

Center aids depression

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 students coming to the Center has increased because they are becoming more aware of the Center exists. He said he expects a reduction in the waiting list in spring, since during the winter people are "cramped up and unable to get in lots of exercise and blow off steam."
 Ingram said few people know that a psychiatrist and a psychologist are always on call either at the Center or at the Ritenour Health Center. "We have two people 24-hours-a-day covering this place," he said.
 Crisis calls at the Centre County Women's Resource Center and the Oasis Help Center downtown also have increased, according to officials.
 "We are getting more crisis calls (this winter)," said Antya Miller, a Women's Resource Center volunteer, "but I would attribute it to the Center being more well-known."
 Dee Dee Hileman from the Oasis Help Center said there seems to have been an increase in crisis telephone calls this winter. "That could be due to our publicity," Hileman said. Oasis has attached stickers to dormitory phones listing its phone number.
 The number of people — both students and non-students — who contact On Drugs, Inc. (O.D.) for help also has increased this winter, according to O.D. Director Norm Brown.
 "We get our share of non-drug-related

problems, too, because we're open 24 hours a day," Brown said. "When other systems close down, we get the overflow."
 Brown said the increase concerns him since O.D. faces closing in April unless it can raise \$4,000 to \$5,000 to renovate and move into another building. The present structure does not meet state safety regulations, according to Brown.
 He added that if O.D. shuts down, he worries about its clients and the people it refers to the Mental Health Clinic and the Base Service Counseling Unit in Bellefonte.
 Brown said these people might not otherwise know about the mental health facilities available to them. "People are using us as the first contact," he said. "We help a person get through the red tape and bureaucracy."
 "We probably would see some of their cases, (although) not a great number," Ingram said. "They do see a lot of people who are talked down and don't have to come here," Ingram said, and he added that this contact helps the Mental Health Center.
 Ingram said he'd like to see an in-patient psychiatric care service established at the Mountainview Unit of Centre County Hospital and more psychiatrists in town. He said that currently only two psychiatrists (one full-time, one part-time) take non-student State College patients.

Degree 'guarantees' good jobs

MBA program valuable asset

By JIM MCCANNERY
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 A master of business administration degree (MBA) from the University often is considered a guarantee of a good job.
 "They all get jobs," said Glenn Pitman, assistant director of the MBA program, about graduates of the program.
 Pitman did acknowledge, however, that the University's MBA program isn't as prestigious as the programs at schools such as Harvard and Stanford. He cited the relative youth of the program — 17 years — as a possible cause for the lack of prestige.
 Pitman said graduates of the program average three-and-a-half job offers each. He said MBA graduates are "able to sel-

ect what they want to do and where they want to do it."
 Kenneth Boecker (graduate-business administration) said the program is a difficult but "definitely worthwhile" and that companies he talked to are interviewing MBA's exclusively.
 Pitman described the University's MBA program as "integrated." He said the courses build upon each other and students are fully prepared to handle subsequent class work. He also said the students stay together in groups of 40 and it is important for them to learn from each other by discussing and debating the ideas presented in class.
 About 35 per cent of the students in the MBA

program come from liberal arts undergraduate work while only 25 per cent come from business undergraduate programs. Pitman explained that the students come from varying fields to learn the management function of an organization and said engineers with MBAs are the most highly sought-after people in the job market.
 The focus of the program, according to Pitman, is "building both managerial tools as well as a solid problem-solving structure to operate in an ever-changing environment."
 A good number of MBA faculty members have business experience and some serve as company consultants. The faculty

also includes researchers. Students in the MBA program have an average work load of 60 hours per week.
 Thomas Lawrence (graduate-business administration) said the program is "not easy but not as difficult as people think."
 Lawrence pointed to the limit of three courses per term as a reason for the lower degree of difficulty. John Markley (graduate-business administration) described the program as a "slight bit more difficult" than undergraduate work.
 This year an experimental course designed to improve the writing and oral skills of the students in the MBA

program was begun. Pitman said the course, which has a high level of interest among other colleges, includes evaluations by communications specialists. Markley said the one-credit communications course has some organizational problems and that, added to the other three courses, it increases the difficulty of the program.
 Each year 100 students enter the MBA program. Pitman described admission into the program as "very competitive" and said factors such as extracurricular activity, personal recommendations and work achievement of individuals who have been employed all are considered.

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