

Norm Constantine responds to therapy

Norm Constantine, Nittany Lion mascot from 1978-80, isn't giving up.

Constantine, who suffered severe head injuries when he was struck by a hit-and-run driver on Oct. 17, 1981, is responding to therapy at Moss Rehabilitation Hospital in Philadelphia, said Lois Levy, public relations director at the hospital.

He is undergoing speech, physical and occupational therapy.

"The therapy is definitely helping Norm. I see continual mental improvement," said the Rev. James D. May of the Catholic Center. May visits Constantine every three weeks.

Recently, Constantine demonstrated that he can read and interpret simple sentences, May said. He continues to make efforts to talk, but he's not able to form complete words.

It doesn't appear that his memory was seriously impaired, because he recognizes names and people, he said. "During my last visit, Norm became quite animated when I mentioned some of the football players."

Anyone who wants to send cards or letters to Constantine over the holidays should address them to: Room 305, Moss Rehabilitation Hospital, Philadelphia, Pa. 19141.

—by Mary Anne Janco

State College unemployment rising

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and such factors as the number of transactions per teller or clerk and how long the customer is waiting for service.

Robert E. Krantz, vice president of Central Counties Banks, said he expects a consumer-led recovery in 1983.

"We think '83 will be a better year for the economy, but not a vintage year," he said. "We expect the consumer to return to the market."

With declining interest rates consumers will be more inclined to spend, Krantz said. The prime rate is now 11.5 percent.

"Banks really need to make loans — people haven't been coming to us to borrow money," he said.

The savings rate that is above 8 percent is quite high. Savers will be inclined to spend more at that level, Krantz said, because the decline in the interest rates will make it less advantageous to save.

"Experience shows that money begins to burn a hole in their pockets at that level," he said.

Another reason consumers will be inclined to spend more is that despite the increase in unemployment, real disposable income has increased, Krantz said. Real disposable income is the amount of money a consumer has after taxes and basic expenditures. "Wage increases have outstripped inflation," he said.

Also, unearned income has increased in recent years because of the high rate of return on investment, he said.

Even though Krantz is optimistic about a consumer-led recovery, Lew said downtown businesses have noticed that fewer people are shopping downtown.

However, downtown businesses are doing their best to attract shoppers. "As a result of the decline of purchasing, we're finding more innovative ideas to attract people downtown," she said. "We continually strive to promote downtown."

Last March the DBA launched an all out advertising campaign costing thousands of dollars in an effort to draw shoppers from surrounding areas into State College, Lew said. The campaign, still in progress, emphasizes the "uniqueness of State College," she said.

The ads flash pictures of store fronts, restaurants and clubs, while an off-camera narrator says, "Have a day on the town."

Correction

Because of a reporting error in yesterday's Daily Collegian, the business hours of the University's Museum of Art were incorrectly given. The Museum is open from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. every day except Monday.

Child goes home after liver transplant

By FRED BAYLES
Associated Press Writer

BOSTON — As her family applauded and Santa Claus delivered a gift, a smiling 1-year-old Jamie Fiske returned home yesterday evening from a life-saving liver transplant.

"We're just glad to be in Boston," said her father, Charles Fiske. "When we brought her out to Minneapolis, she was dying. And now, here she is."

Jamie was the youngest person ever to receive a liver transplant. She had been expected to die by Thanksgiving without it.

"If Jamie could talk, she would probably say, 'Thank you' to everyone for their prayers and love," said Fiske. "She really has been adopted by the whole world."

Jamie, Fiske and his wife Marilyn landed in Boston at 6 p.m. and were greeted by family and friends at Logan International Airport.

Santa Claus was among the crowd and he presented the Fiskses with a doll almost as big as Jamie.

"Massport wanted Jamie to have an early Christmas," said Santa (Phil Orlandella), a public affairs spokesman for the Massachusetts Port Authority, which operates the airport.

Fiske said the family planned to return to their Bridgewater home, "decorate the tree and buy some gifts for Jamie."

It would be the first time since July 6 that the family, including 2½-year-old Darren, would be together.

Jamie received a new liver in a transplant operation in Minneapolis six weeks ago, after her father made an emotional plea to pediatricians meeting in New York to find a liver donor to save the life of his "sunshine."

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