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New alcohol curbs proposed

By ALAN J. CRAVER Collegian Staff Writer

The structure of fraternity and residence hall parties will change if the University strengthens its alcohol policies as recommended by the President's Task Force on Alcohol, which released its report yesterday.

Some of the changes would impose limits on the length of parties, the number of guests and the number of kegs tapped at one time, task force Co-chairman M. Lee Upcraft said.

"There's going to be a lot of controversy," Upcraft said, "and the task force will be right in the middle of it. The 56 task force recommenda-

tions will be presented to University President Bryce Jordan on Oct.

Upcraft, also division director of counseling and health services, said the most debated aspects of the recommendation concern greek organizations, while consensus was found for most of the other recommendations.

However, Upcraft said he expects changes to be made to these preliminary recommendations after the task force meets with students and administrators through next month.

Upcraft said fraternities are not satisfied with the task force's recommendations because the task force went far beyond what is already in practice.

"To put it mildly," Upcraft said. "(the fraternities' representatives) didn't seem too thrilled by the recommendations."

Under the recommendations, if they are accepted: • Open fraternity parties will be

prohibited and an invitation list will be required for both men and women.

the age of each brother, sister and guest will have to be checked. The 21-year-old guests will have their hands stamped, but the fraternity will decide who will be served if a guest is younger than 21.

fraternity function will be determined by the Centre Region Code Enforcement regulations.

• Only bartenders who have completed the bartender-server liability workshop offered by the Total Alcohol Awareness Program will be allowed to serve alcoholic beverages. The bartenders will not be allowed to drink alcohol before or during bartending.

• Chapter presidents and social chairmen also will have to complete the five-hour server liability course.

• Drinking games and contests that encourage drinking will be forbidden and only one drink will be allowed to be served to a person at a time.

• The keg will have to be checked one hour before the end of the event and if half a keg remains, the hosts will not be allowed to tap

another keg. Upcraft said the task force also recommends that IFC develops and implements a "dry rush" program.

The fraternities are running a great risk of being held liable for the actions of those served alcohol at their parties, Upcraft said, adding that fraternities should accept further regulations because they are partly responsible for the increase of alcohol abuse at the University.

"This is an attempt to say to fraternities that they are in a very risky and dangerous situation that implicates the University," Upcraft said. "The University can't sit by and see the fraternities put them at risk."

The University is now in court for two liability cases - one that occurred on campus and another in town, Upcraft said last week. He said three other cases also may go to court, including one involving a nated. high school student who was killed

• The number of guests at each entire University needs to accept the responsibilities of drinking. Because the courts are cracking down on liability cases, there is a greater need for the awareness of laws

concerning alcohol use, he said. The recommendations dictate that all groups or clubs that use University facilities for their functions must follow most of the recommendations for fraternities and sororities, Upcraft said.

Upcraft said the task force does not yet have recommendations concerning tailgating, but the policy and rules subcommittee will report soon.

The recommendations also include:

• All fraternity and residence hall activities must specify beginning and ending times, but no function will be allowed to last later than 1 a.m. A non-alcoholic beverage other than water and snacks must be served at all functions when alcohol is served. Only one keg will be allowed to be tapped at

a time. • Residence hall students will be required to report all parties where alcohol will be served to the coordinator's office two days before the party. The host will have to provide proof of the roommate's consent and indicate the time, date, location and the number of guests expected at the party.

 Upcraft said hosts will not be allowed to charge guests before or during the party and no parties will be allowed during final examination week.

 The resident assistant will remind students of the regulations and inform students that a staff. member will visit the party. If a party is discovered in progress where the regulations are not being followed, the party will be termi-

By MARTIN CRUTSINGER Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The nation's broadest measure of foreign trade soared to a near-record \$31.8 billion deficit from April through June, pushing the United States into the status of a net debtor for the first time in 71 years, the government said yesterday.

Trade deficit:

Simply put, that means Americans now owe more to foreigners than foreigners owe to Americans, a position the country has not been in since 1914.

The Commerce Department report said the \$31.8 billion deficit in the current account during the second quarter was 4.9 percent higher than the \$30.3 billion current account deficit incurred during the first three months of the year.

The current account measures not only trade in merchandise but also in services, mainly investments flowing between the United States and other countries.

The report showed that foreign assets in the United States grew by \$39.5 billion during the first six months of the year while U.S. investment abroad was growing by only \$3.2 billion.

That would mean a deterioration in the country's investment position of \$36.3 billion during the first six months of the year - enough to wipe out the \$28.2 billion investment surplus held by the United States as the year began.

By the end of the 1985, economists predict, the country could be in debt to foreigners by as much as \$100 billion, making the United States the world's largest debtor country, substantially ahead of the previous leaders, Brazil and Mexico.

However, economists are split on how serious a threat this situation poses for the United States.

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U.S.Foreign Trade Deficit In Billions of Dollars The Deficit For April-June 1985 Was \$31.8 Billion 00 \$86.2 \$53 EXPORTS IMPORTS Source: U.S. Commerce Department

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The problem is that the United States for many years was able to rely on overseas investment earnings to cover its perennial merchandise trade deficits. Now, however, the

country will be running a trade deficit

He and other economists blamed

the soaring federal budget deficits for pushing up interest rates in this country and helping to lure foreign investment.

"As long as we overload the finanand an investment deficit as dollars cial markets with foreign debt, our interest rates are going to be higher than the rest of the world and higher This imbalance, some economists than we can afford to pay," Brinner

in an automobile accident after two alcohol.

said not only fraternities but the one under 21 years of age.

Parties in both fraternities and University students served him residence halls must also follow state laws, under which alcohol Undergraduate Student Govern- cannot be purchased, consumed, ment President David Rosenblatt possessed or transported by any-

parallel with debt-plagued developing countries because the American debt represents a smaller percentage of the overall U.S. economy, the biggest in the world.

But other economists warn that, now that the United States has slipped into the status of net debtor, the debt is likely to grow at astronomical levels in the coming years, economist with Data Resources Inc., debt does," he said.

flow abroad to pay interest and dividends to foreigners.

predicted, will result in belt-tighten- said. ing by Americans as the country tries

to cope with the foreign debt. "We are simply going to have to dilute our standard of living to pay off

"Eventually foreigners will decide they have enough dollars and the dollar will sink in value, but before that happens this outflow of dollars these debts," said Roger Brinner, an will feed on itself much as the federal

Alcohol task force seeks input

By ALAN J. CRAVER Collegian Staff Writer

Alcohol has completed preliminary recommendations, 225 Highland Drive; and the Association of Residence the next step will be to gain input from students, Hall Students, 6:30 p.m. Sept. 30 in 225 HUB. organizations and administrators, a co-chairman of the task force said.

M. Lee Upcraft, division director of counseling and University policies concerning alcohol use last February to control student problemscaused by alcohol abuse, such as declining grades, and to reduce the Clark Lounge, Upcraft said. risks of liability.

Upcraft said meetings have been scheduled through the beginning of October to learn students' opinions on the recommendations.

"It's important to know nothing is etched in stone," changed."

Upcraft said it is important for students to attend these meetings because the recommendations "directly affect the student's social life."

Undergraduate Student Government President David Rosenblatt, co-chairman of the task force, said the meetings are essential because students will have a chance to give iput to the final document.

This is an issue in which students will have a chance 15, Upcraft said. to make a difference for future students, Rosenblatt said.

Council, 6:30 Thursday night in 227 HUB; the Panhelle- the USG office, 203 HUB.

nic Council, 6:30 Monday night in the HUB Gallery Lounge; the Organization of Town Independent Students, 7 Monday night in 307 HUB; Interfraternity Now that the University President's Task Force on Council, 7:30 Monday night at Kappa Sigma fraternity,

Open hearings for residence hall students are scheduled for: North Halls, 7 p.m. Sept. 24 in the Warnock Union Building; West Halls, 7 p.m. Sept. 24 in the health services, said the task force began revising Hamilton Lounge; Pollock-Nittany-Center, 7 p.m. Sept. 26 in the Piano Lounge; South Halls, 7 p.m. Sept. 30 in Haller Lounge; East Halls, 7 p.m. Oct. 2 in the G.

The task force also will hold an open hearing for students living off campus and anyone else interested in task force's recommendations at 7 p.m. Sept. 25 in 305 HUB, Upcraft said.

The task force will also meet with administrators, Upcraft said. "There isn't anything that can't be including the staff of Health Services, Campus Life and Student Activities during this period, Upcraft said.

He said the community members of the task force will be responsible for scheduling meetings with organizations in town, such as the State College Chamber of Commerce and the State College area schools.

The task force will hold a full meeting Oct. 10 to consider the information collected during the meetings and hearings and will finalize their report, which will be given to University President Bryce Jordan by Oct.

Upcraft said anyone who may have comments or questions concerning the recommendation can write to The task force is scheduled to meet with the follow- him or Rosenblatt. Upcraft can be reached at Counseling organizations: the University Student Executive ing and Health Services, 135 Boucke, and Rosenblatt at

Need for paramedics discussed

By TOM SCHAFFNER **Collegian Staff Writer**

The ongoing dilemma between expanding medical services and controlling health care costs has hit home in State College.

About 30 emergency medical technicians from ambulance services across Centre County gathered at Centre Community Hospital last week to discuss starting an advanced life-support system that would bring full-time paramedics to the area.

Dr. Thomas Bem, head of emergency services at the hospital, said a paramedic service would cost at least \$250,000 to \$300,000 and take up to two years to initiate in Centre County.

Bem said if the hospital can find appropriate funding measures, the estimates would be practical. The monetary estimate included only equipment and supplies, not the expenses for paramedics, he added.

Paramedics are trained to administer advanced life support, which includes administering drugs and intravenous fluids, reading electrocardiograms and praticing skills to keep airways open.

Under the current system, EMTs are trained to perform basic life support such as banadaging wounds, administering oxygen, immobilizing fractures and controlling bleeding.

Bem said a paramedic service has not been established in Centre County because its rural setting does not have a "hospital every five minutes."

Because Centre Community is the only hospital in the area, there is no competition to give the hospital an incentive to implement an ALS service, which would include the use of a paramedic unit, he said.

Dr. David Lindstrom, director of the Office of Emergency Medical Services at Ritenour Health Center, said it has been the priority of his office to provide the University with a constant advanced life-support system. Paramedic service at the University is inconsistent because it is only available during home football games, the Arts Festival, Agricultural Progress Days and the Beta Sigma Beta-Sy Barash-Beta at Bald Eagle State Park, Lindstrom said.

Because the events draw large crowds, they are "clearly high-risk events" that necessitate the hiring of advanced life services, he said. Other than the four events,

advanced life services are only available in the emergency department at the hospital, Lindstrom said.

Bem listed four criteria he would establish before beginning a paramedic system in the area. A paramedic service would:

• Serve all of Centre County.

• Be supervised by a Centre Community Hospital physician.

• Have a long-term commitment from system operators.

• Complement present EMT services, not replace them.

Lindstrom said that before a paramedic service could be started in the area, all ambulance services, hospitals and local governments involved must approve the system

"It's going to cost money, but what is a human life worth?," Lindstrom said.

Permission from the Seven Mountains Emergency Medical Services Council and the state Department of Health must also be obtained, he said.

Lindstrom added that besides New Castle, State College is the only area with a population more than 25,000 without a paramedic service.

According to a 1981 Seattle Heart Watch Study, very few heart attack victims can be saved unless ALS is provided to them within eight to 10 minutes, he said.

EMT Dan Baumgardner of the Emergency Medical Transfer Services of State College said paramedics have about 700 hours of training.

EMTs have about 120 hours of training, Lindstrom said. The University's ambulance service supplies assistance to any student within a 10-mile radius of campus, any employee working at the University or anyone visiting campus or University property.

Noreen Byers, co-owner of Handy Delivery Services, 901 E. College Ave., a taxi and delivery business, said her business is interested in beginning a paramedic service in the area.

Byers said the service would cost about \$250,000 to initiate and would serve no farther than Bellefonte, Skytop Mountain and Boalsburg.

For the service to be successful, Byers said, Handy Delivery would need a guarantee from Centre Community to receive no fewer than 2,000 runs per year.

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Pattern of study

Janet Wiesgerber (freshman-french-business) enjoys the afternoon sun and shadows while studying in the alcove outside of Walker Building.

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