Center Assists State Program

A new unit in the Center of Alcohol Studies has been established and charged with assisting the State of New Jersey in the development and implementation of an alcoholism and alcohol abuse program. In a contract between Rutgers University and the New Jersey Department of Health, Alcoholism Control Program, a new era in the Center's relationship with the state was formalized. The contract, which was approved in January 1973, provides that the Center will utilize its expertise and experience in research, documentation, education, and training in an expanded state alcoholism control program.

Jay Cross '63, Carolyn Miedling '67, and Ann Baxter constitute the nucleus of the Center's new "New Jersey Unit." Preliminary priorities include preparation of protocols for determining the nature and extent of alcohol problems in the state, the development of methodology for inventory and evaluation of existing or potential resources for the treatment of alcoholic persons, preparation of materials related to the training of certain target professional or technical groups, and the design of several specialized projects. These activities will be conducted jointly by the Center staff and the personnel of the Alcoholism Control Program of the New Jersey Department of Health, which is under the supervision of William Chamberlain '71.

The project staff will develop a series of proposals for studies or special activities that will be conducted in the implementation phase of the contract. These proposals will be prepared in close consultation with Center staff and the Alcoholism Control Program of the New Jersey Department of Health. Opinions and suggestions will be solicited from interested groups and individuals such as other government organizations, councils on alcoholism, the fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous, agencies involved in the treatment of alcoholics, and others.

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Information Explosion

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(CAAAL), which now goes to ninety-four depositories and subscribers in thirty-one states of the U.S.A. and eighteen other countries. Originally limited to 450 cards a year shipped semiannually, the annual number of CAAAL cards is now about 800, and it is expected that 1,000 cards will be supplied to each station in 1973 in four quarterly shipments.

Use of Services Grows

Use of all services of the documentation system has grown substantially also. Inquiries received by letter and telephone from professionals, scientists, and scholars, requiring searches by our archivists and responses in the form of bibliographies, abstracts, and informational letters, now average about fifty a month. (This is in addition to some 2,500 letter requests requiring only a piece of published literature such as a reprint or pamphlet in response.) In 1971-72, a total of 241 specific topical bibliographies were supplied to inquirers, up 110 percent from 1967-68; the number of references supplied rose from 5,005 to 11,788, up 136 percent; and the number of photocopies of abstracts supplied rose from 364 to 942, up 148 percent.

While the CAAAL system is still easily searchable by hand-needle sorting, the growth of bibliography and abstracts and the need to speed processing into the system have necessitated the beginning of computerization at this stage.

The McCarthy Collection of full-text originals of all works incorporated into CAAAL is nearing completion. The collection, which is named for Raymond G. McCarthy, former Director of the Summer School of Alcohol Studies, is supported in part by contributions from Summer School alumni and is housed in a special section of the RCAS library. It is the greatest single collection of documents in the alcohol field immediately accessible by author or topic through the index of the CAAAL system. With over 13,600 documents already in the collection, it is 92 percent complete to date. For the literature of the last twenty-five years, the collection is 99 percent complete, and for the older literature, it is 78 percent complete.

The Center library grows with the documentation in this field. In addition to housing the McCarthy Collection of nearly 14,000 CAAAL-matching originals, and a set of CAAAL for use by visiting researchers and students, it shelves well over 4,000 books; counts holdings of 339 periodicals (220 currently received), comprising over 2,600 volumes; 275 reels of microfilm (chiefly Ph.D. dissertations); 172 boxes of pamphlets and clippings; and over 2,250 reprints outside the McCarthy Collection. The library serves not only the Center staff, but also Rutgers faculty and students, students in the Summer School, and special courses given at the Center, and many visiting scholars. It answers certain special inquiries, and loans requested materials to other libraries throughout the country under the Interlibrary Loan System.

Education Materials Researched

Continuing its long interest in youth education about alcohol, the Rutgers Center of Alcohol Studies has underway a study of the books, pamphlets, and other printed materials being fed into the school systems. The work is being carried out by Dr. Gail Milgram assisted by graduate students and consultation with the Rutgers Graduate School of Education. The major product of this research, an annotated bibliography of some 800 items, will be published by the Center in book form, as a practical current reference source for educators, late in 1973.

Field Study of Schools Included

The research project also includes a field study of the library holdings of alcoholic educational materials in seventy-five junior and senior high schools, and of the use being made of these materials. Additional materials will then be placed in some schools, in half of which a campaign to promote awareness of alcohol studies will be initiated. The effect of these experiments on use of the materials will be reported in due course. The project is supported by a grant from NIMH-NIAAA with Mark Keller as principal investigator.

Chaplains Are Trained

The concern of the United States Armed Forces about misuse of alcohol by its personnel resulted in a request to the Center of Alcohol Studies by the Chaplain’s Office of Fort Dix, New Jersey, for a training program for the chaplains stationed at that installation.

Begun 25 September 1972 and continuing for ten additional Monday afternoons, the course focused upon the role of military chaplains in the area of alcohol problems.

Members of the Center staff involved in the program included Jim Boudreaux, Tim Coffey, Jay Cross, Dr. Leon Greenberg, Morton Hyman, Steve Kalyn, Mark Keller, and Polly Williams, who served as coordinator of the project.

The Reverend Curt Garrett ’70, of the local Christ United Methodist Church, also participated.
Summer School Enrollments Climb

The Summer School’s reputation for quality and the great expansion of activities in the alcoholism and alcohol problems field have combined to create a great increase in the number who wish to attend. Even though last summer’s enrollment was stretched to 443 participants, 212 persons had to be placed on the waiting list. Almost half of these were eventually admitted as reservation reductions and cancellations made places available.

If this trend continues, something additional or different will need to be planned. The instructional staff and the administration considered the problem at length. But with too many X quantities in the new developments it was decided to continue the School’s present three-week program for one more year and to hold the enrollment to 440.

Additional help is being given Mrs. Marjorie L. Dreher, the hard-working and well-liked Summer School Secretary. Help for the Executive Director has been provided by the part-time appointment of Ronald L. Lester, M.A., M.P.H., as the Assistant Director of the School. Ron Lester has been and continues to be the Training Director of the Center’s Training Project for poverty program workers.

The 1973 School dates will be June 24 to July 13; and the total fee for tuition, room, and meals (except week-end meals) will be $430.00. Alumni may receive the 1973 prospectus by writing to the School.

CAS Receives Grant

The Center of Alcohol Studies was recently awarded a grant from the Administration on Aging of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare to examine some of the dimensions of alcohol problems among older Americans. The grant continues work begun in 1971 by Center staff who initially compiled an annotated bibliography of research and publications in the area.

The researchers, Selden Bacon, Bruce Carruth, Bob Jones, Polly Williams, and Milton Maxwell, are seeking answers on how to predict the prevalence of older problem drinkers in a given population, how older problem drinkers receive help through the fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous, and how care-giving services in the community identify them and provide help.

Center Publications

T. G. Coffey
Managing Editor, Quarterly Journal of Alcohol Studies

Monograph Series

An important new work, Problem Drinking Among American Men by Don Cahalan and Robin Room, will be published in the spring or early summer, as Monograph No. 7. The subjects of this monograph are men aged twenty-one to fifty-nine, drawn from two national surveys and from a community study in San Francisco. The authors describe the drinking habits of these men, the problems they experience as a result of drinking, and the childhood and adult characteristics of the problem drinkers. This age group constitutes a majority of the working population and holds a large share of economic and political power. They also do most of the heavy drinking in the United States and run the highest risk of becoming problem drinkers. The results are important in what they reveal about contemporary society and in their practical implications for attempts to control and prevent problem drinking.

Monograph No. 8 is Problem Drinkers Seeking Treatment by Eileen M. Corrigan. This reports the first major attempt to find out what happens to people who telephone an information bureau for help with a drinking problem. Over 300 problem drinkers or members of their families were interviewed after receiving a referral to a treatment agency, and of those referred, well over half did eventually contact a treatment resource. The results show the types of patients who benefit from such service, the most effective ways of publicizing an information bureau, and indicate how alcoholism referral and treatment programs can be improved.

Journal Supplements

Supplement No. 7 of the Quarterly Journal of Studies on Alcohol will be an account of a study of drug interactions. Special editor of the supplement, and the study’s principal investigator, is John A. Carpenter. The study is international. The data were collected in Canada at the Ontario Addiction Research Foundation where the effects of alcohol combined with a widely used tranquilizer, meprobamate, were measured, while much of the statistical and mathematical analysis was done in England at the University of Exeter. The results have both practical and theoretical applications; a mathematical model is being devised from the data that can be applied to all drug combinations.

International Bibliography

Volume III of the International Bibliography of Studies on Alcohol will be available this year. The volume contains references to all the scientific and scholarly work on alcohol and alcohol problems published between 1951 and 1960. Indexes of subjects and names will be included.

Quarterly Journal of Studies on Alcohol

The Journal continues to grow. In 1972 Parts A and B of the Journal contained more original articles and abstracts, book reviews, and bibliographies than ever before. In 1973 we are introducing a new feature: each issue of Part B will contain author and subject indexes to the current literature abstracts. The indexes will precede the abstracts, as a guide to the contents.

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Selden D. Bacon, Director of the Center of Alcohol Studies, Edward J. Bloustein, President of Rutgers University, and Dr. James R. Cowan, New Jersey Commissioner of Health, have stated that the program heralds a new relationship between the state university and the community that it serves. This relationship will facilitate the direct application of the scholarly research and educational skills of the university to the state’s program to eliminate or reduce the terrible toll in human suffering, economic loss, and societal disruption caused by alcohol problems.
Deceased 1972-1973

Joseph V. Askey '69, Portland, Maine
Rev. David W. Ayers '47, Waterloo, New York
James A. Baker '63, Peoria, Illinois
Stanislav T. Bilski, M.D., '68, Ogdenburg, New York
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Arthur P. McDonough '54, Santa Rosa, California
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LeRoy H. Rock '49, Fulton, Missouri
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Brig. Frank J. Smith '45, Ocean Grove, New Jersey
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Rev. Donald M. Sterling '51, Mabel, Minnesota
Vincent C. Strong '57, Ortonville, Minnesota
Windward L. Taylor '44, New York, New York
Vernon L. Wharton '50, Lafayette, Louisiana
Rev. O. Edgar Wright '47, Winfield, Kansas

Fellowships Awarded

The Alumni Association’s three “Named Fellowships” to attend the 1972 School were awarded as follows: the Ralph M. Henderson Fellowship to Mrs. Warren W. Richardson, Executive Director, Worcecer County Council on Alcoholism, Worcester, Massachusetts; the E. M. Jegiinek Fellowship to Miss Helen L. K. Farr, Ph.D., Associate Research Professor, Oregon State System of Higher Education; and the Raymond G. McCarthy Fellowship to William G. Taylor, Alcoholism Rehabilitation Counselor, Utah Division of Alcoholism and Drugs.

Alumni scholarships were also awarded to: F. Michael Bartels, R.N., St. Luke’s Hospital Medical Center, Phoenix, Arizona; Mrs. Mary L. Carmona, Halfway House Manager, Duluth, Minnesota; Melvin F. Church, Alcoholism Counselor, Yankton State Hospital, South Dakota; Mrs. Rita F. Wiensberg, Rehabilitation Counselor, Connecticut Valley Hospital.

The Association’s current Scholarship Committee is composed of Donald E. Kirby '69, Mrs. Gladys L. Augustus '65, and Damon R. Elder '70.

While the Summer School has scholarship funds of its own, it does administer the James S. Kemper Foundation Fellowships for “teachers of nursing in the United States and Canada,” and the Christopher D. Smithers Foundation Fellowships for “attorneys and law students.” Additionally, the A. E. Bennett Foundation of San Francisco offers several fellowships for physicians through the American Medical Society on Alcoholism.

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