



NYSSA HIGH SCHOOL BIOLOGY STUDENTS continue their studies in several different projects.

Top photo shows Brad Ropp doing an analysis of water from the Owyhee, Malheur and Snake Rivers to determine numbers and types of bacteria in these rivers. He is being aided in these studies by personnel from St. Luke's Hospital in Boise.

Curt Lords is studying the ability of starfish to regenerate lost parts and why they are able to do so in the middle picture. Aiding him in preparing a slide series of his work is Dr. Eugene Fuller, Boise State College.

In the lower picture Rex Schilling and Ken Stewart are studying plant growth and how it is affected by varying amounts of light and darkness. They are also experimenting with hydroponics (the growth of plants without soil).

Deductible For Medicare Increased To \$72

The deductible for Medicare hospital insurance will increase by \$4 starting January 1, 1973 - only half as much as it would have increased without action by the Price Commission.

The new deductible will be \$72, up from \$68. Without the Price Commission's action, it would have increased to \$76, according to Robert Peckham, Social Security Branch Manager in Ontario.

"The increase required by the Medicare Law was cut in half by the Price Commission after the Cost of Living Council ruled that the hospital insurance deductible is subject to price regulation," Peckham said.

Under Medicare Law, the hospital insurance deductible must be adjusted to keep the amount in line with the average cost for one day's stay in the hospital. Based on the increased hospital costs of 1971, the new deductible would have been \$76.

The new deductible means that a patient admitted to the hospital under Medicare beginning after December 31, 1972 will be responsible for at least the first \$72 of the hospital bill - now running an estimated \$70 for the average stay by a Medicare beneficiary. The present \$68 deductible will remain in effect throughout any benefit period which begins during the rest of 1972, even though the period extends into 1973.

Medicare hospital insurance helps pay the hospital bills of almost everyone age 65 and over. Starting in July 1973 Medicare will be also available to disabled people under 65 who have received social security or railroad disability payments for 24 consecutive months or more - and to eligible people who need kidney transplants or dialysis for kidney disease. Medicare is administered by the Social Security Administration of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

More information about this and other matters pertaining to social security can be obtained by telephoning, writing or contacting your nearest social security office. The social security office in Ontario is located at 2024 SW 4th Avenue. It is open Monday thru Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The telephone number is 889-3146.

The Winningest Lion

The Nittany Lion is the Penn State mascot. And, when James R. Schaudt, a 21-year old industrial engineering major, from Pittsburgh, dons the furry outfit, his teams somehow can't lose. As "second string" lion last winter he was called off the bench to serve at three basketball games, and Penn State won them all.

When the football season opened, Jim was still the alternate. He took over as the head lion just before the Iowa game and five wins followed.

The soccer team has also benefited from his "magic paw." At the three soccer games Jim has attended in the Lion's garb, Penn State has won.

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