Noble Address at SSAS Banquet

Following are parts of the speech that Dr. Ernest P. Noble, director of the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, gave at the 1976 Summer School Graduation Banquet:

"I can think of few occasions that are more appropriate for my participation as head of the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism than this Graduation Banquet. You, the graduating class of 1976, explicitly demonstrate the immense progress that has been made in recognizing the scope of the alcoholism problem that confronts our nation and the world.

"And what a pleasant occasion for me, to be here to help you celebrate your graduation from this excellent Summer School of Alcohol Studies. The prestige of this great University and its famous Summer School of Alcohol Studies complement one another admirably. This University, established in colonial times in 1766 as Queens College, has a very long tradition of academic service to our country in many areas. And now I am delighted to be able to say we are witnessing the development of a tradition of alcohol education. This is the thirty-fourth graduation from the Summer School.

"We are the beneficiaries of a widespread recognition of the dimensions of the alcoholism problem in our country. We have a National Institute, which I head, and we are able to devote federal, state and local money and effort to the battle against this most devastating illness. But thirty-four years ago when this School was begun we did not have this kind of long tradition of interest and support. I commend you for your dedication. You were there, actively engaged in increasing knowledge when not many people cared about alcohol education. It's an encouraging measure of the progress made in achieving a national recognition of the scope of this illness that this School has continued to grow. The excellence of curriculum, faculty and students have made this School a potent force in the alcohol field. Its influence is increasingly felt at all levels as graduates take their places as leaders and administrators in the alcohol community. Your influence will continue to grow as you progress in your careers. I am told that there are now more than 8,500 graduates from the Summer School of Alcohol Studies and in the last three years alone more than 1,500 have been trained here. It's good to see the alumni of this School continue to increase. Since so many of you are already in a position to instruct and influence others the benefits from your instruction here will multiply rapidly.

"An essential part of the educational process is the association and interaction with one's fellow students. I am gratified to note the number of students from other lands who have journeyed to Rutgers for training at this Summer School. This interchange of
the knowledge of many cultures on the nearly universal problem of alcoholism can surely move us all closer to our common goals in prevention, research and treatment.

“The thought has occurred to me that, since the game of intercollegiate football began here at Rutgers on November 6, 1869, when Rutgers defeated Princeton, six goals to four, perhaps Rutgers University feels a special kind of responsibility about our national consumption of beverage alcohol. Who could have foreseen that on November day so long ago when a rough battle was being fought that vast numbers of our nation’s men would devote such long hours to the sedentary sports of television football and beer drinking?

“And now that you have been stimulated by the superior instruction and challenge of your course of studies, you are better prepared to deal with the enormously important task you have chosen to confront. I am confident that this audience fully realizes the extent of the alcohol abuse and alcoholism problem. Those of you who have been selected to attend this School have already demonstrated the kind and quality of commitment you have to the cause of relieving the pain of millions of victims of alcoholism.”

This Alumni News reflects the color of the amethyst. The amethyst has long been known as “The Drunkard’s Stone.” Fabled by the Greeks as the stone possessing powers to protect its owner from the effects of strong drink, amethyst also suggests “escape from” or “attack against” spirits.

AWARDS GIVEN

The Alumni Association’s four “Named Fellowships” to attend the 1976 School were awarded as follows: the Selden D. Bacon Fellowship to Carol V. Molinari, director, Center for Alcohol and Addiction Studies, University of Alaska, Anchorage; the Ralph M. Henderson Fellowship to Charles J. Wright, police officer, Belmont, Massachusetts, Police Department; the E. M. Jellinek Fellowship to Dr. Paul G. Carpenter, executive director, Alcohol and Drug Abuse Council of Greater Baton Rouge; and the Raymond G. McCarthy Fellowship to Susan D. Inabinett, counselor, Alcoholism Council of Southern Arizona, Tucson.

Alumni scholarships were also awarded to Thomas J. Booth, alcoholism counselor, Montgomery County Health Department, Rockville, Maryland; Ann S. Brown, multi-service coordinator, Reading School District, Reading, Pennsylvania; H. Dean Duke, director, Alcoholic Rehabilitation Clinic, Macon, Georgia; Sister M. Elizabeth Hession, St. Peter’s Hospital, Albany, New York.

The Association’s current Scholarship Committee is composed of Geraldine O. Delaney ’52, James F. Emmert ’73, and Walter J. Hull ’74.

Other Fellowships

While the School has no scholarship fund of its own, it does administer the James S. Kemper Foundation Fellowships for “teachers of nursing in the United States and Canada,” and the Prudential Life Insurance Company of America Fellowships for “primary, secondary and college teachers and community educators.” Additionally, the A. E. Bennett Foundation offers fellowships for physicians through the American Medical Society on Alcoholism, 733 Third Avenue, New York, New York 10017.

When You Move

Please remember to send your new address to the Summer School of Alcohol Studies, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, New Jersey 08903.
Mark Keller to Retire

After a 35-year association with the Center and its Summer School and the Journal of Studies on Alcohol (for the past 20 years its editor), Mark Keller is to retire at the end of June. Since the Journal is the leading scientific periodical in the field, and most of the significant research on alcohol and alcohol problems has been published in its pages, Mark has played an enormously influential role on the course of alcohol studies for over a third of a century. His knowledge and experience in a myriad of scientific and scholarly disciplines are unparalleled—it came as no surprise that when the National Institute planned its first and second Special Reports, Alcohol and Health, it called on Mark to be their editor. Generations of SSAS alumni will remember him as a witty and profound lecturer and as a wise and patient consultant and friend.

A Recognition Dinner will be held for Mark on 7 October 1977 near New Brunswick. All alumni who plan to attend the dinner may obtain more information about it from Mrs. Geraldine Howell at the Center of Alcohol Studies.

Center’s Publications and Documentation Activities

The Journal of Studies on Alcohol continues to grow in size and readership—last year we published 127 original articles and 1155 abstracts and book reviews of the current literature. With the recent proliferation of new alcohol journals we expected a decrease in the number of articles submitted for publication, but instead we are getting more than ever, and even the number of subscribers is increasing at a rate higher than we could have hoped for. The subscription rate for the 12 monthly issues is still $25 to individuals and $35 to libraries and other institutions.

This spring we shall publish one new Monograph: Liquor and Poverty: Skid Row as a Human Condition, by Leonard U. Blumberg, Thomas E. Shipley, Jr. and Stephen F. Barsky. The authors take a new look at Skid Rows, tracing their historical origins in Philadelphia, Detroit and San Francisco. They describe what has happened to the Skid Rows and their residents as a result of slum clearance and urban renewal, and predict their future and who will become the new Skid Rovers. The contents include: The origins of Skid Row—slums, prostitution and poverty; Where will Skid Row move?—approach to prediction, the redevelopment of Skid Row; Skid Row-like people—Blacks, women, youngsters, the urban poor, wanderers; Will there always be a Skid Row?—recommendations for prevention. Monograph No. 13 costs $14 and will be available in May.

Last summer the National Institute commissioned a study of the operations and services of the two alcohol information processing organizations—the Center’s Documentation Division and the National Clearinghouse for Alcohol Information. The study team was composed of LeClair Bissell, E. Mansell Pattison and Robin Room, representing the alcohol field, and Evelyn A. Moore who is a professor at the School of Library Science at North Carolina and who chaired the team. The team’s recommendations were that the Center should document (acquire, abstract and index) all the scientific and scholarly alcohol literature, while the Clearinghouse should concentrate on the non-scientific and popular material. We are now in the process of implementing the recommendations, which in effect mean that the Division will be expected to expand its operations and provide a computerized data base which will be shared with the Clearinghouse.

1977 SSAS Dates Set

The 1977 Summer School dates will be June 26 to July 15, and the total fee for tuition, room, and meals (except weekend meals) will be $325. Alumni may receive the 1977 brochure by writing to the School.

James S. Kemper Foundation '76 SSAS Fellowship Recipients

Seated (l. to r.): Sandrina J. Gentry, Alcoholic Rehabilitation Clinic, Toledo Health Department, Ohio; Marion L. Gallagher, Middlesex Community College, Bedford, Massachusetts; Sue D. Gale, Prudential Insurance Company of America, Newark, New Jersey. Standing (l. to r.): Barbara A. Kingsbury, University of Rhode Island College of Nursing, Kingston; Lois R. Canavan, Bowdoin Alcoholism Receiving Center, Fort Lauderdale, Florida; T. Anne Coakley, Montgomery County Department of Health, Rockville, Maryland; Ronald L. Lester; Jacqueline E. Graves, Georgia Department of Human Resources, Atlanta; Judith B. Stoddard, Alcohol Rehabilitation Unit, St. John’s River Hospital, Jacksonville, Florida; Veronica A. Mattie, Recovery House Association, Antigonish County, Nova Scotia. Not shown: Trinette M. Erickson, Wagner College, Staten Island, New York; Olive G. Halsey, DeKalb Addiction Center, Atlanta, Georgia.
Division of Applied Research

The Division of Applied Research was formally established as a unit at the Center of Alcohol Studies in July 1975. Since its establishment, the unit has grown extensively. Its primary mission is to evaluate alcoholism intervention programs, but it also conducts similar research for programs aimed at prevention and treatment of drug use and drug dependency.

The Division has three major emphases: (1) the development and implementation of studies to assess the nature and extent of alcohol- and drug-related problems, including alcoholism and drug dependency; (2) the development and implementation of evaluation techniques and models for assessments of prevention and treatment efforts; and (3) evaluation of past, current and potential treatment and prevention efforts.

The Division is currently involved in several major projects in cooperation with the Alcoholism and Narcotic and Drug Abuse agencies of the New Jersey Department of Health. It operates the Uniform Records and Reporting System (a unique monitoring system for alcoholism treatment facilities) for the N.J. Alcoholism division, and also participates in a related project aimed at developing and implementing a state-wide system of needs assessment and evaluation.

The Division is in its third and final year of an evaluation of a research and demonstration project investigating adolescent alcohol and drug use. The project is being conducted by the State's Narcotic and Drug Abuse agency, and is jointly sponsored by NIDA and NIAAA. (See Alumni News, March '76.) In addition, it is assisting in the analysis of state-wide drug abuse treatment efforts.

Several additional activities include the development and installation of a Problem Oriented Record System in inpatient and outpatient alcoholism treatment facilities, and the evaluation of intervention programs for children of alcoholics. The Division core staff consists of psychologists, sociologists, rehabilitation specialists, computer and systems analysts, and includes Dr. Robert J. Pandina '74 (division director), Dr. Helene Raskin White '76, Gwen Besson '76, Alice Helrich, Patricia McKee '76, Patricia Mysak '74, Mindy Sheps, Joseph Yorke, Elinor Zimmerman, and Marian Parra. In addition, it uses other Center staff on a part-time basis and supervises four graduate students pursuing degrees in psychology and sociology.

At present, the Division is available for evaluative studies which are consistent with its mission. Studies are conducted on a "costs only" basis. Program directors and organizations wishing further information about its services should contact Dr. Robert J. Pandina, associate director for applied research at the Center of Alcohol Studies.

Research Symposium

The Center of Alcohol Studies and Rutgers University will sponsor a three-day symposium in October on "Research Priorities on Alcohol." The papers and proceedings will be concerned with research priorities in psychology, biology and the social sciences and the question of alcohol studies as a distinct, describable discipline. Emphasis in the symposium will be on research needs and opportunities for the immediate future.

The 25 invited participants will represent a broad spectrum of the professional researchers in the field. Among

Opening Day Participants at the First Annual New Jersey School of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Studies

Those attending the ceremonies of the School which was sponsored by Alcohol, Narcotic and Drug Abuse, New Jersey State Department of Health, and the Center of Alcohol Studies, included (L. to r.) JAMES R. DeANS, alcoholism program director for the Prudential Insurance Company of America, which cosponsored the School; RAYBURN HESS, executive director of the National Association of State Drug Abuse Program Coordinators, principal speaker; Senator HARRISON A. WILLIAMS, JR., United States Senate, principal speaker; RICHARD J. ROSSO, assistant commissioner, Alcohol, Narcotic and Drug Abuse, New Jersey Department of Health; and JOHN A. CARPENTER, director, Center of Alcohol Studies.
Milton Maxwell
Goes West

Since his retirement as executive director of the Rutgers Summer School of Alcohol Studies in 1973, Milton Maxwell '50 has continued on the School's faculty as lecturer and instructor. But, as the 1976 School came to a close, he told Ron Lester that he would not be back for the 1977 School. He and his wife, Charlotte, have moved to the Pacific Northwest.

Beginning with the 1958 School at Yale, Milton has been on the School's faculty a total of 17 summers, including the 1965-73 years as executive director. For 10 years (1965-75) he was also professor of sociology in the Center of Alcohol Studies.

For the last several years, Milton has been engrossed in a fresh study of Alcoholics Anonymous. And, for another year or so into his "retirement," he will be working on a book about A.A. to provide non-A.A. professionals with a dependable up-to-date perception of A.A. operations and dynamics.

He and Charlotte are now residing at 3300 Carpenter Road S.E., #25, Olympia, WA 98503.

AT&T Calls on CAS

The Personnel Services Group of AT&T's Treasury Department, Stock and Bond Division, Piscataway, NJ, sponsored a series of seminars for supervisory personnel in December 1976. The goal of the seminars, entitled "The Drug/Alcohol Scene: An Overview," was to increase the supervisors' awareness of drug and alcohol use and related problems and to reaffirm the company's obligation to assist in these areas. Approximately 50 supervisors attended each of the six full-day seminars conducted by Center of Alcohol Studies staff—Ronald L. Lester, Robert J. Pandina, E. Polly Williams, and Gail G. Milgram. Designed to stimulate awareness, many aspects of drugs and alcohol were discussed. The evaluation indicated that the series met significant group needs in terms of content and perspective and recommended that similar seminars be scheduled for the employee groups. CAS staff will conduct the Employee Awareness Seminars in May 1977.

Center Advisory Board

The Advisory Board of the Rutgers Center of Alcohol Studies held its first meeting on 9 February 1977. The Board was established by Edward Bloustein, president of Rutgers University, and includes as members Ira Cisin, director, Social Research Group; George Washington University; Emerson Foote, a retired public relations executive who is a trustee of the Menninger Foundation and a director of the American Cancer Society; Augustus F. Frick, the associate director of Community Affairs of the Prudential Insurance Company of America; Leo Perlis, the director of the Department of Community Services of the AFL-CIO; Jacqueline Robinson, past president and life member of the Jack & Jill of America Foundation; Robert Straus, chairman, Department of Behavioral Science, University of Kentucky College of Medicine; and Raymond Washington, director, Division on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse of West Virginia. John A. Carpenter, director, Rutgers Center of Alcohol Studies; Karl Metzger, director of Institutional Giving, Rutgers University Foundation, and David Pramer, vice president for Research and Sponsored Programs, Rutgers University, are ex officio members. Foote and Robinson were elected chairman and vice chairman, respectively.

The Board was created "to advise the director on developing and planning the Center's general activities. . . . the members of the Board shall play a major role in fund-raising activities to promote the Center's long-term financial stability and to support current and on-going programs. The Board's diverse membership also functions as a rich resource which helps the Center maintain its interdisciplinary perspective, its emphasis on combining scholarly research with practical applications, and its broad nationwide focus. The Board shall also assist the Center to coordinate its work with the needs of the alcohol problems field by facilitating contacts with a wide variety of persons and organizations in the field."

It is anticipated that the Board will meet quarterly. The next meeting is scheduled for 1 June in Washington, D.C.
HOLLYWOOD SQUARES

An educational film on alcohol and alcohol problems, using the format and personnel of the television program, Hollywood Squares, has recently been produced as the result of an idea conceived and developed by Ron Lester.

A field test of the film Hollywood Squares with the accompanying Discussion Leader's Guide has been conducted with 100,000 viewers in 30 states. The audience reactions were rated "very favorable" or "favorable" by more than 90% of the group leaders or individuals in charge of the film viewings. Their comments indicate that the film serves the purpose for which it was designed—"as an informative and entertaining discussion stimulant for a variety of school and adult audiences."


Research Reference Files

The new Inventory listing of the Ralph G. Connor Alcohol Research Reference Files (formerly Research Reference Files) is now available from the Rutgers Center of Alcohol Studies.

The Reference Files, a joint service of the National Council on Alcoholism and the Center of Alcohol Studies, are a growing collection of questionnaires, interview schedules and survey forms (currently about 275) used in research on drinking and alcoholism.

Copies of the instruments are available from the Center at a cost of 10 cents a page (minimum 81). A bibliography of known published works that are based on each instrument will be included with each copy. Researchers are encouraged to deposit their instruments, scoring procedures, and any supplementary and bibliographic information with the Reference Files.

Requests for a copy of the inventory, inquiries and instruments for deposit should be addressed to: CARRF, Center of Alcohol Studies, Rutgers University, Allison Rd., Piscataway, NJ 08854.

CENTER FILM PROJECT

The National Endowment for the Humanities has awarded the Center a grant to develop a film series on the history of drinking in America. Entitled "Drinking in America: The Historical Phenomena," the series (four half-hour films) will be prepared for general audiences and will be appropriate for public television and for classroom use on the secondary and postsecondary levels. The project’s purpose is to explore drinking as a social phenomenon since the beginnings of the American experience, and then to relate that phenomenon to the problem of controlling abuses within the historical context and modern settings of a pluralist democratic society. Scripts will be completed in 1978, with filming planned for 1979. Two historians will direct the project: Dr. Mark Edward Lender of the Center of Alcohol Studies, and Dr. James Kirby Martin, Vice President for Academic Affairs of Rutgers University. Professors Gail G. Milgram, Mark Keller and Ronald Lester will serve as project consultants.

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