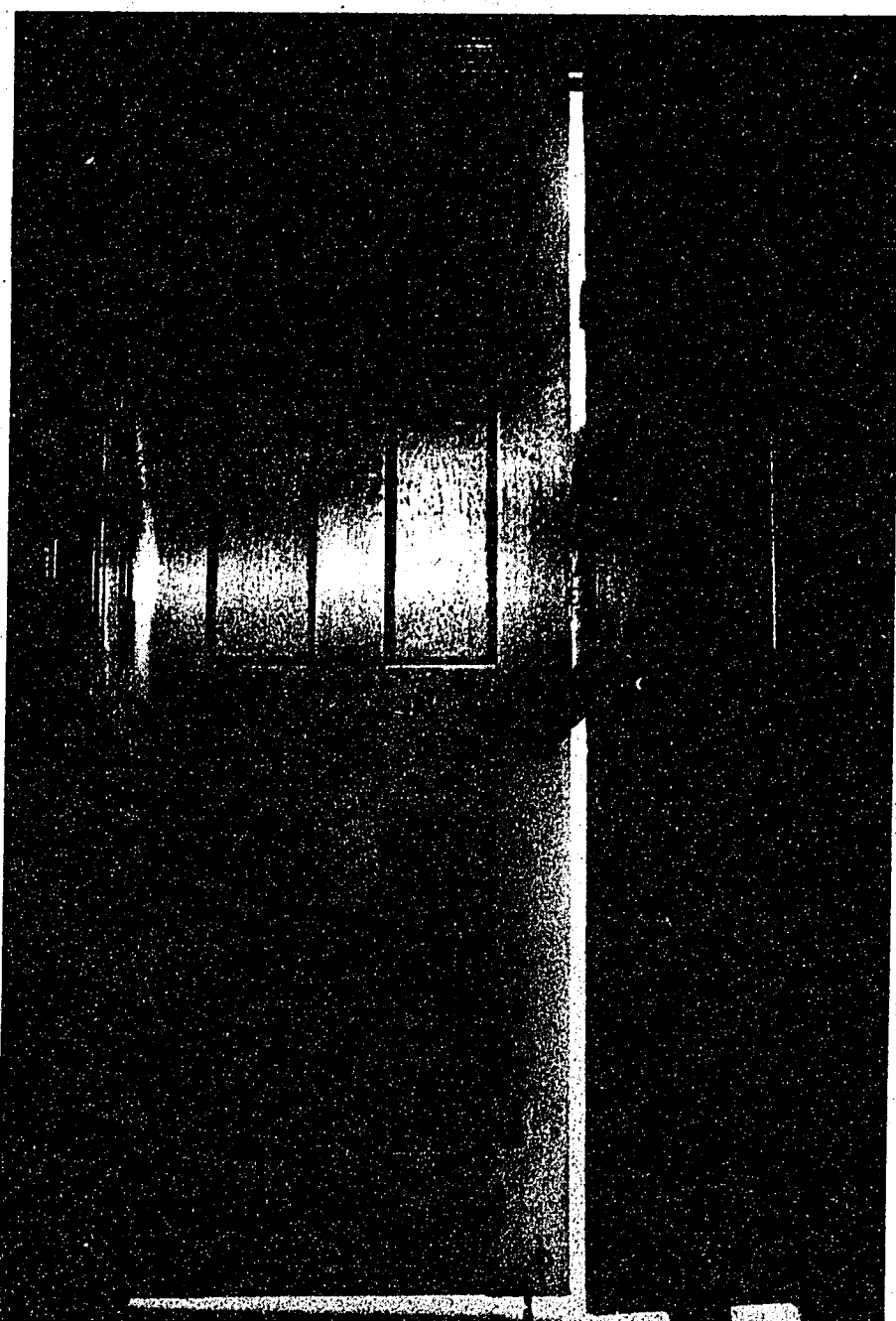
Services provided by the center focus primarily on its 24-hour crisis line.

"We have volunteers established on a 24-hour basis," Stutts said. These volunteers not only provide verbal crisis intervention, but also make arrangements for victims who need to be taken to the hospital, the police or emergency housing. Volunteers may also be asked to attend court hearings if the victim decides to prosecute, she said.

"The women's center also maintains, however inadequate, a list of emergency private housing that we can take victims to," Stutts said. "The list is very skimpy though; people get burned out easily."

The state Coalition Against Rape representative for Centre County, Karla Kiefer, said situations such as inadequate emergency housing prove "there's definitely a need for more funding of rape crisis centers."

As for whether or not the creation of an Office on Crime Victims will increase or decrease bureaucratic red tape, Kiefer said the situation "could go either way."



Behind closed doors

Photo by Rick Graf

Only the shadow knows who lurks behind a door leading to the old sorority initiation room in the basement of Simmons Hall.

Carter to prepare response to Soviet troop crisis

WASHINGTON (UPI) — President Carter has asked aides to prepare a series of options, possibly involving an increased U.S. military presence abroad, in an effort to defuse the crisis over Soviet combat troops in Cuba, an administration source said yesterday.

The administration is arranging for Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko to meet top administration officials in Washington later this week or next to continue U.S.-Soviet discussions about the troops.

The source expanded on remarks by White House press secretary Jody Powell Monday that "decisions have been taken" by the National

Security Council's presidential review committee on the Soviet troop issue.

The source, who requested anonymity, said Secretary of State Cyrus Vance Monday chaired a meeting of the presidential review committee of the National Security Council which reviewed the Cuban situation.

During Monday's session, attended by President Carter, Vance reviewed his meetings with Soviet Ambassador Anatoly Dobrynin.

Carter asked the National Security Council to suggest possible solutions, and examine in detail the ramifications of any action.

Further administration discussions are ex-

pected before Carter decides on a course of action.

Meantime, Zbigniew Brzezinski, Carter's national security adviser, told a group of Pentagon correspondents that the administration thinks the United States needs to compete more effectively abroad with the Soviet Union in the long run.

"We need to compete with the Soviets where the Soviets impose a competition on us directly or indirectly," Brzezinski said.

He said the administration believes the United States should do more to build up its defenses

and again stressed the need for the Senate to ratify the SALT agreement.

The White House, the administration source said, intends to move ahead with a "rapid deployment force" of 100,000 men which could intervene in world trouble spots outside the NATO area — the Caribbean, Persian Gulf, the Middle East or Asia.

The source said the United States could be expected to pre-position more military equipment overseas, mount training exercises abroad, and step up foreign port calls by U.S. warships.

The source declined to discuss the specifics of Vance's negotiations with Dobrynin, but he said the brigade turned up in Cuba some time during the Nixon or Ford administrations when the United States was distracted by the Vietnam War and its aftermath.

The source said Soviet descriptions of the brigade as a training unit should be viewed with skepticism.

He said the unit conformed in command structure and equipment to other known Soviet combat brigades, although the unit could also have a training function in Cuba.

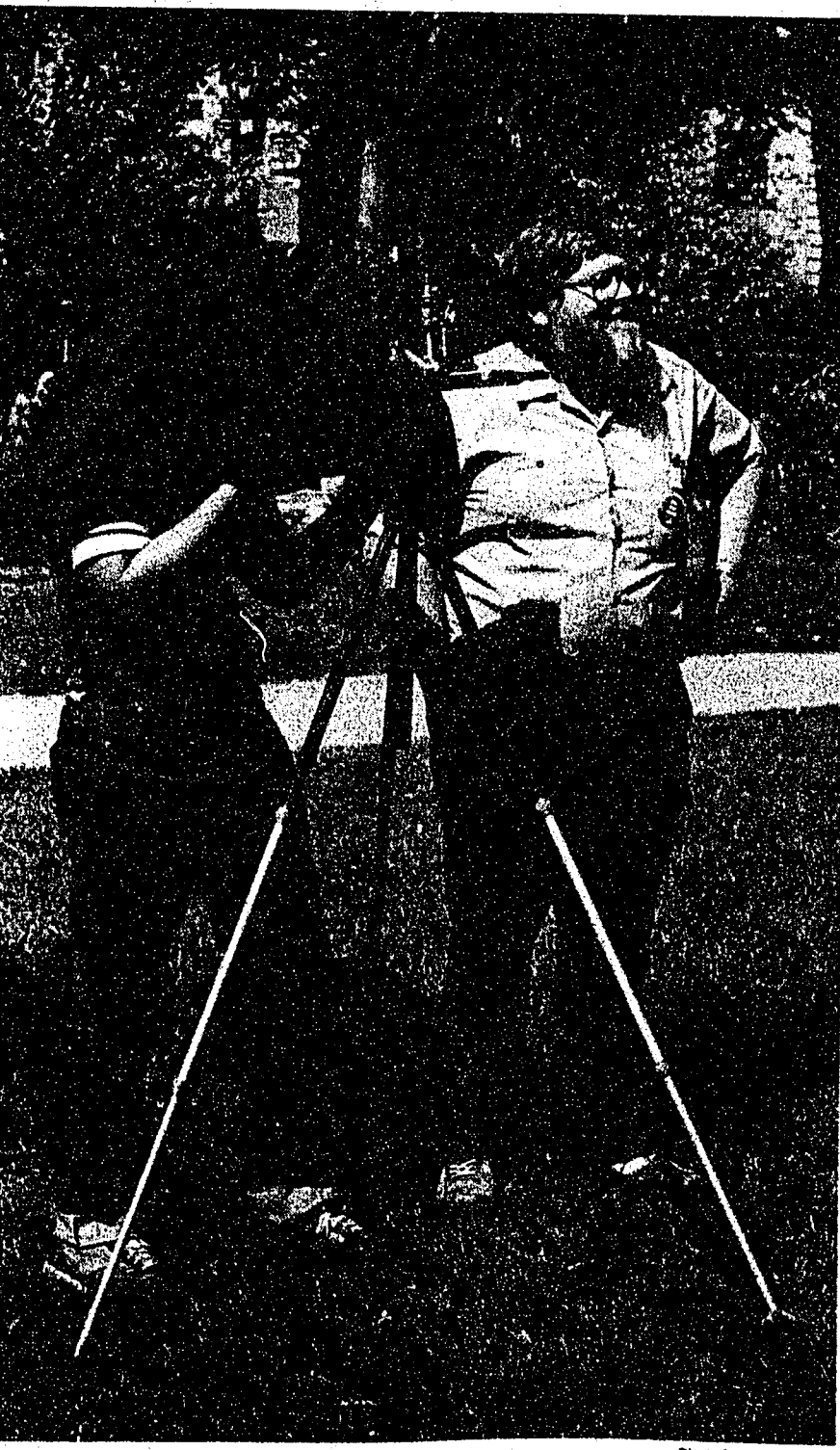


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Taking in the view

Fred Volz goes undercover to adjust his camera while his father, Carl, of the University electrical engineering staff, checks out the scenery in the mall. Fred, a participant in the State College Area High School's Alternative Program, will get art credit for his camera work.

O'Neill makes predictions Kennedy's plans probed

WASHINGTON (AP) — House Speaker Thomas P. O'Neill said yesterday that recent comments by Sen. Edward M. Kennedy have convinced him that Kennedy is considering a race for the 1980 presidential nomination.

In a related statement, Democratic National Chairman John C. White said a primary battle between Kennedy and President Carter would not necessarily split the party. He predicted Democrats could unite behind the victor.

White added that Carter is under some pressure to officially declare his candidacy soon, a formality that would allow Carter to get commitments of support from important groups before Kennedy can present himself as an option.

O'Neill's statement yesterday represented a quick turnaround from his earlier predictions that Kennedy would not seek the Democratic nomination. Over the weekend, O'Neill said he had

"strong feelings" that Kennedy would not run.

Kennedy responded Monday night that while O'Neill is "a good friend, ... I've expressed my thoughts. My views are probably the ones to think about." The Massachusetts senator said several times last week that he is not ruling out the possibility of running for the nomination.

"I would have to say he is giving it consideration," O'Neill told reporters after Kennedy made his latest pronouncement.

O'Neill added that he believes Kennedy will have to make a decision by December, before the presidential primary elections begin.

White's statement that a Kennedy-Carter battle would not necessarily split the party marked a similar reversal. The Democratic Party chairman had said earlier that a Kennedy effort to unseat Carter in the primaries would

virtually assure victory for the Republican candidate in the general election.

But White took a different tack after meeting yesterday morning with Carter and Democratic congressional leaders at the White House.

"It would be a classic struggle," White said, but he added that such a clash "doesn't have to" split the party. He said if Kennedy runs, "we'll fight it on the issues, and unify and support each other strongly. It could work out very well."

White said some of Carter's political advisers met Monday night to discuss strategy, but reached no agreement on when he should announce.

Rosalynn Carter, asked yesterday about her husband's chances in the upcoming primaries, predicted he would "win all of them."

She refused to speculate about a Kennedy candidacy, but added that



John C. White

Carter "always runs" as though he has opposition. "You will whip him?" a reporter asked. "That's right," Mrs. Carter replied.

According to HEW Secretary Education bill stands good chance

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Health, Education and Welfare Secretary Patricia Harris said yesterday that a bill to create a separate department of education has a good chance of congressional passage, and she predicted the new agency will get started within six months of enactment.

The proposal is a major part of President Carter's government reorganization plan. It would create a new \$14 billion department from the U.S. Office of Education, which now falls under the huge HEW umbrella.

The proposal has split the teaching profession. The National Education Association is strongly in favor of the plan, while the rival American Federation of Teachers is opposed.

AFT officials fear the NEA will have too much influence with the new department. The NEA is largely

represented in rural and suburban school districts. The AFT's strength lies in the nation's cities.

Carter pledged to create the department during the 1976 presidential campaign. It would become the 13th Cabinet level agency.

The bill now is awaiting a final vote in each house. A conference committee of the House and Senate passed the legislation last week, removing several controversial amendments attached by House conservatives.

The amendments included a prohibition against school busing to achieve racial balance, barring federally funded abortions and permitting prayer in schools.

Because the original vote in the House was so close — 210-206 — the bill's future is not as clear as in the Senate, where the bill cleared by a huge majority.

Harris, speaking yesterday to a group of women's college presidents, said the proposal "faces almost

certain passage by the Senate, and very good prospects in the House.

"So we expect to have a new department of education within six months after passage of the bill," she said.

Correction

A statement in yesterday's Collegian about the printing of secrets about the hydrogen bomb was erroneously attributed to Thomas T. Thwaites.

Cool for a day

Partly cloudy, windy and noticeably cooler today with a high of 62. The wind will diminish and the skies will clear tonight, with the temperature dropping to a fall-like 41. After a cool start, tomorrow will be sunny and a little warmer, with some high clouds moving in by afternoon. The high will be 69.