

Attack shocks Pennsylvanians

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Associated Press Writer

The news that Pope John Paul II had been shot in Vatican City swept across Pennsylvania like an all-time wind yesterday, shocking leaders and people in the street and sending many to homes of worship.

"Pennsylvanians of all faiths unite in prayer today for that good and gentle man who won our hearts as Pope John Paul II, the first pope ever to visit our Commonwealth," said Gov. Dick Thornburgh.

"We also are united in our abhorrence of the violence which increasingly appears to be characteristic of our times."

Minutes after the bulletin crackled across the radio, Roman Catholics trickled into the Cathedral of St. Peter in Harrisburg in groups of twos and threes, wearing expressions of concern.

Monsignor William Bridy asked communicants at a noon mass to pray to God that the pope survives, but, in any case, "four will be done."

Meanwhile, in Pittsburgh, Roman Catholic Bishop Vincent M. Leonard expressed the feelings of others: "We are all shocked by this appalling tragedy, and we urge everyone to pray that the Holy Father will recover from this terrible deed."

In Philadelphia, a steady stream of people of all ages — parochial school children, priests, those dressed in office clothes — streamed into the semi-dark, silent Cathedral of Saints Peter and Paul, the center of the local archdiocese.

And students at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, which the pope visited in 1979, held a prayer service for

his recovery.

Many parochial schools, like Bishop Hoban High School in Wilkes-Barre and Bishop O'Reilly High School in Kingston, closed or temporarily suspended classes so that students could offer their prayers to all the others for the pontiff's well-being.

The Rev. Alex Hizzari, a Luzerne County priest, mentioned the shooting during his noon mass at St. Mary's Church, but did not go into any details for fear of shocking elderly parishioners.

Many popes have been martyred through the ages, Bridy told congregants in Harrisburg. "John Paul II is a light in our world. Our prayer is, spare our Holy Father."

Elsewhere, political and religious leaders expressed disgust.

"I am frankly stuttering and speechless," said Pennsylvania House Speaker Matthew Ryan. "This is crazy. It's so unbelievable."

Ryan said he was at a meeting with five people when he was told of the shooting.

"One person said 'Why?' A couple of others just turned up their hands," he said. "Comments were not made about the crazy things that have happened to presidents lately."

Harrisburg's auxiliary bishop, William H. Keeler, said, "We are shocked, tremendously shocked."

"We expect Catholic people and our Christian brothers and sisters and Jewish friends and others interested in good will and the cause of peace will be joining us in this sentiment of prayer for his recovery."

State Sen. Paul McKinney, D-Philadelphia, said, "Chills are going up my spine right now. It's a sick world. I tell you. My prayers go out to him."

At Philadelphia's Chapel of Our Lady of the Most Blessed Sacrament, an old man was asked about the shooting during his daily visit to pray.

He wouldn't give his name. But he said, "They've all been asking for it — the president, the pope. He's been all over the world and there are always some crooks around. He should be speaking on TV or the radio" instead, the man said.

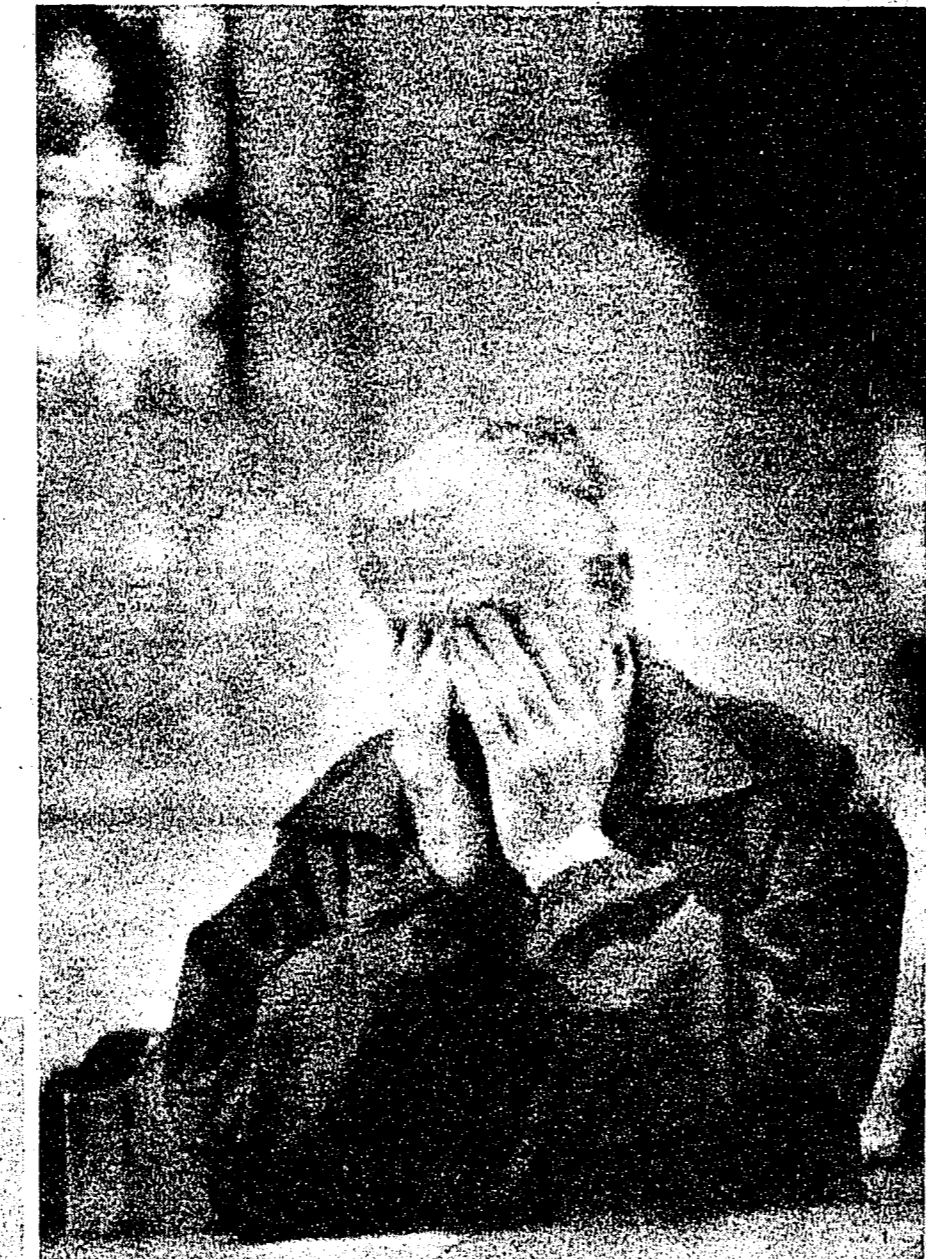
Edward Pizsek, 64, the Philadelphia owner of the Mrs. Paul's Kitchens frozen seafood empire, said he had talked to his friend the pontiff only six weeks ago, about the food shortage in Poland, the pope's native land.

"We can just hope that the luck of the Polish holds out," said a shaken Pizsek, a Polish-American. "It's like when they shot the president, the president pulled through. Let's hope that that's a precedent and that the pope will, too."

The Pennsylvania Catholic Conference expressed relief that the pope appeared likely to survive. But spokesman Bernard Shire labeled the assault "a totally outrageous act."

"It is against everything the pope stands for. We're praying for the pope's rapid recovery. We also hope this will not impede the pope from his work," said Shire, whose organization represents the state's bishops in public affairs.

Of the assailant or assailants, Josephine Puskur of Edwardsville said, "We should forgive them."



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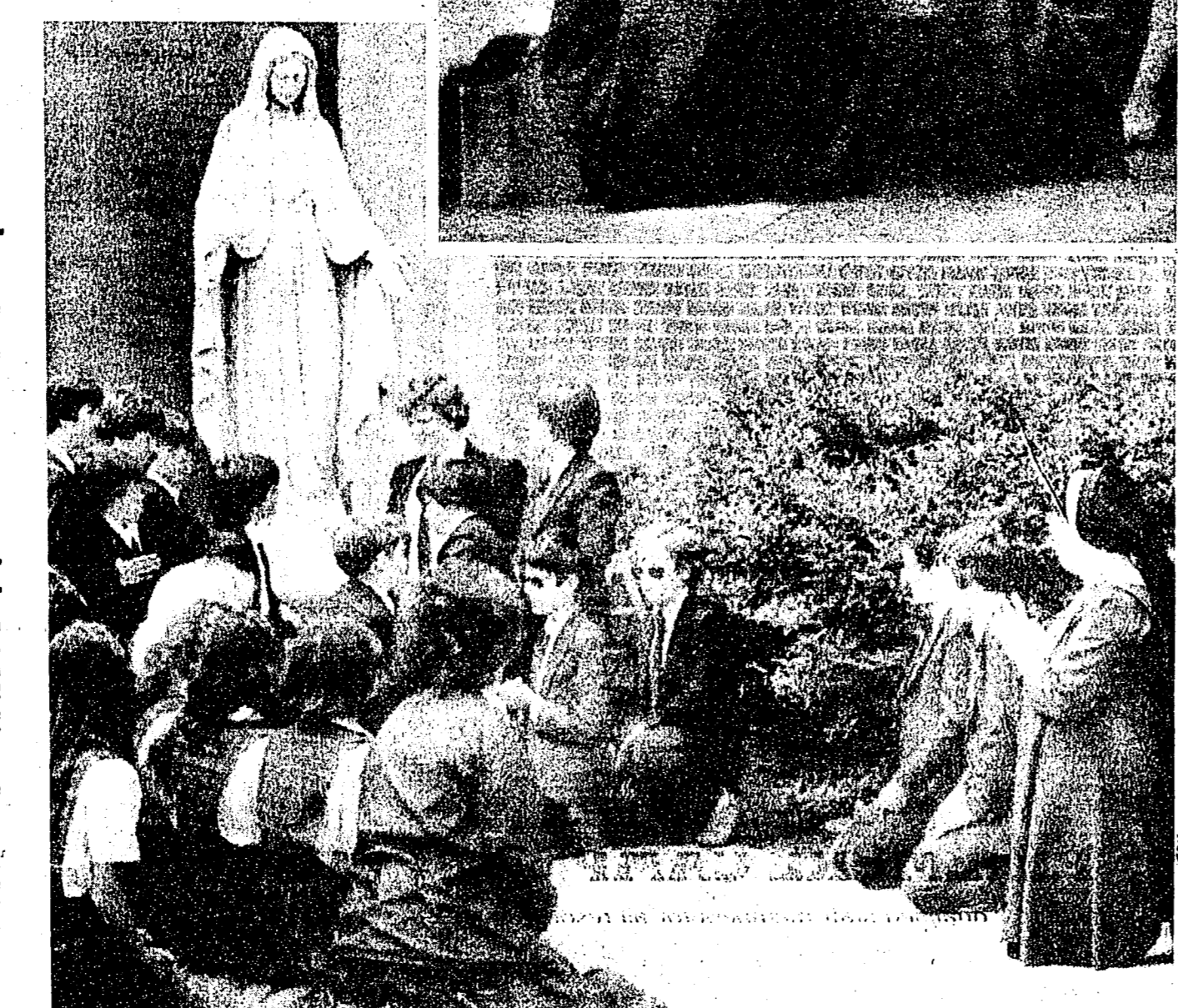
Crowd panics after pope is shot

VATICAN CITY (AP) — A beaming Pope John Paul II had just finished circling St. Peter's Square on a slow-moving white jeep when at least two shots rang out shortly after 5 p.m. Rome time.

"We heard two shots. A terrible quiet fell over the crowd. Then all of a sudden screams and yelling began. People were pushing and shoving. The pope slumped over. Guards were running after people," said Betty Holsten of Minneapolis, Minn., who was standing in the square.

After the shots, the crowd of nearly 15,000 began to push and shove and run away from the sight of the shooting in the northwest corner of the vast square. Several young monks raced by the Egyptian obelisk in the middle of the square shouting, "They've shot the pope! They've shot the pope!"

Security agents picked up the 60-year-old pope and put him in a car. He was rushed to a hospital where he underwent surgery yesterday to remove two bullets and some intestine, according to Vatican Radio, which said the pontiff was "not in serious condition."



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Turks calls pope's assailant a terrorist

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Turkish ambassador to the United States said yesterday the Turkish national thought to be the assailant of Pope John Paul II is a "terrorist" and "an enemy of the Turkish nation."

Sukru Elekdogan spoke to reporters at the embassy after Italian police said they had arrested a man who identified himself as Mehmet Ali Hagca in connection with the shooting. He was thought to be a "terrorist" and "an enemy of the Turkish nation."

"This same individual (Agca) is currently being sought by Turkish authorities and by Interpol (the international police organization)," the ambassador said. "He is a well-known fugitive from Turkish justice — a terrorist who has been tried and convicted for the murder of a prominent Turkish journalist. The Turkish police have been under instruction to shoot him on sight."

Elekdogan said he had no confirmation from his government that the man in custody actually is Agca — who was reported to have vowed to kill the pope in a letter he left behind when he escaped from an Istanbul prison shortly before the pope's visit to Turkey in the fall of 1979.

Agca, 23, was convicted of killing the editor of the Ankara newspaper Milliyet, Abdi Ipekci, slain Feb. 1, 1979.

"I am not in a position to tell you which dark interests the alleged assailant of the pope is serving," Elekdogan said. "But, by attempting to assassinate the pope, he is attacking the United States for regular and a third contained an encyclopedia of railroads which weighed four pounds and had been purchased in a Washington bookstore."

"All the luggage including baggage of Soviet diplomatic personnel was thrown to the ground, indiscriminately opened or ripped open with knives," said Valentin Kamenev, press counselor in the Soviet embassy here, addressing about 40 reporters and cameramen. He answered questions about the incident — in itself a rare event.

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In reply, White House deputy press secretary Larry Speakes said: "The Tass charges are colorful but absurd. We categorically deny them."

Speakes said the incident had no connection to U.S.-Soviet relations.

"The goods were held for examination," Speakes said. "There was absolutely no violation of diplomatic immunity." He added that the search was carried out within international norms, diplomatic baggage and mail was not searched, personal luggage was not opened, the plane's safety was not jeopardized and customs inspectors were accompanied by Aeroflot crew members.

Syria: Begin wants solution fast

TEL AVIV, Israel (AP) — Prime Minister Menachem Begin warned yesterday that time was running out for a solution to the Syrian-Israeli missile crisis.

But indications were that there would be no outbreak of hostilities in the next two or three days, since Begin said he was waiting for U.S. envoy Philip C. Habib to return to Jerusalem tomorrow with a fresh assessment of the Syrian position.

Israeli news reports said the United States has come up with a set of compromise proposals whereby the Syrians would withdraw their anti-aircraft missiles from the east Lebanese area, Israel would limit its flights over Lebanon, and the town of Zahle, stronghold of Israeli-backed Christian forces, would be cleared of Christian and Syrian troops and replaced by Lebanese regulars.

But Begin denied that Israel was being asked to suspend its flights over Lebanon. He said these were vital "to discover what's going on and to prevent the attacks of terrorists on Israeli citizens."

He told reporters, "We don't have much time because the Syrians all the time send more missiles," but if Habib "brings the news that there is an agreement with the Syrians, I will be able to say that we have now a peaceful solution to the problem."

Syria moved the missiles into Lebanon April 29, a day after Israeli jets shot down two Syrian helicopter gunships attacking Christian positions in Zahle. On Tuesday, the missiles were fired at Israeli reconnaissance jets over the area, but none was hit, the military command said.

The American proposals were attributed by the Jerusalem Post and Israeli Radio to senior Israeli sources and to Secretary of State Alexander M. Haig Jr.

Before leaving Israel, Habib conferred with Shimon Peres, leader of the opposition Labor Party, which has been sharply critical of Begin's handling of the crisis.

Peres and Begin clashed in Parliament on Tuesday night as Peres denied Begin's contention that the nation was united behind the government on the Lebanese question.

U.S. labels terrorism charges 'absurd'

By MIKE FEINSILBER
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WASHINGTON (AP) — The White House denounced as "absurd" Soviet charges that the United States engaged in "international terrorism" when it seized three crates of radiation detection equipment from an Aeroflot jetliner about to take off from Moscow.

As the White House and State Department sought to brush off the Soviet complaints yesterday, U.S. Customs agents said they were still investigating "to determine whether any export controls or U.S. laws seek to prevent the export of military use equipment."

But the Soviets, in a note delivered to the U.S. Embassy in Moscow and in a Washington news conference, called Tuesday's incident a "criminal, indiscriminate act" and a provocation.

Soviet and Aeroflot spokesmen said 25 armed FBI agents physically threatened the five Aeroflot crew members to get them to leave the plane and used knives to rip open luggage which had been hurried to the cockpit equipment, posing a threat. But the plane landed safely in Moscow, they said.

"What has taken place is yet another example of the flagrant disregard by the American authorities for the centuries-old norms of international law, for elementary notions of decency, and shows that terror and bad faith have been elevated in the United States to the status of official policy," the Russian note said.

The Customs Service said it acted "on information that the flight carried certain high-technology defense-related items."

But the Soviets said the material seized had no military significance, it said one box contained two pounds of spare parts for radiation detection equipment; another contained 37 pounds of American-made aviation navigation equipment that had been returned to the United States for repair; and a third contained an encyclopedia of railroads which weighed four pounds and had been purchased in a Washington bookstore.

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News briefs

Brady continues to improve, report says

WASHINGTON (AP) — White House press secretary James S. Brady had a slight fever Tuesday night, but his temperature returned to normal by morning and he was reported in good condition at George Washington University Hospital, a White House bulletin said yesterday.

Brady, who is recovering from a gunshot wound in the head suffered in the March 30 assassination attempt against President Reagan, has suffered several setbacks in the weeks following emergency brain surgery, but his condition has been improving for about 10 days.

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Foreign Minister to confer with Haig

WASHINGTON (AP) — South African Foreign Minister P.W. Botha arrived yesterday for talks with Secretary of State Alexander M. Haig Jr.

Independence for Namibia will be a "very central issue" when they meet today, said Chester Crocker, assistant secretary of state-designate for African Affairs.

Crocker said the Botha and Haig will take up "the question of where do we go next on Namibia."

Helicopter report: no El Salvador crash

WASHINGTON (AP) — Reports that guerrillas in El Salvador had shot down a U.S. made "Huey" helicopter are incorrect, the State Department said yesterday.

The government of El Salvador reaffirmed to us today that there was no helicopter crash on Monday," the department said in a statement.

The statement said that it understands that Salvadoran armed forces did suffer some casualties from guerrilla fire near a helicopter which had landed in Morazan Province before the firing began.

It said a local justice of the peace was reported killed.

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Proposed steel bill eases clean air laws

WASHINGTON (AP) — A bill allowing steel companies to postpone compliance with clean air laws if they modernize existing plants passed the House Energy and Commerce Committee yesterday.

The measure, designed to revitalize the struggling steel industry, now goes to a House-Senate conference committee where a similar Senate bill will be considered.

If approved by Congress, the legislation will offer steel companies up to three years' delay in meeting air pollution deadlines under the federal Clean Air Act.

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Student candidacies criticized

Editor's Note: These are the 10th and 11th in a series of interviews with the 16 candidates for State College Municipal Council. Because of scheduling, the interviews are not running in any particular order.

By KAREN KONSKI
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A more formal system of communication should be developed between the council and University students, but students should not be elected to council, State College Municipal Council candidate Kathleen Donohue said.

"Students should have more of a role (in local government)," Donohue said, "but I don't think the young man that's running should get on council."

Donohue was referring to Richard Hudock (D-political science and foreign service), who is running for a council seat on the Democratic ballot.

Donohue said because Hudock or any student usually stays in the area for only four years, he will not be here long enough to serve a complete term on either the council or a commission.

"He won't be here five years from now, if he's asked to serve on a commission," Donohue said. "Unless you're elected as soon as you get here, you won't be here long enough to serve the term."

Donohue said, though, that she would like to see a more formal liaison developed between the council and University students.

Donohue also said she would support a drug paraphernalia ordinance if the mu-



Kathleen Donohue

like rolling papers because they have uses other than marijuana — other types of paraphernalia are intended only for drugs. Those are the things she would like to see banned.

She said she is especially concerned about drug use among children younger than college age.

"I'd like to see it much less blatant," Donohue said, "and not have it available on the junior high level."

Donohue also said she thinks owning the cab company and controlling paratransit rights could be handled as separate issues.

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Boyle wants transit changes

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State College's transportation system will not really be public until it serves all of the public including the elderly and handicapped, State College Municipal Council candidate Ray Boyle said.

Boyle, a consumer Party candidate, would like to see many changes in the transportation system including van service for the elderly, increased number of routes, and signs and schedules that would be easy for people with visual problems to read.

He also said he does not think the taxi system should be run by the municipality, though he thinks it is obligated to keep it until the municipality can find a responsible buyer.

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That's not what laws are made for," Boyle said. "They are made for safety purposes."

Boyle also said he thinks the county commissioners' decision to deny the Consumer Party official party status has hurt the Consumer candidates, because they have not received the amount of publicity the Democratic or Republican candidates have.

To be considered an official third party, at least one candidate from that party must receive 5 percent of the vote of an elected candidate in any election.

The Consumer Party claims their candidate, Douglas Mason, received over 5 percent of the total vote of William F. Clinger, R-central Pa., in the race for the 23rd Congressional district seat last fall.

The commissioners say, however, that Mason had to receive at least 5 percent of the district-wide vote for the party to be eligible.

"We're very seriously running, but we don't get a lot of publicity," Boyle said.

He also said he thinks many energy concerns could be handled on the local level.

The municipality has been irresponsible as far as energy is concerned by promoting the use of cars, not promoting the use of bicycles and not standing behind its public transportation system, Boyle said.

Boyle said he thinks energy concerns are not an issue that has been often brought out in the campaign, but it is a long-range concern that has to be dealt with.

Children at play learn math skills

By TODD LIGHTY
Daily Collegian Staff Writer

A pretend excursion to the supermarket may give pre-school and elementary school children a better understanding of math, according to a recent study conducted by a University professor.

"Children who join others in sociodramatic play or group pretend play — develop and practice productive thought patterns similar to those needed to grasp mathematical concepts," said Thomas D. Yawkey, associate professor of early childhood education in the division of curriculum and instruction.

In the study, Yawkey concluded that children who engage in sociodramatic play are more capable of learning math skills, such as decision making and the dimensions of a set of objects.

"Essentially, sociodramatic play requires children to use their imaginations and work together in a group to achieve an overall effect," Yawkey said. "This, in turn, requires them to develop social skills as they react to one another in their pretend roles and to create new verbal and physical forms of expression."

Yawkey said the notion of group pretend play facilitates math as well as imaginative.

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In conducting the study, Yawkey used 5-year-olds selected at random from four kindergarten classes.

Yawkey said the study turned up no differences in imaginative skills between boys and girls.

Sociodramatic play for effective group could be used to enhance math and perhaps playfulness abilities, he added.

"In relation to the rush 'back-to-basics,' sociodramatic play could be reintroduced and justified in school programs for young children, given its important contributions to both mathematical and language abilities," Yawkey said.

Initially, the adult might help the children by giving them suggestions from the child's actual experiences, such as going shopping, buying food of feeding the animals at the zoo, Yawkey said.

As children become used to sociodramatic play, they will think of their roles to act out, and this will develop their imagination and thought-processes, he said.

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