

Drug dealers marketing to younger, more affluent users

Researchers said cocaine is the No. 1 illegal drug used in Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — Drug dealers are moving to the suburbs, targeting sales to more affluent buyers with more purchasing power, according to a report released Tuesday.

James Hall, executive director of Miami's Up Front Drug Information Center and Jane Maxwell of the Texas Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, released the report on drug trafficking and use at a conference sponsored by the Texas Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse.

The report considered drug treatment, drug-related arrests and other information from the first quarter of 1983 to the first quarter of 1997.

Hall said the most disturbing trend is that lessons learned by older generations, like the dangers of LSD, cocaine and heroin, have been lost on younger Americans.

"Drug prevention and education is not a one-time fix," he said in an interview with

The Associated Press.

The researchers said GHB, Gamma-Hydroxy Butyrate, is growing. The depressant, used in combination with alcohol, gives a strong high and sedative effect. It is relatively inexpensive and easy to produce — and equally easy to botch, Hall said.

Few statistics are available about the drug because of its recent appearance. Federal drug officials say the sale of ingredients to make GHB continue to rise, according to the report.

"It's been associated in date rape and the club scene," Hall added.

The drug goes by the street names of "Grievous Bodily Harm," "Georgia Homeboy," "Liquid XTC" and "Fantasy." It is similar to Rohypnol, which is known as the date-rape drug.

The researchers said cocaine remains the No. 1 illegal drug used in Texas. The use

of heroin, marijuana and methamphetamines also continued to rise.

The report cites cocaine-related admissions to publicly funded treatment centers at 35 percent for 1996. It did not have 1997 figures and TCADA could not immediately provide numbers.

Heroin admissions to publicly funded treatment centers represented 14 percent of all admissions in the first three months this year. Marijuana use represented 8 percent of adult admissions in 1996 and 70 percent for juveniles in 1997.

Maxwell said younger generations must be taught the dangers of cocaine and other drugs that are regained popularity.

She said older generations were taught about dangers of the drugs in school, by public service announcements and other sources, including experience. She said such information has decreased.

State military bases may get construction funds

WASHINGTON (AP) — Military bases in Texas would gain more than \$135 million in construction funds under separate appropriations bills passed by the House and Senate.

The military construction appropriations bill adopted Tuesday by the Senate includes more than \$135 million for Texas defense installations. The House bill, which passed last week, includes \$161 million for the state's bases. Differences between the two spending bills will be ironed out later by House and Senate negotiators.

Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, a member of the Appropriations Committee, praised the \$9.2 billion spending package crafted by her panel.

"Now that the question of another round of base closings has been put to rest for the immediate future, it is time to concentrate on keeping our bases strong and building on their potential," the Texas Republican said Tuesday.

It's likely that the funding request they are similar in both chambers. Hutchison spokesman said his work to ensure funds earmarked for House but not by the Senate would be included in the final package.

The funding request includes both the House and Senate include \$11 million for Fort Hood near Killeen, including \$12.8 million for construction of a Force XXI Development Center. Force XXI, the Army is exploring advanced computer and technical abilities to battlefield troops. Fort also would receive \$18.8 million for grade family housing units.

"The development center to establish Fort Hood as the post for the 21st century Army," said Rep. Edwards, D-Waco, when he announced the funding.

Space station survives annual Senate fight

WASHINGTON (AP) — The space station survived yet another effort by a dogged Senate foe to pull the plug on funding for the huge NASA program.

By a 69-31 vote Tuesday, the Senate rebuffed an attempt by Sen. Dale Bumpers, D-Ark., to strike the \$2.1 billion earmarked next year for the space station and leave NASA \$600 million in termination costs.

The appropriations bill funding veterans, housing, space and other programs later passed the Senate on a 99-1 vote.

In his annual raid on the station, Bumpers said Congress can't justify the hugely costly program, which the General Accounting Office has pegged at \$94 billion over its lifetime. Recently, GAO reported new cost overruns.

"The truth of the matter is this program is heading head-long out of control," Bumpers said. "There are very few people in this body that don't know that, that don't understand that."

NASA estimates far lower costs for the international project, which is under development mainly at the Johnson Space Center near Houston. The space agency estimates it will cost \$17.4 billion to design and build the station and another \$13 billion to operate it over a decade.

Last week, House supporters of the station rejected a

proposal that would have siphoned \$100 million earmarked for the troubled U.S.-Russian space partnership.

The space station, which Bumpers said offers little in the way of scientific achievement, is robbing needed funds from medical science and other worthy federal programs that are underfunded, he charged.

Advocates countered that the space station holds the promise of important medical and scientific breakthroughs.

"The space station is not a luxury any more than a medical research center at Baylor College of Medicine is a luxury," said Sen. John Glenn, D-Ohio, the first American to orbit the earth 35 years ago.

Sen. Barbara Mikulski, D-Md., called the station a "dazzling scientific endeavor."

Failure to proceed with the international venture when the space station is nearing its assembly in space would be a waste of money, backers said.

"We are now within a year of the first launch," said Sen. Christopher Bond, R-Mo. "This is not the time to abort the mission."

GAO auditors reported to Congress last month that construction delays have resulted in \$291 million in cost overruns.

controller, will explain that even though the Legislature changed the name of the "general use fee" to "tuition," the money will be used as it was before.

Bowen said that \$12 of the former GUF is designated for maintenance of buildings, and the remaining \$22 is used for staff and faculty salaries.

Tom Taylor, assistant vice president for finance, said the University will bill state tuition as "Statutory Authorized Tuition" and the former GUF as "University Authorized Tuition."

Tony Heger, manager of the facilities administration division of facilities planning and construction, said regents will not vote on the pre-

liminary plans for West Campus Parking Garage at this meeting.

However, he said the garage's design will be discussed.

Heger said the parking garage project will be combined with plans for a Wellborn underpass. He said facilities planning will study the feasibility of an underpass before the Board can approve a detailed design of and bids on the garage and underpass.

Jim Ashlock, director of University Relations, said that because the West Campus Parking Garage and underpass is such a big project, facilities planning wants to make sure the design they have is the best before they commit to any one design.

"The recent performance of the economy, characterized by strong growth and low inflation, has been exceptional — and better than most anticipated," Greenspan told a House Banking subcommittee.

Missing from Greenspan's report to Congress was any concern about the record-setting stock market. Last December, Greenspan's worries about possible "irrational exuberance" had sent financial markets tumbling worldwide.

Analysts said Greenspan may be less concerned now about the market being overvalued based on strong corporate earnings reports for the second quarter.

Greenspan did warn that the good news on inflation is not likely to last forever given the fact that unemployment has fallen to near a 25-year low and the current economic expansion is already the third longest in history. And he said the Fed stood ready to move pre-emptively to make sure inflation does not get out of control.

Greenspan likened the Fed's policy stance to a cautious motorist.

"A driver might tap the brakes to make sure not to be hit by a truck coming down the street, even if he thinks the chances of such an event are relatively low. The costs of being wrong are simply too high," Greenspan said.

CAMPUS CALENDAR

Wednesday, July 23

The Writing Center (Dept. of English, Texas A&M): The Writing Center in 249 Blocker will consult with any TAMU student who needs help with his or her writing projects for Summer II. Hours are 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Come by or call 862-4181 for more information.

Aggie Roadrunners: There will be a daily run of 2-3 miles beginning at 7 p.m. in front of G. Rollie White. Runners of all levels are encouraged to attend. For more information call Hank Bullinger at 821-6339.

Texas A&M Women's Rugby: There will be practice from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the TAMU Rugby Field. No experience is necessary. For more information contact Wendy at 696-9012.

TAMU Veterans' Association: There will be a social gathering for Aggie Veterans at Hornbacks' at 7:30 p.m. For further information contact Todd Milburn at 775-4657.

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Friday, July 25

A&M Bahai Club: The A&M Bahai Club is having a speaker followed by dinner on July 25, at 6:30 p.m. at 1304 Merry Oak in College Station. The speaker will be Vhaid Hedayati speaking on unity throughout the world between men and women and all the races. For more information call Kriti Buohe at 764-3160.

Sunday, July 27

TAMU Chess Club: The TAMU Chess Club will be playing chess in 308 Rudder from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. For more information contact Scott Griggs at 696-3879 or griggs@myriad.net.

Monday, July 28

Aggie Roadrunners: There will be a daily run of 2-3 miles beginning

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Tuesday, July 29

TAMU Waterski Team: There is a general meeting at 8:30 p.m. at Fitzwillys. For more information call Mike Coyle at 268-2076.

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The Board also will delegate authority to A&M to hold public hearings in accordance with Senate Bill 1997, which requires that state tuition and the former general use fee (GUF) be combined into a single tuition amount. The bill also states that a university may not raise the former GUF higher than state tuition.

Upon the Board's approval, a hearing to explain this law will be held from 9 to 10:30 a.m., Aug. 1, in Room 292 of the MSC.

Bowen said Dr. William Krumm, the vice president for finance and

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Most analysts said they still expect the central bank to raise rates later this year. However, based on Greenspan's words, they said that could be delayed until possibly November.

The Fed boosted its federal funds rate, the interest that banks charge each other, a quarter point to 5.5 percent in March. But Fed policy-makers passed up chances to raise rates further at their May and July meetings. The next rate-setting session will be Aug. 19.

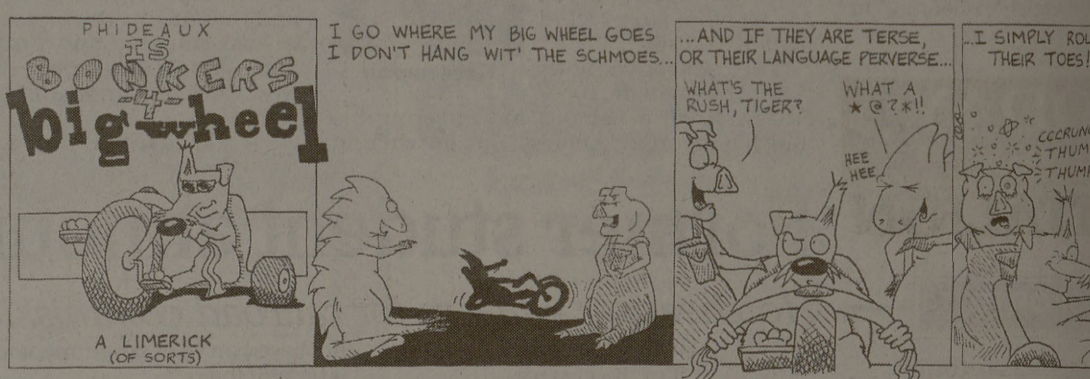
"Greenspan showed no urgency whatsoever about any near-term policy change," said David Jones, chief economist at Aubrey G. Lanston & Co. in New York. "I think he is perfectly satisfied with the economy at the present time."

Greenspan said the economy's surprisingly strong showing this year had caused the central bank to boost slightly its forecast for economic growth to around 3.25 percent for the year. At the same time, the Fed lowered its forecast for consumer inflation to around 2.5 percent, even lower than last year.

WEATHER OUTLOOK

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