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Two Penn State football fans grab a bite of lunch during half-time at the Rutgers game.

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During International Year of the Child

Big Brothers, Big Sisters befriend children

By VICKI GEHRING
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If you miss your little brothers and sisters, but don't think you could keep them around in your dorm room or apartment, there is a solution.

Centre County Youth Service Bureau's Big Brother/Big Sister program is open to University students. In fact, volunteers are equally divided between University students and community residents, program coordinator Nada Ottenstein said.

She said college students are good role models because they are young enough for the "little" brothers and sisters to identify with, but old enough for them to look up to.

Arlene Berman (10th-social welfare) has been a big sister since January. She became involved with the program

because it relates to her major. "I try to have a positive influence," Berman said. "She (her little sister) confides in me even though she knows I might disapprove."

Berman and her little sister see movies together, do homework and talk, she said.

"I enjoy her company," Berman said.

Volunteers are matched with children on the basis of similar interests and backgrounds, Ottenstein said. Yet, Doug Jamison (11th-recreation and parks) said getting to know his little brother was "tough at first."

But after almost a year they have built a strong relationship, watching sports events, playing ball and fishing together, Jamison said.

Ottenstein said a commitment to meet on a weekly basis for at least six months

was expected. She said it takes time to build a friendship.

"It's not that much time — once a week — and it's a worthwhile program," Jamison said.

University students participating in the program often keep in touch with their little brothers or sisters during term breaks, Ottenstein said. Jamison said he wrote to his little brother over the summer.

Ottenstein also said the relationship between the volunteer and the youngster often lasts long after the volunteer has left the area.

Through the program 50 youngsters between the ages of 6 and 18 have established Big Brother/Big Sister relationships and an additional 60 are on a waiting list, she said.

Ottenstein said schools, juvenile

delinquency authorities, parents and various other agencies refer children — most from one parent families — to the Big Brother/Big Sister program.

In recognition of the International Year of the Child, the Centre County Commissioners have proclaimed September Big Brother/Big Sister month.

As explained in a United Nations resolution, the International Year of the Child, 1979, is a year for individual countries to "expand...efforts at the national and community levels to provide lasting improvements in the well-being of their children."

County Commissioner John Saylor said although this was not the community's first recognition of the International Year of the Child, "it is the first time it was named in a resolution."

Penn State College Bowl team finishes fifth

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Penn State's College Bowl team ran into some fast thinkers from other universities in the regional competition of the CBS Radio Network College Bowl held last weekend.

The team of five students — including Roger Kimmel (4th-mechanical engineering), Dave Williamson (7th-history), Jeff Levine (graduate-geological sciences), John Shaw (graduate-man-environment relations) and alternate Joe Thomas (10th-engineering science) — finished in fifth place.

They competed against teams from seven other universities in the regional competition held in Charleston, W. Va.

North Carolina University at Chapel Hill defeated Penn State 440 to 90 in the radio competition and will advance to the national tournament to be held this spring in San Francisco.

"They were just awesome. It was the fastest team I ever saw," Thomas said.

In a single elimination tournament held independent of the taped radio contests, Penn State lost a match to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. The M.I.T. team went on to win the non-radio tournament and will be invited to another CBS Radio Mini-Week Tournament.

"Even though we finished fifth, I believe we were one of the best teams there, but we had to go against the tough teams early," Kimmel, captain of the Penn State squad, said.

Prior to the regular competition Kimmel's team had done well in practice rounds, with wins over both North Carolina and M.I.T.

"If (only) we had some more depth in the literature area...we were very good in science, technical areas and history," coach Bryant Mesick said.

Mesick, who administers the Variable Ability Life

Insurance Co. program for University employees and assisted in the intramural competition, competed for Drexel University in 1963 in the televised version of the game.

Most of the team members agreed that the competition was a lot of fun with some pressure and overall good sportsmanship, but Williamson commented further.

"If we have an opportunity to go to another competition, I'm going to have to think twice about going," Williamson said. "I thought the producers had gone 'Hollywood' on it. They were more concerned with producing entertainment for the audience than with the competition."

"I got sick with the phony emotion," he said. "When people used to ask me what the college bowl was all about, I used to say it was an intellectual game show, but now I will drop the word 'intellectual.'"

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