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Most Anything
At A Glance

- By Abigail -

The other evening as I was sitting in the Chronicle office reflecting on our town, I got to thinking of the so many blessings which we often take for granted.

We have good people, many businesses, good schools, a very hard working doctor, and of course many beautiful homes and churches.

Yet, I am sure the town could do with a small factory or two, a clothes store or two, a doctor or two, and perhaps a restaurant or two. You know me and my wild ideas!

I keep wondering if we're ever going to get any snow this winter. The local children haven't been able to use their sleds to any extent yet this year.

Did you know that the average dairy farmer now makes less than the minimum wage? All we have to do is look around us to see that our dairy farms are fast disappearing.

Twenty years ago our country had two million dairy farms. Today we have only one quarter of one million left.

A hundred years ago one dairy farmer could supply himself and four other people.

Today one dairy farmer supplies himself and 54 other people.

Despite all this mechanization the farmers are going out of business because of higher wages, higher taxes and higher fuel costs.

The farmers are fed up with having to work harder to make less.

I think we should all take a stake in this. Every depression in our country's history has been farm bred and farm led.

Seems like our court system is awfully liberal when it comes to handing down opinions favoring criminal defendants. These rulings in general, have leaned over backward to favor the constitutional rights guaranteed by the fourth amendment. What has been happening as a result of various court decrees is more fairness to criminals than to their victims.

People are beginning to wake up and notice what our judicial system, in an effort to preserve justice, has been doing. I think we'll soon be hearing of reverse decisions that no longer favor the criminals.

I haven't been to Emmitt Gardens for awhile. The other day I took a ride through that part of town, and I was struck by the huge puddle of stagnant water on the cul-de-sac by the Zanella house. I understand this water is a year-round thing. It's a shame, isn't it?

weather

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ELLC Holds Annual Meeting



MS. DANA KEISTER is new director for the Frederick County Bicentennial Committee.

Dana Keister Heads A Bicentennial Committee

Mrs. Dana Keister, newly appointed executive director of the Frederick County Bicentennial Committee, has issued a plea for organizations throughout the county to contact her office regarding any plans for Bicentennial activities of their group.

"People keep saying, 'This won't happen again for 200 years,'" she remarked, "but actually it will never happen again. Our nation will only be 200 years old once. It is the hope of the committee (Frederick County Bicentennial) that the entire County

will be celebrating a year long birthday party."

"One of my primary functions as director is to help correlate the various programs throughout the county," she said. "Many people have already called with inquiries about certain dates. We hope by offering this service to keep the conflict of events to a minimum; but I am increasingly aware of the varied and stimulating plans which have not been listed on our county Bicentennial calendar," she concluded.

Mrs. Keister hopes within two

weeks to have gathered enough county wide information to begin printing a calendar of events which would be available to all county newspapers and radio stations, as well as being included in what she described as "A constant daily flow of mail which leaves the office in response to requests for information on all county Bicentennial events. I can't stress too strongly," she continued, "that any project, no matter how small or great, is of interest for the purposes of preparing the calendar."

E-Burg Bicentennial Project Summarized

In the twelve sessions which made up this program, the people of the town of Emmitsburg had an opportunity to look at the past two hundred years of their town's development from every angle — social, industrial, agricultural, religious, educational, and political.

In addition, there were several sessions that dealt with the Bicentennial theme: The first, on the American Revolution and the Birth of a Nation; the second, a dramatization of events in Emmitsburg's history from colonial days to the present; and the third, an art and essay contest on the subject of life in a small town in America.

All of these sessions were very well attended and enthusiastically received. In a town with a population as small as Emmitsburg's and with many established organizations holding regular meetings also, to consistently draw crowds of eighty to a hundred is quite a feat!

At the final session, certificates of Participation were awarded to over one hundred fifty people for their regular attendance at the meetings and/or their contribution to a particular session, and the overall success of the program.

Some of the conclusions which can be drawn from these twelve sessions are: Emmitsburg is a viable com-

munity which can work together; it is part of a viable nation and the ideals for which the colonists revolted are still a solid foundation for the future; Emmitsburg has contributed to the birth and development of the nation and shared in its joys and sorrows; Emmitsburg did embody for many citizens the American Dream where you could find and lead a decent life; the churches and religious life in general were and are a viable force in community life; the institutions of family, church, school and government in Emmitsburg are strong and are hopeful signs for the future of Emmitsburg although the economy of the town needs strengthening; The town is viewed by its youth as a good place to grow up in and to come back to live; the local government has served the community through common men and for practical ends.

In looking toward the future, it is felt that the great community spirit evidenced in these sessions should be nurtured by undertaking other community projects. There was a general feeling that we ought to translate the ideas generated in these sessions into specific projects.

The most obvious and necessary of the ideas put forward dealt with the economic future of the town. The questions raised were: do we want to risk change by trying to attract businesses and light industry to the area; can we attract them; and how do we go about it?

With an eye toward preserving the basic nature of the town and preserving that which we value, it is strongly felt that we should look into historical preservation of the center of town and developing tourism as part of the economy.

It has also been suggested that the town work with the Sisters of Charity at the Shrine of Elizabeth Ann Seton with the possibility of sharing the establishment and management of restaurant and motel facilities in existing unused buildings on the Shrine grounds.

It is obvious that, while the sessions have ended, the interest and enthusiasm that they generated are ongoing and will possibly lead to new projects.

The values that Emmitsburg offers its citizens and which were "rediscovered" during this Bicentennial project need continued citizen involvement to last another two hundred years.

The Emmitsburg Lifelong Learning Council met on Thursday, January 29 at Seton Center for its annual meeting. President Mrs. Ann Marshall chaired the meeting. Present were representatives from the following organizations or institutions of the area:

Chamber of Commerce, VFW Auxiliary, Homemakers Club, St. Joseph High School, Mother Seton School, Emmitsburg Elementary School, Ellic Adult Students, Council of Churches, St. Joseph's Provincial House, Seton Center, and Mt. St. Mary's College.

Also Senior Citizens, Lions Club, Emmitsburg Grange, Emmitsburg Library, ELLC Faculty, Bernard Welty, Dolores Henke, Margaret Smith, Sister Norma, Sister Mary John and Mary Scott.

Also Margaret Valentine, Audrey Glass, Sister Celestine, Sister Grace, Joseph Zanella, Hazel Caldwell, Norman Flax, Clara Harner, Sheila Chalos, Ann Marshall and Lucille Beale.

All organizations and institutions of the community are invited to send a representative to the council and participate in the planning of the activities of the council.

The chief business of the evening was the election of five members to the Governing Board of the Council for a term of three years. Elected were Sr. Mary John, Norman Flax, Margaret Smith, Margaret Valentine, and Lucille Beale.

A second important item was the revision of the ELLC charter of 1973 in order to have it conform to the changes made necessary during the years for the smooth working of the council. Sister Celestine presided over this part of the meeting.

Mrs. Linda Myers was introduced to the Council members as the newly appointed coordinator of the Council. She reported on her visit to the meeting of the Ladies of Brute and the Homemakers Club at which time she explained the purpose of the ELLC and some of the courses being offered this spring. She will be happy

to attend any organization's meeting to speak on the work of the Council. Contact her through Seton Center or her home phone after 5 p.m. — 447-6439.

The following courses are being offered at the present time: Adult Basic Education (ABE) and High School Equivalency (GED); T O P S (Take Off Pounds Sensibly); Woodworking; Upholstery; Metric System; Square Dancing; Helping Your Child to Read; Ceramics; Crocheting; Physical Fitness for Women; Typing II; and Interior Decorating will begin in February 23. Sr. Grace is the chairman of the Curriculum Committee.

Mrs. Marshall, whose term of office as president of the Board expired at this meeting, thanked all those persons who have helped to make this past year a successful one. She said, "We have a long way yet to go, but we have a problem — What do people want? We need to know what people want." At the close of the meeting a beautifully decorated cake with the words "Thanks Ann" was presented to the outgoing president. Sr. Celestine expressed the feeling of the members when she said, "The Board could not have functioned, could not have made the progress it has without your leadership."

At the meeting of the Governing Board, held immediately after the Annual meeting, the following officers were elected for a one-year term: President, Sheila Chalos; 1st Vice-president, Sister Grace; 2nd Vice-president, Ann Marshall; Recording Secretary, Lucille Beale; Corresponding Secretary, Audrey Glass; Treasurer, Bernard Welty; and Historian, Clara Harner.

Delicious refreshments were served to all present by the committee under the guidance of Clara Harner.

The next meeting of the Governing Board will be held at Seton Center at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 29. All members of the Council and other interested persons are invited to attend this meeting.

Citizens Committee Getting Results

The Emmitsburg Citizens Committee reports that many positive things have been occurring since their meeting of Jan. 27.

The business people in and around the square who have been contacted so far, have been most cooperative. They have shown their sincere interest in Community affairs, and in the Youth of our town.

Each of our Pastors have been contacted, and have been asked for their help. Several of the local clubs have already become involved.

Numerous citizens have contacted committee members, volunteering their assistance in the war on drug abuse. Information regarding suspicious activities in the community have been received and turned over to the proper authorities.

The Citizens Committee urges all adults to join in the effort to rid our community of these pressing problems. Attend the next meeting in the town office at 7:30 p.m. on Feb. 12. Hear what's being done and what can be done.

Town Council Meets

The regular meeting of the Town Council was held Feb. 2 with all members present.

It was learned that the federal grant promised the Town for the completion of phase I of their sewer work has not been forthcoming. The commissioners made a motion for the firm of Buchart-Horn to supply photostatic copies of everything in regards to the sewer grant.

It was also learned that Fairfield is receiving federal funds through HUD for sewer work and the commissioners approved pursuing this.

A letter was received from the State highway district engineer regarding a blinker light on West Main St., stating the matter was being in-

vestigated, but he didn't feel it was necessary if people would observe the speed limit.

A letter was received from Mr. Dorsey of the Fred. Co. Commissioners stating that he has invited the site committee to look over the proposed site of the Fire Academy at St. Joseph's College. It was further learned that Senators Smeltzer, Mathias, Byron and Mt. St. Mary's College are in favor of locating the Fire Academy here.

Mrs. Linda Myers addressed the Town Council on the aims and purposes of the Emmitsburg Lifelong Learning Council.

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Letters To The Editor

Request called ridiculous

Dear Editor,

The request to our Town Fathers to purchase and demolish the Michael Joy property is ridiculous.

Why should the vast majority of taxpayers foot a bill to benefit two of our citizens?

The property is historically significant and should be preserved.

Personally, I feel that the house itself is worth more than all the condominiums and apartments that have been built.

Another taxpayer

Wanted: NEWS

Dear Sir,

I have been closely associated with the Emmitsburg Chronicle for many years. Having married the daughter of the former owner (Genevieve R. Elder), I have been a newspaper man

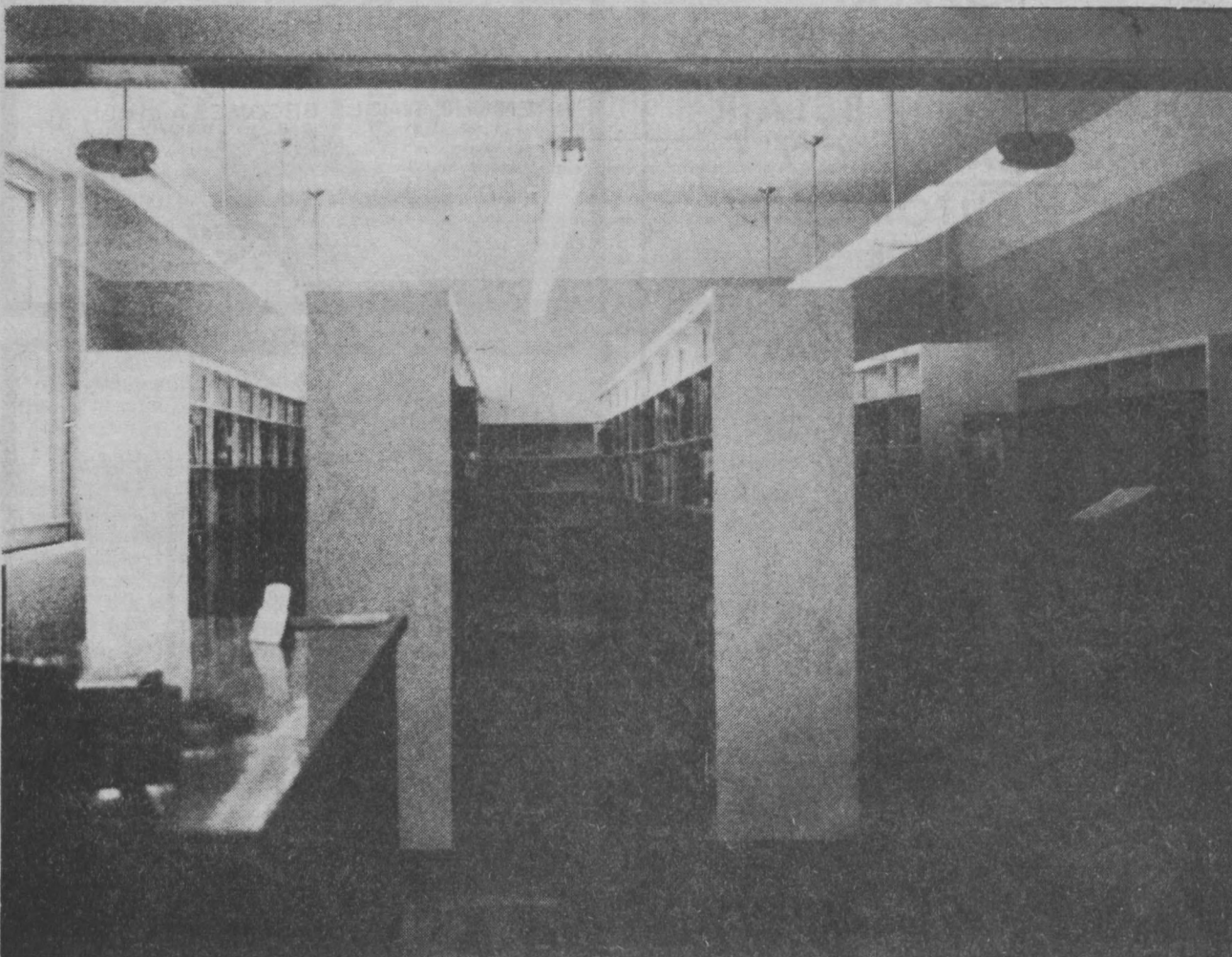
myself for many years, with the Hearst Newspapers in Pittsburgh and Baltimore. I have seen newspapers prosper and I have seen them die. If you give your readers news of local interest you will have a wanted paper. People will want your paper and your circulation will grow and when you get enough subscribers, advertisers will want to reach this market.

What the people of Emmitsburg and former residents want in their newspaper is news. Give them what they want and you will prosper.

Do not be afraid to "tell it like it is." —Who had a baby, who got drunk on the public square, who bought what property, who is sick, who got that new job, who moved away, who moved back after many years, who married who, —do not be afraid to "step on some toes" — you can not please all the people all the time. If you come across a juicy piece tell us, and let the chips fall where they may.

I wish you every success, may you prosper and grow. The town of Emmitsburg needs a voice. Incidentally, I like the offset process very much. It makes for a clear and readable product, just fill it up with N E W S.

Very truly yours,
William C. Smith



The "new" Emmitsburg library with its spacious and easy to reach shelves is waiting for patrons.



Emmitsburg Public Library's New Look

Directions to the new library if you are proceeding South on South Seton avenue is to turn right at the old Public school, proceed to the North entrance and use the back steps. Just inside the hall the library is situated in their new quarters.

Services were never really curtailed as a bookmobile was provided but service was hampered slightly by staff who could not stay out of the sawdust long enough to wait on their patrons. However, the long grind is over and things are settling down to normal again.

A formal dedication is planned for later; most likely in early April. This will be confirmed at a later date so keep that in mind.

At any rate, don't wait till then to look over the new facilities. We welcome you now. Bring the children and browse through our newly built shelves. We are pleased with our new surroundings. We hope you will be.

Our thanks to Frederick County Public Library Services, local Library Board and staff of the

Frederick County Public Library. Thanks also to Charlie Eyer and his group of workmen who performed cheerfully and efficiently. And last, but not least, thanks to the County Commissioners and our Local Town Fathers for whatever part they played in housing the library here. Martha Reynolds, Administrator and planner did a beautiful job.

Come see for yourself. We are even sporting a new bathroom and a special story hour room and movie room, plus meeting room rolled into one, complete with sink and storage space.

More new books will be coming to fill in the extra shelves and some have arrived already.

Simple Justice by Richard Kluger is the history of Brown versus The Board of Education, the epochal Supreme Court decision that outlawed segregation, and of black America's century-long struggle for equality under law.

The Sixth Directorate by Joseph Hone: This book is

more than a good spy novel. It is a moving and finely wrought love story, set against a background of intrigue, suspense and sophistication combined.

Smouldering Fires by Anya Seton: Miss Seton is the daughter of the famed British author-artist and naturalist, Ernest Thompson Seton. She was born in the United States as a British subject and grew up in Old and New England. Christened Ann, at five she was given the Indian name of Anutika by a Sioux Indian chief who was visiting the family, and in time, the name was shortened to Anya.

After writing and selling a number of Short stories, Miss Seton began researching and writing her novels which, she says, she loves the more because the research inevitably requires travel. The author of nearly a dozen books, several of them biographical and all of them best sellers, as well as two books for young adults, Miss Seton has made her home for many years in Greenwich, Connecticut, the setting of Smouldering Fires.

The Money-changers by Arthur Hailey: Mr. Hailey is by nature a private man, yet the staggering

Heritage Academy has announced that a one watt FM translator went into operation both in the Frederick and Hagerstown areas. The translators will be used to rebroadcast the signal of Annapolis radio station, WFSI. The twenty-four hour station specializes in family and community programming.

The translators receive the signal from WFSI, shift the frequency to 103.1 mHz on the FM band and then rebroadcast it at one watt of power. The Hagerstown translator, which is located on the top of the Hagerstown Union Rescue Mission on North Prospect Street, should provide good reception of WFSI in Hagerstown, Williamsport, Paramount, Bridgeport, Funkstown, and Maugansville. The

Frederick translator which is located on Gambrill Mountain, should provide good reception of WFSI in Frederick, Middletown, and the Middletown Valley.

Heritage Academy, an interdenominational, interracial Christian Day School in Hagerstown, serving the Tri-State area, became involved in the translator project when several members of the Board of Directors listened to WFSI in their homes. In recommending the station to their friends, they soon found the signal from Annapolis was very limited and spotty because of distance and mountains. Consultations with engineers and broadcasters soon provided a solution to the problem — a translator.

Federal Communications Commission rules prohibit radio stations from install-

ing translators in areas that extend beyond their one milivolt signal contour. However, the law does allow outside non-profit organizations, such as Heritage Academy, to install and operate translators outside the contour.

Heritage Academy applied for a license to operate a translator in both Frederick and Hagerstown in the fall of 1973. The F.C.C. in the summer of 1975 has granted a license for the Frederick and Hagerstown translators.

The new translators will provide the Frederick and

Hagerstown areas with the only twenty-four hour source of non-commercial Christian family and community programming. More information on the translator can be obtained by calling Heritage Academy in Hagerstown at 582-2600.

WFSI is owned and operated by Family Stations, Inc., a non-profit organization located in Oakland, California. Family Stations owns six FM radio stations — KEAR in San Francisco, KEBR in Sacramento, KECR in El Cajon, California; WFME

in Newark, WKDN in Camden, New Jersey; and WFSI in Annapolis, Maryland. They also own WYFR, an international short wave station which is located in Scituate, Massachusetts. All of the stations are non-commercial and listener supported.

Listeners income tax deductible contributions to Heritage Academy, Route 2, Box 264, Hagerstown, Maryland 21740, designated "radio fund" are needed to pay for the \$10,000 PLUS investment to provide this service to the Frederick and Hagerstown areas.

Cabin Tour Slated

If you want to know how to build, restore or repair a log cabin, mark Mothers' Day weekend on your calendar (Saturday and Sunday, May 8 and 9) and plan a trip to Wolfsville, Maryland.

From 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on each of those days,

Frederick County Landmarks Foundation will sponsor a tour of six houses of historical and architectural interest and four log cabins in various stages of restoration: a demonstration of log cabin construction and a garden club placement show.

There will also be a turkey shoot, a fishing contest for the youngsters, a hired man's dinner served in an historic church, and a demonstration of survival skills of sheepshearing, soap, rope and buttermaking, wool dyeing, horseplowing; as well as a demonstration of how to make wooden implements on a one-cylinder gasoline engine lathe.

Houses on the tour include the first house in Wolfsville; a working farm; a stone house containing rocks of petrified wood; a Victorian house with

modern interior decorated with rare period pieces; a guest house made from a chicken roost; and a mountaintop house with a 360° view.

Tickets for the tour of six houses and four log cabins are \$3.50 each and may be obtained from any of the houses on the day of the tour or in advance from Frederick County Landmarks Foundation, 1110 Rosemont Avenue, Frederick, Maryland 21701. Buses will be available at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. each tour day starting from the tourism center at Schiffer Road, Route 15 and Rosemont Avenue in Frederick, at a cost of \$3 per person.

Proceeds from the tour will go toward the restoration of Schifferstadt, an early German farmhouse. For further information call Mrs. Robert Hotz, (301) 293-2215.

worldwide success of his novels, which appear in twenty-six languages has won him international acclaim, along with millions of devoted readers.

Colorfest Adopts New Regulations

New regulations will require memberships instead of voluntary contributions as in the past. There will be three types of memberships to support the annual fall festival, although contributions also will be needed to ensure its success, according to J. Stephen Newmann, president. Active, associate and honorary memberships will be issued, with active membership costing \$5 and associate, \$3. Only active

members may vote.

The president appointed a membership committee composed of Nancy Stover, chairman; Florence Hall and James Mauchly. Applications should be addressed to Catoctin Colorfest, Inc., P.O. Box 33, Thurmont, Md. 21788.

The organization set a territorial limit of 30 miles radius from Thurmont from which members will be accepted. The previous limit was 50 miles.

Spirits Tax Revenue Returned To County

Maryland State Comptroller Louis L. Goldstein today announced the mailing of checks to Baltimore City and the state's twenty-three counties totaling \$1,722,783.50 as their share of the distilled spirits tax revenue collected during the second quarter of Fiscal Year 1976 (October, November, and December of 1975). This is a 2.22 percent increase over the amount distributed

for the corresponding period of Fiscal Year 1975.

The total distribution for the first six months of the current Fiscal Year is

\$2,988,848.50, up 3.41 percent over the same six month period of the previous fiscal year. For the first six months of Fiscal

Year 1976, Baltimore City has received \$665,683.50. Prince George's County \$509,215.00 and Baltimore

County \$500,343.50. Frederick County will receive \$58,157.50 due to the Spirits tax.

G-burg College To Hold Films

The Foreign Language Film Series, the ROTC Film Series on World War II, and the Mathematics Film Series continue through February with five offerings that are free and open to the public.

On Wednesday, February 11, "Zur Sache, Schatzchen," a German film with English subtitles, will be shown at 7:30 p.m. in Bowen Auditorium of McCreary Hall.

"Black Orpheus," a Portuguese film, also with English subtitles, will be aired Wednesday, February 18, at the same time and place.

The Russian film, "The Three Sisters," originally scheduled for February 25, has been cancelled.

Two World War II films sponsored by the Reserve

Officer Training Corps at Gettysburg College will be shown on Wednesday, February 11, and Wednesday, February 25, at 7:30 p.m. in the auditorium of Masters Hall on campus. They are titled "The Japanese Perimeter" and "Fury in the Pacific."

On Wednesday, February 18, at 7:30 p.m., the Mathematics Department will sponsor a film on "Isometrics" in room 11 of Stahley Hall on campus.

Winner of a Golden Eagle award at the Washington CINE Film Festival, the movie introduces the concept of isometry, a distance-preserving transformation, in both a formal and informal manner and explores the basic properties of plane isometrics.

Blue Cross Offers Student Insurance

Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Maryland today announced that the spring semester enrollment period for their special Student Program will be open through February 29.

The low-cost program is available to students 19 to 26 years of age and offers year 'round protection on and off campus. Last year, some 12,300 students were covered by the program.

To be eligible, students must be registered at an approved school and be taking at least 12 credit hours of study. No medical examinations or health statements are required for membership.

The Blue Cross portion of the program provides up to 30 days of in-hospital care for each admission, including full coverage of semi-private room and board and most customary hospital services.

Blue Shield coverage under the Student Program offers broad protection against the cost of medical and surgical care, and includes benefits for emergency X-ray services, anesthesia and inpatient consultations.

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