Record Summer School Attendance

The 1968 enrollment of 333 marked the highest total attendance in the School's 26-year history. The lowest total since 1956 came in 1963, the second year at Rutgers. But with the 1964 change to a curriculum emphasizing specialized training, attendance has been climbing steadily.

Not many students can or do pay their own way. The growth of the School, therefore, is made possible by the growing amount of financial assistance provided to students by State and Provincial alcoholism programs and by a variety of concerned government and voluntary agencies.

This growing support is all the more significant when it is kept in mind that a dozen or so State and regional one-week schools of alcohol studies are liberally supported by the same kinds of programs and agencies — supported sufficiently in 1968 to permit the attendance of at least 3,000 persons. It follows that the increasing support of the Rutgers Summer School indicates a growing recognition of the additional and distinct value of a more advanced and comprehensive School experience for selected staff members and other key personnel.

In this way, the Rutgers School continues to serve a national and international function. And, as in previous years, this was reflected in the 1968 student body whose members came from 40 states, Puerto Rico, Canada and South Africa.

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1969 Summer School Dates

The 27th annual session of the Summer School of Alcohol Studies will be held on Rutgers campus in New Brunswick, June 29-July 18, 1969. The Physicians Institute, an integral part of the Summer School, will be in session during the first two of the three weeks.

In addition to the Physicians Institute, 15 specialized courses will be offered, these to be complemented by a program of 22 general lectures. The total fee for tuition, room and meals (excepting weekend meals) will again be $325. A brochure describing the program in detail will be sent to any alumnus or alumna requesting it.

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At the 1968 School, workmen began setting up cement forms right in the middle of the much-used passageway between Stonier Hall and the Commons. But the purpose remained a mystery to the end. None of the workmen knew or would tell and none of the sidewalk superintendents could figure it out. Was it to be a flowerbed? A fountain? Or the foundation for the statue of some illustrious personage?

Now we know. The forms were for the foundation of "The Calligraph," shown in the photograph above. Just in case you can't find the word in your dictionary, a calligraph is a specimen of fine handwriting.

The Calligraph is an 18-ft-high welded sculpture of brazed copper, the work of Herbert Ferber, one of the nation's leading abstract sculptors and pioneer in environmental sculpture. Another Ferber work was acquired by Rutgers in 1962 and stands in the Ferber Lounge of the University's Art Gallery.
Alumni Survey Highlights

The large number of Summer School alumni who remain “involved” with alcohol problems is the major finding of the survey conducted late in 1967. It is probable, of course, that a higher proportion of the “involved” answered the questionnaire which was sent to all alumni. Nevertheless, of 1199 replies: 86% were at least “slightly involved”; 68% were at least “moderately involved”; 40% were “very involved.”

As another expression of involvement, 68% stated that they had, during the past three years, attended one or more schools, conferences, or meetings on alcohol problems.

Another interesting finding is that the proportion of the involved is higher among recent alumni (those who had attended the Rutgers School in the three preceding years). When recent alumni are compared to alumni of earlier years, moderate or high involvement was reported by 82% of the former and 62% of the latter. More of the recent alumni attended meetings of the National Council on Alcoholism (24% and 12%) and meetings of the North American Association of Alcoholism Programs (22% and 13%).

Whether this greater involvement found among recent alumni will continue, we cannot know. However, we do know that the opportunities for professional and other occupational involvement, and for involvement on a voluntary basis, have increased and are expected to continue increasing.

1968 Alumni Fellowships and Scholarships

The Alumni Association’s three “Named Fellowships” were awarded for the second time in 1968. The Ralph M. Henderson Fellowship was received by Major Hugh C. Fleming, director, Correctional-Welfare for Men, The Salvation Army, Boston, Massachusetts. The E. M. Jellinek Fellowship went to Mrs. Sara F. Bryan, executive director, Big Island Committee on Alcoholism, Hilo, Hawaii. The Raymond G. McCarthy Fellowship was awarded to Mrs. Joanne G. Herrington, head nurse, St. Dominic-Jackson Memorial Hospital, Jackson, Mississippi.

Alumni Association scholarships were also awarded to: Richard D. Elefson, special clinical therapist, Mental Health Institute, Independence, Iowa; Mrs. Frances H. Robey, counselor, Dane County Mental Health Centers, Madison, Wisconsin; A. Dale Shears, social worker, Mahoning County Welfare, Youngstown, Ohio; Mrs. Margaret M. Weisser, registered nurse and graduate student at the University of Minnesota; and a partial scholarship to The Reverend Ralph E. McCormack, pastor, Burton Memorial Presbyterian Church, Danville, Virginia.

The Association’s current scholarship committee is composed of Chairman Margaret Sutton, ’63; J. Arthur Hinchliffe, ’52; and Milton A. Maxwell, ’50.

Drunkenness Offender Project

The Chronic Drunkenness Offender Project is the name of the group which has been formed to execute the terms of a new contract between the Center of Alcohol Studies and the State of New Jersey. The contract was stipulated by a bill (Senate No. 718) passed by both houses of the New Jersey legislature and signed by Governor Richard J. Hughes on September 9, 1968.

The project requires that information be obtained from officials, knowledgeable persons, and offenders themselves, on the definition, nature and size of the problem, on the available community resources for dealing with them, the prevailing attitudes, the results of current measures, and suggestions for improvement.

Jay N. Cross and Earl Rubington of the Rutgers Center are jointly directing the study. The group plans to sample selectively the chronic offender problem in at least two New Jersey cities, to devise at least two pilot facilities, and to compare the effectiveness of these programs with current ways of dealing with the problem of the chronic drunkenness offender.

The first phase of the project, necessarily exploratory, will be to devise suitable research instruments and to make a rapid survey of the chronic drunkenness offender problem in Middlesex County, the county in which New Brunswick is located.
New Center Laboratory

A NEUROPHYSIOLOGY laboratory was established at the Center of Alcohol Studies in 1968. It is under the direction of Malcolm F. MacDonnell, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Psychology, who states that the laboratory "seeks to understand how alcohol modifies brain activity upon which patterns of coordinated behavior depend.

"Currently our activities are focused on the role of alcohol in regulation of patterns of emotional behavior. Such patterns are produced for laboratory study by painless electrical stimulation of carefully selected points deep within the brains of laboratory animals. We have found that behavior produced in this way is quite sensitive to alcohol.

"But in order to understand how alcohol works its effects we are obliged to develop basic knowledge of the physiology, anatomy and chemistry of the behavior patterns under study. For example, we are observing the electrical activity of single nerve cells in certain parts of the brain when the animal is at rest and when it is in an experimentally induced emotional state. We then alter some aspect of the normal chemical environment of the cell to see what, if any, changes occur in its activity at rest and at work. At another time the activities of a similar cell are examined when alcohol forms a part of its chemical environment. Comparing the results of many such experiments may enable us to feel our way into significant areas of knowledge relating alcohol, brain activity and behavior.

"This is essentially a new area of research. We are at a stage of development where intuition plays as large a role as logic and analytical apparatus in determining where we should look to find answers to, as yet, nebulous questions. It is an exciting stage, but a chance one."

PLEASE READ THE ATTACHED LIST OF ALUMNI AND SEND US ADDRESSES OF ANY YOU KNOW.

A Dictionary and Other New Publications of the Center

The Dictionary

Many of the Center's 1968 publications will be of great interest to alumni. A Dictionary of Words about Alcohol by Mark Keller and Mairi McCormick contains definitions of all the important words and terms related to alcohol and alcohol problems. Unlike most dictionaries, this one is readable: problematic terms such as addiction, alcoholism, craving for alcohol and tolerance are defined and discussed in article-length entries. Words from biochemistry, medicine, psychology, law, history, literature, sociology, and others are included in addition to a fine collection of slang words. Many entries will surprise the reader; for example, do you know why the following words are included in an alcohol dictionary: bridal, creature, mandrake, moonraker, nippitate, pigeon, sack, syllabub or wallop? (Price: $7.50.)

A New Supplement

Studies of Driving and Drinking (Supplement No. 4 of the Quarterly Journal of Studies on Alcohol) is perhaps the most important collection of papers ever published on that vexatious subject, the drinking driver. It includes articles by Selden Bacon (who is special editor of the supplement), Leon Greengberg (on physiology) and Tony Carpenter (on psychology). Most of the book is made up of studies by Center staff who attempt to identify the drinking driver: Who is he? Where does he come from? Is he the social drinker driving home from the frequent cocktail party (as some have stated) or is he the excessive drinker driving after his daily visit to the bar? (Price: $4.50.)

Quarterly Journal of Studies on Alcohol

Alumni will have noticed a major change in the format of the Journal. In 1968 we started publishing the Journal in two parts; Part A contains the original articles and Part B, the abstracts, book reviews and indexes. The purpose of the change was to enable us to publish more original articles and to increase our coverage of the current literature. The complete 1968 volume of the Journal contained 1,124 pages, compared with 830 pages in 1967. We were also forced to raise the subscription price to $15 for one year.

Cooperative Commission Report

Alcohol Problems; a Report to the Nation, the basic policy statement of the Cooperative Commission on the Study of Alcoholism which is causing so much discussion, is now available in paperback from the Center, price $1.50. We also have the clothbound edition still in stock, price $4.75.

Proceedings of the International Congress

The Proceedings of the International Congress on Alcohol and Alcoholism held in September 1968 in Washington, D. C., are being published in two volumes. Volume I contains abstracts of the over 200 papers delivered to the 17 Section Meetings and can be ordered from the Center at $3 per copy. Volume 2, the full texts of the 25 Plenary Session papers, will be published this summer; the price will be announced later.

International Bibliography

Volume II of the International Bibliography of Studies on Alcohol completes the monumental work of Volume I which lists all the references to scientific and scholarly works on alcohol published in the first half of this century. Volume II contains the subject and author indexes (by Vera Efron and Sarah Jordy) to the over 26,000 references of Volume I. The next in this series to be published will be Volume III, References and Indexes to the literature of 1951-1960. (Price, Vols. I and II: $65.)

Center Exhibit at the International Congress

The largest and most colorful display in the exhibition hall at the International Congress on Alcohol and Alcoholism was that of the Center of Alcohol Studies. It illustrated the four main functions of the Center — publication, documentation, research and education — and included a small theater where a specially prepared 25-minute movie about the Center was shown. The movie contained an interview with Milton Maxwell about the Summer School and shots taken at the 1968 session.
DECEASED — 1968-1969

Helen Bullock, '48, Dallas, Texas
Rev. Detrich B. Cordes, '54, Bucyrus, Ohio
Loretto D. Costello, '66, Portland, Oregon
Harry W. Dankworth, '48, Cleveland, Ohio
Charles H. Devine, '51, Manchester, New Hampshire
Rev. James H. Fox, Jr., '55, Alexandria, Virginia
James L. Free, '51, Santa Barbara, California
Mary A. Gorgen, '44, Milwaukee, Wisconsin
Dr. James E. Gorman, '60, Toledo, Ohio
Rev. Charles J. Harth, '56, Baltimore, Maryland
Rev. Earl E. Heimburger, '44, Lafayette, Indiana
Ralph T. Imwalle, '65, Wernersville, Pennsylvania

Rev. Albert Johnson, '45, Toronto, Ont., Canada
Mrs. Louise K. Kent, '61, Detroit, Michigan
George G. LaMotte, '43, Carlsbad, California
Addie Lococo, '59, Danville, Kentucky
Adrian M. Murray, '63, Endicott, New York
Rev. Martin J. O'Donnell, '64, Chicago, Illinois
Rev. Charles Patch, '53, Winter Park, Florida
Kenneth A. Rouse, '63, Chicago, Illinois
Gertrude A. Scott, '55, Omaha, Nebraska
Rev. Frederick W. Smith, '43, Hagerstown, Maryland
Dr. William M. Smith, '56, Westville, Indiana
Rev. Frederick A. Springborn, '56, Louisville, Kentucky
Lloyd E. Webster, '46, Fullerton, California

Alumni Institute in July

This is a reminder of the ALUMNI INSTITUTE, the Triennial "Refresher Course" for Yale and Rutgers Alumni of the Summer School of Alcohol Studies. It is to be held July 20-24, 1969 on the Rutgers campus in New Brunswick. Total fee for tuition, room and meals will be $85.

Each alumnus receiving this copy of the Alumni News should have received the printed brochure describing the exciting program of the Alumni Institute. For this reason, the program details are not being repeated in this issue.

The printed brochure also provides a detachable registration form. Registration in advance is important, but an advance deposit is not required. An alumnus needing another copy of the Institute brochure should write to the Summer School of Alcohol Studies, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, New Jersey 08903.

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