

Indicators: Children surviving cancer longer

The survival rate for childhood cancer has increased in the health care system, although new people are dying at the same rate, according to a report from the National Cancer Institute.

Robert W. Miller and healthy. McKay reviewed the data and found that the incidence of childhood cancer has increased from 1950 through 1979, according to the National Center for Health Statistics.

"The incidence does not decline over this time," Miller said

in a telephone interview. "Cases are occurring at the same rate, but they're dying less often."

The greatest decline in cancer mortality among children in the United States was in the second half of the 30-year period, they said.

"From 1950 to the mid 1960s, death virtually equaled incidence," Miller said. "The astonishing thing to me is that in the 1950s, no child survived. But in 1978-1980, 50 percent survived more than five years."

The NCI study showed that the numbers of deaths of children

younger than 15 fell between 1965 through 1979 as compared with the number expected at 1950 rates. The death rate fell 80 percent for Hodgkin's disease, 68 percent for kidney cancer, 50 percent for leukemia and bone sarcoma, 32 percent for non-Hodgkin's lymphoma and 31 percent for all other cancers.

There were 17,411 fewer deaths from childhood cancer from 1965 through 1979 than expected at the 1950 rate. Leukemia mortality declined by

8,073 deaths and kidney tumor mortality by 2,393.

Data from 1980 show the mortality rates for leukemia and non-Hodgkin's lymphoma are still declining, they said. But the rates for Hodgkin's disease, bone sarcoma, kidney cancers and other cancers seem to have reached a plateau.

The researchers attribute the reduction in mortality to improved therapy.

This therapy includes chemotherapy combined with new

methods of X-ray treatment and surgery, Miller said. Better nursing and better pre-operative and post-operative care also have helped.

"Further gains are to be expected as work progresses in fitting therapy to the individual tumor, Miller said.

"I think that even more attention should be paid to the causes and contributing factors of children's cancer so that methods of preventing it can be made available."

Valley activists criticize White House official

United Press International

SAN JUAN — An activist group that claims to represent more than 100,000 in the depressed Lower Rio Grande Valley telegraphed the White House Thursday demanding to know whether ACTION director Tom Pauken is speaking for the Reagan Administration.

Pauken arrived in the Valley this week and got into a shouting match with leaders of Valley Interfaith — a mostly Catholic organization — over the correct approach to alleviating some of the hardship in this area. The area has the nation's highest unemployment rate — 23 percent.

Pauken, who said he was appointed by the White House to coordinate millions of dollars worth of federal programs, said he would announce next week a major private sector-oriented program to provide jobs in the border area, rejecting a \$66 million public works proposal by Valley Interfaith to create jobs.

Interfaith organizer Jim Drake said other members of the administration had appeared amenable to the public works program until Pauken arrived and verbally attacked Interfaith, calling it "a broker"

with "a hidden agenda" to enhance its own power.

Pauken said he would deal only with long-term Valley organizations with "proven track records" and not with Valley Interfaith, which is less than a year old.

Pauken said he was tired of Democrats "taking potshots" at the administration's efforts to help the Valley, which has suffered economically for two years since Mexico devalued its peso.

The situation was compounded last Christmas when a devastating freeze killed citrus and vegetable crops and threw more than 20,000 people, most of them poor Mexican-American laborers, out of work.

Pauken met with Gov. Mark White and his assistant, Gerald Hill, in Austin to try to get more cooperation with the state government in administering emergency programs under President Reagan's January disaster declaration. The disaster declaration was set up to provide special unemployment compensation, food programs and low interest loans in the aftermath of the freeze.

White and Lt. Gov. Bill

Hobby, both Democrats, have criticized the Reagan Administration's programs to help the area. Both have been closely associated with Valley Interfaith, which is carrying out a drive to register 25,000 new voters in the predominantly Hispanic area that political observers say could play a key role in electing the next president.

The Rev. Armand Mathew and about a dozen other clergymen involved with Valley Interfaith called the news conference Thursday to accuse Pauken of "arrogance" and to announce their sending of the telegram to Reagan, Vice President George Bush and Sen. John Tower, R-Texas, demanding to know by next Tuesday whether Pauken was speaking for them and whether they have rejected the public works proposal.

"We ask for bread and he (Pauken) is attempting to give us a scorpion," the Catholic priest said.

Pauken said the federal efforts to channel emergency funds to the Valley were getting mired in politics because much of the federal money has to be channeled through the Democrat-controlled state capitol.

What's up

FRIDAY

ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA: A party will begin at 8 p.m. on the second floor of the MSC. Contact Lila Carden for more information.

BAPTIST STUDENT UNION: A free international dinner will be served at 7 p.m. in the student center (behind Loupot's). Internationals and their families are welcome. For more information, call Michelle at 846-7722.

CAMPUS CRUSADE FOR CHRIST: A Bible study will be conducted at 6:30 p.m. in 108 Harrington. Call David Morrison at 260-6205 for more information.

DEFENSIVE DRIVING COURSE: The course will be conducted tonight from 6-10 p.m. and on Saturday from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. in the Ramada Inn. Registration is \$20. To pre-register, call 846-1904 or 693-8178.

HILLEL: Shabbat services will be conducted at 8 p.m. in the student center. For more information, contact Jean at 696-7313.

POLO CLUB: A meeting to discuss the new playing hours will be held at 7:30 p.m. in the Animal Industries Building conference room. If you want a say, be there! Call Alayna Snell at 764-0587 for more information.

TAMU CHESS CLUB: A meeting will be held at 7 p.m. in 502 Rudder Tower. Players of all strengths welcome.

TAMU POETRY CONTEST: Today is the deadline for all entries. Entries may be submitted at four locations: Blocker Building (English Department, faculty lounge), entrance to Sterling Evans Library, Zachry Building (Engineering Department offices), and the Kleberg Building student lounge.

UNIVERSITY LUTHERAN CHAPEL: Grad students and single undergrads over 22 are meeting to get out for the evening meal. Those students who are interested in attending should meet at the student center at 5 p.m. Contact Pastor Hubert Beck for more information.

SATURDAY

ALPHA CHI OMEGA/STUDENT Y: A frisbee golf tournament will be held from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. at Bryan Utilities. Contact Alpha Chi Omega for more information.

ALPHA PHI OMEGA: Pledges, for their APO pledge project, will be assisting the 1st City Mission of Bryan in tearing down an old condemned army barracks on Jenkins Road from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

DELTA SIGMA THETA: A&M's newest service sorority will be holding a "Get Acquainted Party" from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. in the Pavilion. Contact Kelly O'Neal at 260-5363 for more information.

HILLEL: A Bible study will be conducted at 10 a.m. in the student center. Call Jean at 696-7313 for more information.

LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF TEXAS: A state executive committee meeting and reception will be held at 8 p.m. at 505 Gilchrist (College Station). Everyone welcome. For more information, contact Mark Ferris at 693-1401.

MSC AMATEUR RADIO COMMITTEE: The Fourth Annual Texas Aggie Techni-Fest will be held all day in the Zachry lobby. Radio equipment, computers and hard-to-find parts will be available. For more information, call Ben Ewart at 693-6159.

MSC OUTDOOR RECREATION COMMITTEE: A river safety seminar will be conducted from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. in 401 Rudder Tower. Call Mike Pfeuffer at 693-8200 or the ORC at 845-1515 for more information.

TAMU RUGBY TEAM: The Texas Collegiate Rugby Championship Tournament will be held all day today and Sunday on the fields next to the Zachry parking lot. There will be a party Saturday night. Contact Robert Gougler at 846-9772 for more information.

TAMU WOMEN'S RUGBY: The women's rugby team will play LSU at 1 p.m. and New Orleans at 5 p.m. in Houston. For more information, call Iris Polley at 698-8186 or Kristy Crenshaw at 846-6614.

TAU BETA PI: A BBQ will be held for pledges and members at 1 p.m. at Bee Creek Park. Call Po Lei Tsou at 260-8344 for more information.

SUNDAY

METHODIST STUDENT MOVEMENT: Dinner will be served at 6 p.m. and a Vespers worship service will follow at 7 p.m. in the Wesley Foundation (behind Plaza Hut). Call 846-4701 for more information.

TEXAS A&M SPORTS CAR CLUB: An autocross will be held at the Zachry parking lot. Registration begins at 10 a.m. There will be a driver's meeting at 11 a.m. and time runs will begin at 1 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend and compete. Call Greg Lang at 696-1129 or Donna Reed at 846-6866 for more information.

TAMU INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCERS: The folk dancers will meet at 8 p.m. in 140 of the MSC. Ethnic dances from various countries will be taught and performed.

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Police beat

The following incidents were reported to the University Police Department through Thursday.

MISDEMEANOR THEFT:
• A gray Fuji 12-speed bicycle was stolen from the east side of Mosher Hall.

• A maroon Schwinn ten-speed bicycle was stolen from the Zachry Engineering Center bike rack.

• A silver-blue Centurion ten-speed bicycle was stolen from the Haas Hall bike rack.

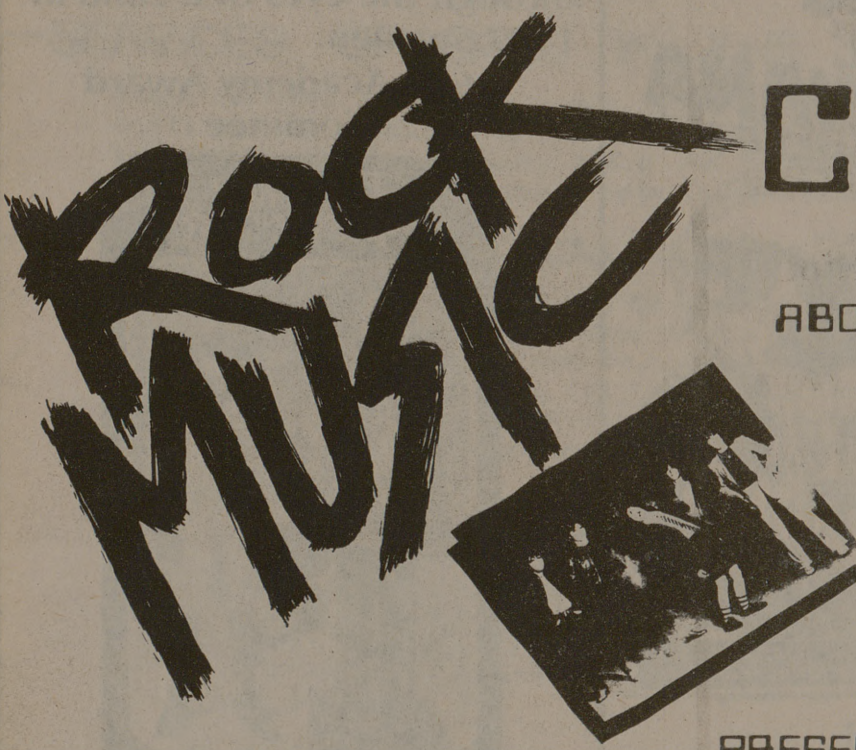
• A woman's purse containing her driver's license, checkbook, \$31 in cash and several credit cards was stolen from on top of a filing cabinet on the first floor of Sterling C. Evans Library.

UNAUTHORIZED USE OF A MOTOR VEHICLE:

• A 1981 Ford pickup truck was stolen from Parking Annex 60.

INDECENT EXPOSURE:

• Several students reported seeing a man expose himself in the basement study carrel of Mosher Hall.



CLOSE-UP!

A MULTI-MEDIA PRESENTATION ABOUT ROCK MUSICIANS, THEIR MUSIC, AND THEIR AUDIENCES.



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DATE: Monday (March 26) and Tuesday (March 27)

PLACE: Room 224 MSC

TIME: 7:30 p.m.

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- 1st floor hallway of MSC (10 a.m. - 3 p.m.)
- Outside Sbis dining hall (11-1 and 5-7)
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