

Swilling beer:

Brew by the pitcher is more inviting, study says

By MALCOLM RITTER
AP Science Writer

TORONTO — A drinker consumes more than twice as much beer if it comes in a pitcher than in a glass or bottle, and banning pitchers in bars could make a dent in the drunken driving problem, a researcher said yesterday.

E. Scott Geller, a psychology professor at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University in Blacksburg, studied drinking in three bars near campus. He said his study also found people drink more in groups, suggesting that groups of drinkers should pick one member to stay sober — perhaps with some economic incentives from the bar owner.

In an interview before his research results were presented at the annual convention of the American Psychological Association in Toronto, Geller said his recommendations were based on observation of more than 300 drinkers in three bars last spring.

Observers found that on average, bar patrons drank 35 ounces of beer per person when it came in a pitcher, but only 15 ounces from a bottle and 12 ounces from a glass.

The 120 men observed drinking from a pitcher drank an average of about 40 ounces apiece, while 43 women drank about 28 ounces. Both sexes drank about the same amount from a glass or bottle.

"People don't want as much beer as they get in that pitcher," Geller said. But he figured it's cheaper and feel compelled to "clean the plate," he said.

"If we banned pitchers of beer we would have a significant impact on drinking," Geller said.

The study also found that groups drank more per person and stayed longer in bars than solitary drinkers. Couples and larger groups averaged 27 to 33 ounces per person, without significant difference according to group size. Solitary drinkers averaged 17 ounces.

That suggests groups should be a focus of programs to prevent drunken driving, Geller said. Sweden has found success with encouraging one person in the group to agree beforehand not to drink and to drive the others home, he said.

The group strategy could be encouraged by a bar owner, who could grant parking privileges to participating groups, or even give a discount to the drinkers and perhaps make some money off their increased consumption, Geller said.

The study also found that men drink more beer than women, with average of 35 ounces versus 25 ounces, and that men drink it faster: an ounce a minute on average, and half that for women.

Federal figures estimate that about half of all highway fatalities involve alcohol. Last year about 22,500 people died in accidents involving alcohol, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration says.

Although people younger than 21 make up only 10 percent of licensed drivers and drive only 9 percent of total miles driven, they make up more than 21 percent of the drinking drivers in fatal crashes, the government says.

And of the 670,000 people injured each year in accidents involving alcohol, at least 130,000 are younger than 21, the government says.



Executive Council to nominate committeemen

University President Bryce Jordan recently agreed to accept University Student Executive Council nominations for his Advisory Committee on Planning and Budget this year.

For the first time, USEC will nominate four students, two of whom will be selected by the administration to be members of the committee. The administration had previously made the student appointments.

In an interview yesterday, Undergraduate Student Government President Adam Levinson said he asked the administration last spring to let USEC nominate students for the committee.

USEC will use its own resources to find nominees who are informed on current issues and have proven their "ability to represent students," Levinson said.

Richard E. Grubb, senior vice president for administration, said the administration had no reservations about allowing USEC to nominate the student committee members.

The president's budget committee reviews planning and budget materials from the departments and colleges at the University, Grubb said.

The committee then makes recommendations to the president through the Budget Task Force.

—by Steve Wilson

Student organizations to show their stuff at fair

Representatives from more than 100 student organizations will be on hand in the HUB today and tomorrow to answer questions and recruit new members as part of the Organization Fair, sponsored by the Office of Student Organizations and Program Development.

Gayle Beyers, assistant director of the office, said the purpose of the Fair is to give student organizations a chance to publicize their activities and gain student membership.

The fair will be held from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. in the HUB Ballroom and Fishbowl.

The fair will replace recruiting actions that had previously been held in the Intramural Building during registration.

Beyers expressed concern about whether students will stop at the fair, because attendance is not required as it was at registration.

However, Undergraduate Student Government Vice President Beth Saylor said she believes the voluntary fair at the HUB will be more successful than those held at registration in the past.

"I think students will be more interested because when you're at registration, you just want to get out of there," Saylor said. "This way, it will be more voluntary."

Displays at the fair will include everything from religious organizations to outdoor activities, Beyers said.

Some of the organizations represented will include the HUB Craft Center, Colloquy, the Outing Club and the Alliance Christian Fellowship, she said.

"We've got a pretty good cross section of the organizations available to Penn State students," she said.

—by Pat Collier



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U.S. Ambassador's speech cancelled

By ROBERT P. KING
Collegian Staff Writer

Tonight's scheduled speech by Jeanne Kirkpatrick, U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, has been cancelled because of a conflicting engagement and will not be rescheduled before December.

International Student Council President Bulent Yavuz, whose organization was to sponsor Kirkpatrick's appearance, said the ambassador gave a verbal promise last spring to come to the University on Aug. 28. However, he recently learned that the ambassador is on vacation in Europe and will not return until mid-September.

Because the secretary who schedules the ambassador's appearances is traveling with her, the speech cannot be rescheduled until their return, Yavuz said.

"We were completely ready for this event when this happened. It's not that we cannot do this thing — she just went to Europe," he said.

University political science pro-

fessor Parris Chang, who arranged the appearance, said he discussed the possibility of Kirkpatrick's coming here when he met her last January at a reception for Chinese Premier Zhao Ziyang in Washington, D.C.

He said the appearance was first planned for late May, when Kirkpatrick would be returning from a trip to China. But tonight was set as a "tentative" date.

However, other commitments required Kirkpatrick to leave for Europe and she departed immediately after giving a speech at the Republican National Convention last week in Dallas, he said.

Chang said Kirkpatrick's office told him she will return from Europe on Sept. 13. Because the United Nations begins its session on the 18th, Chang said it is not likely Kirkpatrick will be able to come to the University until December.

He added he will try to reschedule the speech. Chang said if the PUC's Bureau of Audits, Diaio no longer wishes to sponsor the speech, he will try to find an organization that will.

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- The Science Fiction Society will meet at 7 tonight in 205 Boucke.
- Entries for Men's Intramural Softball will be accepted until 4 p.m. Thursday in Room 2 of the Intramural Building. A \$10 team fee will be required at the time of entry. Divisions will be: men's independent, dormitory, fraternity, and graduate.
- The Adult Adaptive Aquatics Program for the physically handicapped will be holding classes from 2:30 to 3:30 today through Dec. 11 in the Natatorium. There will be a \$20 fee for faculty, staff, and retirees and a \$50 fee for the public.
- Pattee Library tours for graduate students will be held at 10, 2 and 4 today.

police log

- Joseph Burns, 329 Leete, reported to University police Sunday that his motorcycle had tipped or was tipped over while it was parked in parking lot Green D. The motorcycle sustained \$100 in damages, police said.
- Beverly Ivens, a Resident Assistant at Leete Hall, reported that someone had entered 129 Leete early Saturday morning. Several items, valued at \$500, were reported missing from the room, police said.

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