

Pete Is Dead



PETE IN HAPPIER DAYS - In this 1970 photograph Pete the Penguin and his keeper, Henry Dalverny entertain some young children at a basketball game.

Pete the Penguin, the official YSU mascot, is dead at the age of eight.

According to a post mortem released from Dr. James H. Swart, a veterinarian of the Department of Parks in Pittsburgh,

Pete died of visceral gout with secondary kidney damage. Visceral gout is a symptom of old age in penguins.

Pete, who was born and raised in the Pittsburgh Zoo, came to YSU in 1967. He

traveled with both the basketball and football teams to all their scheduled sporting events.

Pete was buried in a vault in the backyard of his keeper, Henry Dalverny, a junior art major, in Bulger, Pa.