Loves math:

94-year-old retired prof still tutors students daily

By SHERYL WEINERMAN Collegian Features Writer

An attitude for achieving, the love for learning and the thrill for teach- another section, then another teaching. Teresa Cohen, University profes- er," said Cohen. sor emeritus of mathematics, has it Cohen said she learned about teach-

been teaching math at the University. she "just wanted to take math and Officially retired from the staff since science courses" and believes that a 1962, she still tutors students from an person can learn more from experi-

ments of mathematics.

always did."

leg in October. a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily and waits for mathematics books. midterms and finals, she said she is the first and only woman in her sary for studying calculus."

know when people are going to come said. A 1912 graduate of Goucher Colher no differently from the men who to see me or send cards," said Cohen, that kept her from teaching since

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mathematics department, asked her to join the Penn State staff. "At the last minute they needed

ing on the job. She took no education For the past 60 years, Cohen has courses at Hopkins because she said

She tutors students five days a "I used to think how my uncle, a week, free of charge, on the rudi- professor of math at Hopkins, would work on something," Cohen said. "I "I just like to teach," said Cohen, just try to remember how he did who will be 94 years old on Feb. 14. "I things — he was an excellent teacher,

Cohen walks to work whenever Cohen said she continues to learn as possible despite having injured her new courses and instructors change methods of solving math problems.

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Teresa Cohen

know their algebra then and they her.

department. The second woman was She estimated having taught at as a patient and a friend, said Cohen "I bring lunch because you never not hired until February 1924, she least 7,000 students from 1920 until is interested in people and always Cohen says the department treated "Some former students come back Despite the problems with her leg

master's and doctorate degrees in paid wages equal to men for jobs teaching about five years ago and ple, as she always is," Harry said. mathematics from Johns Hopkins back then. Even today, Cohen said belongs to two honor societies. many women are still paid less than A few of her former students have they give me an office, I'll tutor," even become friends, Cohen said. Cohen said. "I've always argued that always liked math," she said. "In When she arrived, about 3,000 stu-"She'll stop whatever she's doing there ought to be a place for students fact, in grammar school I used to help dents studied at the University, and or go out of her way to help you," said to find help, so they can move to only about 10 percent were women. Pamela Scott (junior-business man-higher courses. I try to make them She came to the University in September of 1920 when Joseph M. Wildents are women.

Now, half of the almost 35,000 stuagement), who visits Cohen for help. see why you do things and not just "She's very patient and understand-"

She keeps office hours from 9:30 She tries to keep up by reviewing new Students back in the 1920s "didn't ing. My math teacher recommended

students to come for help. During For three and half years she was don't know it now, which is necces- Harriett Harry, a State College family practitioner who knows Cohen

lege, Maryland, Cohen received her worked there, but women were not who won a Lion's Paw medal for October, Cohen is "back helping peo-

'Casino day' at Warnock to raise funds for charity

Whether a disadvantaged child 30 State College businesses, Wallace needs a home, a winter coat or a said.

And this weekend, students living on fourth floor Holmes in North Halls will sponsor a "casino day" and do-

cated in State College. Fourth floor Holmes' First Annual Casino Day will be held from 1 to 5:30 p.m. Saturday, floor president Dan Wallace said. The games and auctions will be held in the Warnock

t the door and people will receive a Tom Solomon said.

friend, The Second Mile may be able Prizes include gift certificates for

pizzas, records, video-rentals, flowers, hot-tub visits and sweatshirts. dence halls are not required to sponnate all profits to the The Second sor charity activities but their Mile, a non-profit organization lo- contributions really help with town/gown relations," said Jeff Goldsmith, director of community relations for The Second Mile. "The students in-

volved deserve recognition." "I was glad that a floor in Holmes took the initiative to start a fundraising event because it's a good way to help kids in the community through A \$1 admission fee will be charged a local charity," resident assistant

5.000 bankroll — in play money — to The Second Mile, which was started play poker, blackjack or roulette. in 1982, operates a foster home in Wallace said additional money will be State College and works with about 250 disadvantaged children. The or-Auctions will be held about every ganization also sponsors a summer hour and a half and gamblers will be camp, an assistance fund and a friend able to bid on prizes donated by about program.

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tems Agency.

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in Lewisburg, will send the decision to the agen- where the U.S. Route 322 bypass intersects Penncy's Board of Directors in March. If passed, the sylvania Route 26. The land was purchased five State Department of Health will review the plans years ago by the Clover Highland Association with which includes a 76-bed nursing home, is needed in

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surrounding 12 counties. The senior citizen community would be located and determine if the retirement community, the intention of using it for a retirement commu- Agency, said the retirement village will be prinity. The Clover Highland Association members

• A night of skiing will be held at Friend's Music House from 8 to 10 tims tonight, Saturday, Sunday and • The Shaver's Creek Environ-

the Stone Valley Recreation Center tonight. For more information call Tuesday in Room 210 at 111 Sowers mental Center will hold a Family Owl

• The Centre County Women's Re-

• The Krishna Yoga Society will source Center will hold a volunteer tion will meet at 1 tomorrow af-morning from 8:30 to 10. To pre-regis-

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Committee approves retirement village plans

are private residents in Centre County. Association member Calvin Zimmerman said a chitecture firm.

which apartment units are linked to a nursing home — is gaining popularity in the United States. Zimmerman said the village will be managed by the United Methodist Homes, a non-profit organi-

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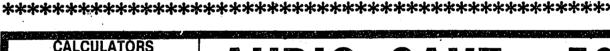
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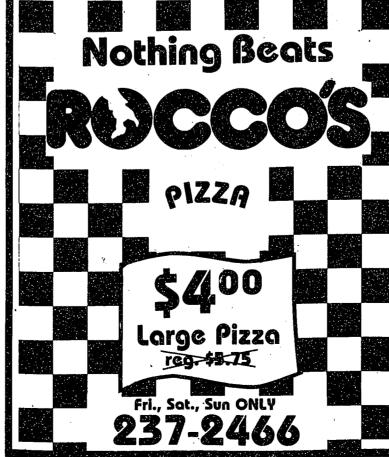


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