

## Statistics show increase in reports of child abuse

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In the past six years, the rate of reported child abuse in both the nation and the county has undergone a significant increase, according to national and local statistics.

The number of reported child abuse cases in Centre County from 1977 to 1983 has risen from 87 to 115 and the number of reported child sexual abuse cases has increased from seven to 41, according to the Children and Youth Services of Centre County.

The service, which tabulates these statistics annually, has received 57 reports of child abuse so far this year. Case worker Debra Subliski said this number is unusually high for a four-month period.

On a national level, a study showed that

reports of child abuse and neglect increased from 416,000 in 1976 to 920,000 in 1982, said Theresa Costello, a staff associate at the Children's Division of the American Humane Association in Denver.

While neglect is the most widespread type of child abuse — 62 percent of all cases — reported sexual abuse cases jumped from 3 percent in 1976 to 7 percent in 1982, she added.

Costello said the study also found that although black children nationally account for only 15 percent of the total juvenile population, they account for about 20 percent of all reported abuse and neglect cases.

Based on 1982 data, the average national rate of reporting child abuse in each state was 20.88 cases per 1,000 of the general population. Pennsylvania had among the

lowest rates of reported cases with 5.22 abused children per 1,000, while Missouri had the highest rate with 42 per 1,000, Costello said.

She added that 16 states are not included in this rate comparison because they have statistics by family reports only and not by individual child reports. In the 16 states using family reported cases, more than one child may be abused within a home but those statistics measure only by the family, Costello said.

"There are so many different factors in the state that can contribute to higher or lower reporting," she said. "It is hard to say that there is a higher incidence. We don't know how much goes unreported."

Costello added it was estimated that for every case reported, two go unreported and

those that are reported are the more serious cases of physical and sexual abuse.

The national study indicated that high unemployment and poor financial conditions are associated with increased reporting of child abuse and neglect. Families with abused children often reported economic problems, family interaction problems, death and birth as possible stress-related factors, Costello said.

"People who abuse their children do not always do so out of lack of love," Costello said. "They are poor parents who may have been abused as children themselves."

She said that the media have affected the number of reported cases in that they raise people's awareness. Costello added that there has been a tremendous increase in

requests for information dealing with the subject.

Subliski said one of the reasons the number of reported cases in Centre County is "running pretty high" is all the publicity being generated about child abuse through the media.


People are more aware of child abuse and are feeling more pressure to do something about it, she said.

Another factor is the changing lifestyle of families, Subliski said.

"The family unit is being totally turned around, with the father at home rather than out working and the mother working," Subliski said. "This adds to the pressure of family living and many times the child becomes the victim of the circumstances."

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- The Transfer Liaison Corps will meet at 6:30 p.m. Sunday in 320 HUB.
- The Newman Student Association will sponsor a pizza party after 5:05 p.m. Mass today in the Eisenhower Chapel.
- The Internationale Dancers will hold its sixth annual spring performance at 2 p.m. Sunday in Schwab Auditorium.
- The Outing Club Bicycle Division will hold a 35-mile ride to Stone Valley Recreation Area at 10 a.m. tomorrow and a 25-mile ride to Barrens area at 1 p.m. Sunday. Participants will meet at the HUB parking lot.
- The Caribbean Student Association will sponsor a Caribbean experience featuring the Maryland Pacesetter Steel Band at 6 p.m. Sunday in the HUB Ballroom.
- The Black Arts Festival Committee will sponsor the first annual Black Arts Festival Awards ceremony at 1 p.m. tomorrow in the Paul Robeson Cultural Center.
- Recreation and Parks will hold a trail accessibility and tools workshop at noon tomorrow at the Stone Valley Nature Center.
- The Collegiate 4-H Club will sponsor an All-U square dance at 8 tonight in 133 White Building.
- The Astronomy Club will hold an open house at 7:30 tonight on the sixth floor of Davey Lab.
- The Wesley Foundation, 256 E. College Ave.
- The Readers Theater and the Womens Resource Center will sponsor scenes from "The Women's Room" at 8 tonight and tomorrow at the Wesley Foundation, 256 E. College Ave.
- The State College Police Department reported a two-car collision in the parking lot at Hills Plaza Wednesday.
- Police said Newton Flory, 80, of 301 Rolling Ridge Drive, was southbound in the parking lot when he struck a car driven by Phillip Wiggins, 33, RD2 Howard, who was entering the southbound lane from the west parking lot. Damage to Flory's car was estimated at \$900 and damage to Wiggins' car was estimated at \$550, police said.
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## Rockview inmate count increases

By ELIZABETH MARCH  
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The number of inmates at the Rockview State Prison has increased by 18.2 percent since last year "for a multitude of reasons," the assistant to the superintendent said.

Anthony Biviano said the number of inmates in Rockview rose from 1,252 on March 31, 1983, to 1,480 on March 31, 1984. By comparison, the increase of prisoners from March 1982 to March 1983 was only 6.2 percent.

Biviano said reasons for the increase include "mandatory sentencing laws and the attitude of the courts and community regarding offenders, especially repeat offenders," he said. "Also, the parole board is not releasing the prisoners as easily as in the past."

Judy Smith, information specialist for the Bureau of Correction, added that more crimes are being committed. The "baby boom" generation has reached the crime-prone age group — the late teens through the 20s.

"They are nearing the end, however, so there should be relief in the '90s as the population ratios are smaller," Smith said.

The Justice Department reported that the prison population in Pennsylvania in 1983 was 11,767 — an increase of 11.8 percent from the previous year.

"There is no reason why Rockview's increase was larger than the state average," Smith said. "The prisoners, with the exception of ones with death or life sentences, are sent wherever there is room for them," Smith said.

Also, the large increase in the number of inmates has caused overcrowding problems at Rockview.

"There are approximately 1,500 total commitments but the facility can only house 1,006," Biviano said.

## Libraries' hours extended during finals week

The University libraries will have extended hours during finals week, the head of reference and instructional services division said yesterday.

James Neal said Pattee will open at 7:45 a.m. and will remain open until 10 p.m. on May 4 and 5. Pollock Undergraduate Library will open at 9 a.m. and close at midnight on May 5.

"Only the Reserve Reading Room and floors 1-4 in East Pattee will be available to patrons during the extended hours," he said. "We've asked the Police Services for assistance moving the patrons into these areas."

However, Pattee will be open May 11 from 7:45 a.m. to 10 p.m. and May 12 from 7:45 a.m. to 7 p.m., he said.

—By Kathy Jo Maps

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