

Cancer Research Questioned

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cess itself. The disease is running so rampant and killing so many individuals of all ages, it is quite discouraging that a country such as ours, rich in technology, education and vast financial resources, has not been able to pinpoint exactly what cause or causes inflict cancer in humans, not the three month old, seven inch laboratory rat that seems to contract cancer from everything but the injection needle.

How are the American people to react when items that run the gamut of eggs, bacon, artificial sweetener, chicken, asbestos, and of course, new car smell, to name but a part of the list, are isolated as cancer-causing? I used to joke about this but it seems that it's getting to the point that the only thing that hasn't been labeled as a cause of cancer is someone that has cancer. Wait a few months, though, before breathing a sigh of relief. Some study will come along to disprove that.

After all, one of the methods available to retard the growth of cancer, radiation, is also named as a cause of cancer. So why shouldn't some research group with a half-million dollar research grant suddenly decide cancerous humans cause cancer. Anything goes in cancer research. In fact if laboratory test animals were able to remain long enough in a classroom setting, someone could probably

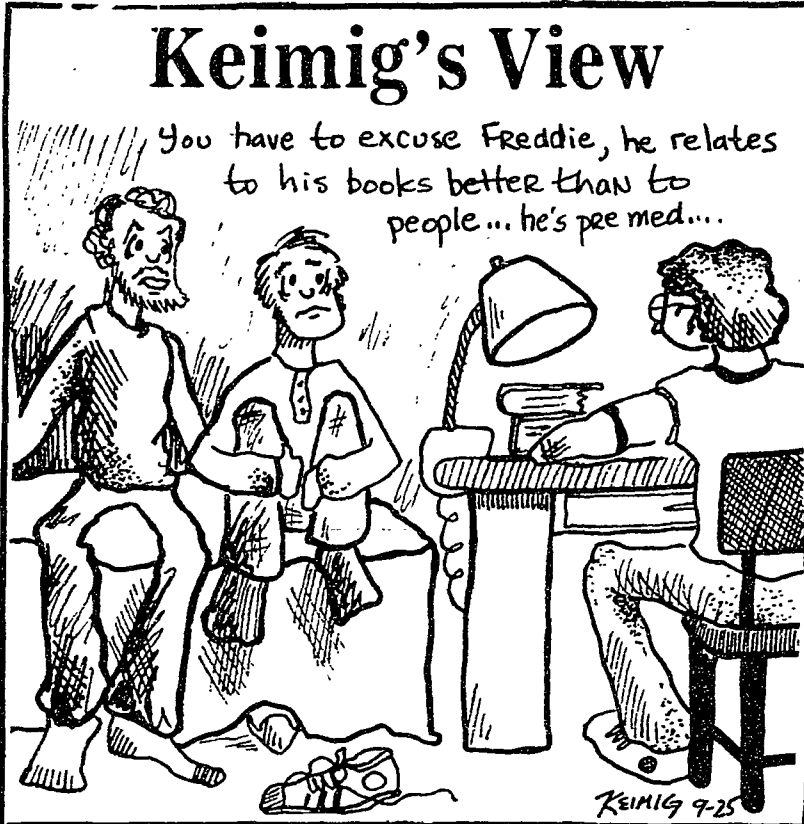
show test results that too many hours of theology cause cancer.

The frightening point, however, is that this ravaging killer has not been stopped. An individual's wealth, productivity to society, meticulous lifestyle and personal ambition do not serve as selection criteria for cancer to bypass, either.

Cancer can strike anyone. And a country that has landed man on the moon and guided his successful return should feel shameful that cancer is not as yet licked.

It is disheartening, too, to see such minimal pressure from the masses in attaining a cure breakthrough. Instead, misguided individuals choose to pour enthusiasm into nuclear protests, efforts to legalize drug usage and charges of police brutality, instead of expressing strong concern over the real, everyday problems such as staggering inflation, astronomical gasoline prices and devastating diseases like cancer.

It's nice to see where America's priorities are.



Affirmative Action Plan Revised

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At the joint meeting of the Affirmative Action and Handicap Committees, held on September 19, 1979, the Affirmative Action Committee unanimously approved a revision of the Affirmative Action Plan employed by the University since January 2, 1978.

The plan is designed to meet the University's obligation under the new law to provide equal employment and educational opportunities to all in a non-discriminatory manner.

The stated objectives of the Committee is to examine and remedy the problems involving a deficiency or overabundance of minorities, men or women. These objectives would be based upon the number of vacancies expected and the number of qualified applicants available under affirmative action recruitment efforts.

According to the Committee's report, the long range goal of the addition of minorities and women to the University staff is viewed as the most obvious example of institutional progress in the area of affirmative action. However, these goals and objectives are not unchangeable and subject to future changes.

In addition, based on the fact that the University is a Catholic institution, the Committee also recommended that special consideration be given to qualified members of the Jesuit community as candidates for faculty positions and the office of the President of the University in order to preserve the Catholic tradition.

Finally, the Committee re-

quires that anyone associated with the University must recognize and understand the nature of the institution and although they may not agree with its theological activities, they must respect and be able to support them.

John Flanagan, chairman of the joint meeting, discussed the results of his investigation concerning pre-admission inquiries about the physically handicapped.

According to Flanagan's report, pre-admission inquiries are not proper unless necessary to determine if a student meets the requirements of a course without imposing extreme modifications by the college. However, post admission inquiries are proper if intended to help the student. All information is kept confidential and voluntarily presented by the student. The Committee also discussed several suggestions made to improve facilities at the University designed for the physically handicapped. Among the items suggested was the creation of another parking space at O'Hara Hall to accommodate the handicapped, a rear entrance access to O'Hara Hall, and information for the handicapped concerning vocational and educational opportunities.

New members admitted to the Committees are: Kerry Behler (Act 101 Program), and Melinda Ghilardi and Tammy Branch as student representatives. Also admitted were: Patrice Hecker, and Michael Corbley (Fulbright candidates) as advisory participants.

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