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This is a first edition.

Keep it, someday it may be valuable to your grandchildren for who knows, like the Gutenberg Bible it may contain printer's errors.

Anyway, we promised a newsletter and this is Volume 1, Number 1. Its content gleaned mostly by the office through phone calls and the press clipping service, incoming correspondence and joint brainstorming sessions.

The success of this venture in the future, as a lot of things in WSCA, depends upon you...hopefully you'll send us material IN ADVANCE of events.

We intend to publish bi-monthly so the next edition would be JUNE with a JUNE 10 deadline, OK.. and you know the address. New board members, new employees, new programs, anything you want the rest of the state to know about. We will also carry a digest summary of Executive Council committee meetings and committee meetings.

Communication has been a problem in WSCA and this is one method we can combine to alleviate that hurdle and the communication will be only as good as you make it. Just send notes, or facts, Ma'm, we'll put it in style for you. Or phone, if you wish with the information...but however you do it, do it -

If you want to write letters to the editor of complaint, problems, etc., by all means do so...boy, have we got freedom of the press.

If you have questions you want us to run down and share with others, let us know. It's kinda fun being a reporter/editor again.

So, anyway, Volume I, Number II should be in your mail by the end of June - we hope,

Thank you. TRK

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THINK PIECE - Ted Knightlinger, Executive Director of WSCA

First of all, we moved. Just next door to Suite 217. It gives us more office space, storage space and a chance to do a bit of reorganizing. Like cleaning out files, saving history, tossing out 5 copies of a "thank you" note from 1973, etc., etc.,

In reading the old minutes back to about 1973 and the old editions of FOCUS from the State Health Department..ones that Nick Hughes left here, we were vividly reminded of how far we have come and how, sometimes with impatience, we wish we were moving faster.

In the days of "Focus" - Alcoholism was not even on a priority list. It was below that. It was something that "might be a good idea" but the persistence of those pioneers..and I think that's the right word, got us where we are today. Not just the Council, but everyone in the field.

Reading back over the battles of SB 2534, the Uniform Act, the funding formula, and various other battles..you can see that those early people..Nick Hughes, the late Alice Ralls, Jim Oldham, Merrill Scott, Jim Milam, Barbara Starr and others whose names I should have jotted down..anyway, you can literally and figuratively thank them for your paycheck today.. for the help that is now being given to the sick alcoholic which is the bottom line of any organization or program. We may have differences - dammed unusual if we didn't, but if all these differences don't end up on that same bottom line, we are in big trouble.

I see the Council not as competitive, but as an umbrella like a Council of Churches, or a labor council, or a council of agencies...where there are a few common denominators and the same bottom line. It's through the combined strength of representation...not fragmentation...that things get done in the legislature: and you find now that legislative bodies are paying more and more attention to "people power"...as witness the recent concentration of the nursing home people at long last in one organization. Things happened..fast.



We may be facing that down the road. Nothing's perfect.. funding..programs..change is constant and as an Alcoholism Community, under a single banner approach, we must be prepared to square off with these problems.

Our quest for volunteers is but a step in that direction, membership is another step, combined efforts of AAPS and other groups is a necessity. Nowhere do I see need for a struggle for dominant power unless it be on behalf of the sick alcoholic and I hope that is the bottom line for all of us.

Why not joint committees working on annual meetings to cut down costs and time?---ad hoc task forces working together on generalized problems, specialized committees applying their best efforts and knowledge toward a particular end.

This, I feel, is the direction in which we should be headed. If we are not, we best take another look at the compass and our own objectives.

Reflecting back on another set of minutes, WSCA once looked at a "regional" concept of membership based on the DSHS regions. Might not be a bad suggestion to make for closer membership ties, regional meetings or seminars. The Council is most flexible and is in business only to serve those who comprise the Council. Our goal is to spread the word, to consolidate efforts, to represent that which you wish to be represented through the work on your various committees and task forces.

We've come a long way but the end is not yet in sight.

Or..as another great organization says it.."we claim progress, not perfection." I hope you, wherever you are, will join us in this movement of progress.

P.S. Please check a committee on which you would like to serve and mail it in to us.

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PLEASE SEND NEWS ITEMS IN FOR YOUR PAPER BY JUNE 10. ALSO WE NEED SHARP, GLOSSY PHOTOGRAPHS, BLACK & WHITE PREFERRED, ANY SIZE, TO ACCOMPANY YOUR STORY.

WOODB, GUYS..GOOD LUCK,
I'LL MISS YOU

Two familiar faces in the State alcoholism scene will soon be missing and their contributions to the efforts of the Council, the Staff Society and the alcoholism service fraternity at large will be missed.

Already departed, Don Mozzone, labor representative of the NCA Labor Management project who has been working with Bill Heinlein for the past year and a half on occupational programs in an area stretching from the Canadian Border to Vancouver. In between times, on a State DSHS Grant, the team was also valuable in working other areas of the state.

Don was selected as an in-plant counselor for alcoholism by Bechtel Steel, San Francisco, and already is on the job. Don and Bettina will be living in Walnut Creek. For the present, Don's labor slot on the NCA project's being taken by Art Clemente, hard-working legislator of the 39th District and Director of the Alcoholism Division of the King County Labor Council. Art also served as co-chairman of the Council's Labor Management Committee.

Also departing to assume a position at the University of California at San Diego on the Medical School Staff, Dr. Marc Schuckit, who for nearly three years headed up the Institute of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse at the University of Washington. Marc proved to have a true and broad sense of community in his dealing with the field of alcoholism and did much to be remembered.

Dr. Schuckit said "I think the State of Washington has the best state program with the highest overall quality than any I have seen. I think this programming quality relates directly to the WSCA and also to the coordination efforts shown in the more complicated programs of the big metro areas as well as the county responsibilities in forming programs to fit. Combine all this with an active and knowledgeable Office of Alcoholism and it adds up to top programming in this vital field."

The alcoholism community will miss both Don and Marc and wishes them well in their new ventures.

Father James Royce is on the selection committee for the University of Washington slot and Charles Kester, Head of the King County Division of Alcoholism, now heading the Council's Research and Evaluation Committee is also involved to see that the University of Washington replacement bring the same type of community involvement sense as did Dr. Schuckit.

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TRIO OF WASHINGTON WOMEN SLATED FOR NCA FORUM APPEARANCES

The leadership role of the Womens Committee, WSCA, and the State Womens Task Force, will be recognized at the NCA Forum in St. Louis April 27-May 4, when Dorothy Hall, Pat Stromberg and Judith Merchant of the Office of Alcoholism, are slated for NCA Forum appearances.

Between the trio, the national forum will hear of the WSCA Womens Committee activities chaired by Dorothy Hall, Director of Olalla Treatment Center; a report on the University of Washington's most successful "Embottled Woman" program of last February and the Deferred Prosecution progress from Patricia Stromberg, WSCA Secretary and Director of the Southeast CAC, King County with Judith Merchant from the Office of Alcoholism reviewing the work of the Womens Task Force appointed by the Advisory Committee to the Office of Alcoholism.

Although actual number is not known, it appears that the Washington Alcoholism Community will again be amply represented at the National Forum in 1978.

A reminder--it could be a study session also for the Forum is scheduled for Seattle in 1980 and that means about a year-long work project for the entire alcoholism community in assisting the Washington State Council in hosting the event.

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Womens" Alcohol Awareness Week - June 4th-1978, Project of King County Division.
Susan B. Anthony, Speaker at Seattle Central Exhibition Hall - June 7th Luncheon.
Contact Judy Mattson (206) 344-7635.

PACIFIC COUNTY'S HARRY BARTH GETS GOOD PRESS

Details, problems and progress of alcoholism programs in Pacific County where Harry Barth is director of alcoholism services, were the Subject of a feature story in the Raymond Herald and Advertiser.

Barth told the "Advertiser" that Pacific County has the state's highest alcoholism rate, about 17%, and it is his aim to see that rate drop.

Paying tribute to a fine service staff of Richard Barrett, Paul Roberts, and Fay Chapman in South Bend along with Jake Jacobson and Linda O'Shaughnessy at Long Beach. Barth said he is seeking ways to expand services to the area.

Before coming to the Pacific County Area, Barth spent 6 years as a Counselor at Sunny M in Central Washington near Yakima.

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LOWER COLUMBIA COUNCIL NAMES NEW OFFICERS

A new slate of officers will be heading the Lower Columbia Council on Alcoholism according to Ron Schauer, Acting Director of the CAC there.

Starting year terms to administer the center are Bill Wann, President; Kermit White, Vice President; Joyce Olson, Treasurer; and Dick Van, Secretary.

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SE CAC OPEN HOUSE DRAWS 300

Billed as an "Alcohol Awareness" open house for families in the Community the March 25th open house of the SE CAC in the new Kent Commons drew upwards of 300, according to Pat Stromberg, executive director of the operation.

In addition to press exposure, the open house day presented a number of activities to make it attractive to families, in particular youngsters, of the Kent Community. The project was staged with the help of a RAIP Grant.

Also in March, Pat Stromberg was honored as one of Kent's outstanding citizens complete with press coverage and an impressive wall plaque award.

NEW STAFF-PUGET SOUND HOSPITAL

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Harry L. Curtis, former counselor and court liaison officer for the Tacoma-Pierce County CAC has joined the staff of the Puget Sound Hospital Alcoholism Treatment program with the specific assignment of developing an Employee Assistance Program. An attractive concise brochure outlining the services has been given wide distribution in the Pierce County Area.

The Puget Sound Center also has appointed Hugh Long as Director of Treatment; a staff member for two years as counselor and Public Relations Director, Long has been in the Alcoholism field since 1970 and was a counselor for the alcoholism program at Fort Lewis.

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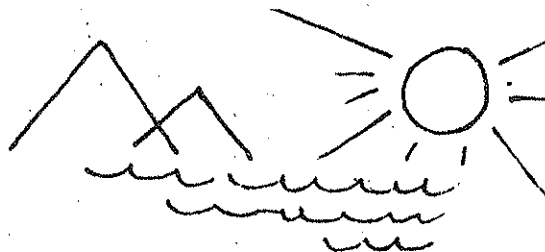
OFFICE STAFF IMPLEMENTED

Your Executive Office now has a full crew. In addition to Nancy Greene, Administrative Assistant, doing a host of things about meetings, mailings, and devoting a majority of time to the NIAAA Grant activities, we have Maxine Neubauer, Secretary, and a volunteer, LaVerne Dean, who comes on Friday's and does bookkeeping. Maxine has worked into the Staff very effectively and is becoming valuable. We are grateful for LaVerne's work for it proves extremely helpful to Nancy, Treasurer John McGivern and me.

Committee Lists have been updated; Board Listings straightened out insofar as we have been advised of Agency Representatives, filing is being consolidated and work flow in general organized and moving. Our list of "things to do" is gradually being shortened thanks to Nancy, Maxine and LaVerne - (Sounds like a girl's trio!)

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SPRING QUARTERLY MEETING
MARKED BY EXCELLENT ATTENDANCE,
MUCH ACTION, NEW ATTITUDES



With sparkling Lake Chelan as a backdrop, about 100 WSCA members gathered at Campbell's Lodge on the Lake for the 1978 Spring Quarterly meeting marked by a visibility of new spirit, change and cooperation, good committee work, a banquet speaker whose presentation had a sparkle rivalling the Lake itself, a fact-filled workshop setting some direction for furthering the development of the State Volunteer Resource Development grant, and some new ideas.

During the April 21-22 period, WSCA Board members and committees studied a new idea for Alcoholism program funding, appointed a second Vice President, Jim Donohue, Administrator of Raleigh Hills Hospital, Spokane; welcomed 73 new members to WSCA, one of the largest intakes of membership in several months, named Mike Schmidt chairman of a revised Clergy Committee, agreed to work out details of a partial sharing of the annual meeting of APSS and WSCA in October in Olympia, agreed to move Executive Board Meetings around the State, heard a strong recommendation that WSCA back the plan for getting more half-way houses statewide, and took an opposition stand on Initiative No. 351, the lowering of the State's legal drinking age to 19.

Out of the Policy legislative meeting chaired by Bill Kenney, Ellensburg, came a recommendation for further study and evaluation of the Montana Law to finance alcoholism service delivery programs in the State; Pres. Chuck Nelson appointed Chuck Kester, Director of the King County Div. of Alcoholism services, as chairman of that study committee to confer with other parties and report back at the next quarterly meeting in July, at Vancouver, Washington. A presentation was made by Paul O'Neil, representing TRAC for initiative 351.

Dick Lander, Education/training committee, chairman, outlined a rather complete detail of working the Volunteer Program as well as a tie-in with presentation of courses through the Community College System and gave indication that a lot of behind the scene activity had been in progress with the State Office of Alcoholism, and the office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction. The point was made that this training segment would be best achieved by working at the local level, thus tying-in with the concept of taking the council to the membership through local meetings.

The Executive Director's report summarized actions of the first 62 days in the position; called upon more solid, continuing committee participation pointing out that the business of the council is that which originates in committees and, in a sense, one draws from Council affiliation to just about the ratio that one contributes thought, time, effort, and ability in its directions and policies. It was indicated that a newsletter was in the works, and also several meetings with other groups in the field seeking methods of cooperation within the alcoholism community. "What this state does NOT need is a fragmented alcoholism community," he said, "What is required is a sense of open mindness, willingness and a desire to cooperate with all segments to the general objective of improvement of alcoholism programs and services."

Betty Snider Thomas, special consultant to the California Council, was the banquet speaker; her presentation of the how and why of the California involvement in the field of volunteers proved delightful and interesting. She brought to her presentation a vitality and enthusiasm from her long experience with volunteerism as Executive Director of the Orange County Council, and her present position. She pointed out that a strong volunteer constituency could well prove to be the most valuable ally that any alcoholism program could achieve and urged that people consider it seriously and do all that could be done to achieve the goals of the grant objective. "Better visibility, awareness and wider community involvement can be achieved through use of volunteers," she said.

Mrs. Thomas did caution however, that to be of value, volunteers must be properly oriented, trained, assigned, and utilized in whatever area in which they are used. She said that volunteers, as such, can prove highly desirable in the field of Alcoholism as they have proved to be in the other health service agencies.

A second banquet evening feature moderated by Jim Kirby, was a review of service programs for youth and the elderly featuring Michael O'Connell of Seattle, Second Chance, Pat LaJambe of King County's Elderly outreach program and Gary LaRose of the Spokane CAC in charge of youth programs.

Saturday morning session featured a workshop on Volunteerism staged by Robert Vaughn and Jo Anne Larsen who combined to give the membership a skill session about recruitment of volunteers, objectives, and a brainstorming session of the benefits and/or pitfalls of volunteer use. This was done in compliance with one of the goals of the NIAAA Grant; exposure and training in the field of volunteerism prior to any actual startup of programs.

The group also voted to plan some joint arrangements with the Professional Staff Society for the annual meeting in Olympia in October and also voted to have the June Executive Board meeting in conjunction with a Public Information workshop on or about June 9 in Ellensburg. Members and Board members will be definitely advised as soon as plans are firmed.

Good press was enjoyed by the gathering with a lengthy interview on Chelan Radio KOZI, and the preparation of a feature story by LaVonne Ramey of the Chelan Mirror.

A story of the meeting could not be complete without a word that the Banquet was marked by the attendance of Chelan County Commissioners Tom Green and Alan Kronschnabel, both of whom spoke enthusiastically about the new directions of the Chelan-Douglas County programs, and Dorothy Geer representing Mayor Glenn Geer of Chelan who suffered a heart attack prior to the meeting. The City of Chelan was also represented by Councilwoman Eloise Denny.

The Council office would also express thanks to Dave Harris, of the Chelan county CAC, Reece Davis, new Director of programs for Chelan-Douglas Counties, registrars Macel Bryant, Barbara Payne and Joan Starwich, and most especially to John Rumph, council member, who did a tremendous amount of pre-meeting arrangements and acted as host for the community.

NEW RALEIGH HILLS FACILITY DEDICATION SET



Dedication of the 1.5 million dollar Raleigh Hills Hospital facility in Spokane is set for 11 a.m. on May 18 with Governor Dixy Lee Ray scheduled to head the group of dignitaries for the ribbon clipping ceremony.

Steve Whitehead, Public Relations for Raleigh Hills, said that others on the official dedication roster include Congressman Tom Foley and Herb Pratt, Newport Beach, Ca, President of the Raleigh chain. Whitehead said that representatives of all the Alcoholism Services in Spokane, including WSCA President Charles Nelson; Robert Rotchford, Chairman of the Advisory Board to the Office of Alcoholism, DSHS, and others would be present. He also extended an invitation to all WSCA members and others in the alcoholism community to attend.

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MONROE VALLEY GENERAL EMBARKS ON SIXTH YEAR

After nearly doubling the size of its program in the past 5 years, the alcoholism treatment center at Valley General Hospital, Monroe, starts its sixth year in the process of bringing it to a 40 bed capacity.

The Solberg Hall Treatment Center started 5 years ago with 21 beds, said unit manager Ken Proctor.

Many physical changes have been made and much remodeling done. Jack Hayes, Director, told the Everett Herald the program notches an 80% recovery for patients who complete the full 28 day recovery program and during the first five years, 1,864 clients have been admitted to the program.

Solberg Hall also boasts a very active and effective alumni group for followup and fellowship.

Late bulletins from St. Louis - - -

Upwards of 2000 were in attendance at the NCA Forum held at the St. Louis Gateway and Convention Center, April 28-May 3.

With about 20 members in attendance, Washingtonians were quite in evidence at many of the multitude of sessions, conferences and presentations which packed the six-day session.

From the keynote address by the Honorable Wilbur D. Mills, former chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, the Forum was fast paced and in usual form managed to pack a lot of information into the sessions.

Speaking with what the St. Louis Press described as "quiet fire" Mills told his story simply and directly, saying that at no time did he recognize he had an alcoholic problem. "I had to get sober before I could say I was an alcoholic," Mills said.

He said that the growing awareness of alcoholism as a public problem was good but that it was only a curtain raiser. "The public must not only have awareness, but acceptance of the fact of alcoholism," he said. Mills went on to praise the volunteers in the field and said that every community large or small had its share of good samaritans who are willing to help in the field of alcoholism if asked.

James H. MacDonald, executive of McDonnell Douglas which established an employee program in 1970, and new president of the St. Louis Council of Alcoholism, gave a hard hitting luncheon speech calling for cooperation and the giving up of "ego turf protection." MacDonald, a non-alcoholic and new to the field, said he was likely the only one who could get away with such a speech because he was looking at the field as an outsider. Reaction by the delegates to the conclave, however, demonstrated much support for his viewpoint.

MacDonald pointed out that the agencies dealing with alcoholism had accomplished three major tasks: establishing alcoholism as a progressive illness that can be diagnosed, treated and arrested; developing treatment specially dedicated to such treatment; and educating the general public about alcoholism which stimulates national public relations.

"With such accomplishments, the future should be bright," he said, "but progress could be limited because agencies lack a willingness to think, meet, and work together."

One of the Plenary session highlights was that of the program of the U.S. Navy featuring Capt. Joe Pursch, M.D., Vice Admin. W.P. Arentzen, Surgeon General USN, Joseph Zuska, M.D. and Capt. Stewart Brownell, USN.

Capt. Pursch, head of the Navy's alcoholism rehabilitation program said that 15 out of 20 physicians are unable to cope with alcoholism. Pursch said that doctors have often misdiagnosed and almost always mismanaged the alcoholic." He did say progress was being made by more and continuing education of M.D.'s.

Pursch, who has been identified as Betty Ford's Doctor, said her public statements have encouraged others to seek help. "Men and women all over the country have turned themselves in," he said.

Washington State women played a large role in the women's portion of the Forum and Pat Stromberg, Director of the SE CAC at Kent, and Secretary of WSCA, was named to the Executive Advisory Council to the Women's Conference of NCA. That group will hold its next meeting in Seattle during the September ADPA conclave.

Attending the forum from the State were John McGivern, Andy Brennan, Don Hansen, Rod Chandler, Glen Miller, Judith Merchant, Jack Allenbaugh, Dr. Jim Smith, Duane Stonelake, Jack Mahler, Pat Stromberg, Dorothy Hall, Fred Groth, Edith Heinman, Nada Estes, Dr. Marc Schuckit, Lloyd Bair, Ted Knightlinger, Betty Marsh, Barbara Starr, Neil Scott, Father James Royce and Jim Brooks.

The NCA Forum meets in Seattle in 1980 with the 1979 session to be held in Washington, D.C.

STATUS OF SVAA'S UNDER STUDY

One of the top projects of NCA is the placement and organizational structure of the SVAA's - the present status of WSCA - within the framework of the national structure. Subject of a couple of long sessions at the Forum, it was indicated that as SVAA's became established, the structure of NCA did not fully adapt to this new component, raising questions about the role at each level of organization and how the local, state and national levels should relate.

Various structural models were discussed but none finalized.

One action taken was passage of a resolution to be taken to SVAA Boards as follows:

That SVAA's would pay 10% of unrestricted funds or a minimum of \$1000 annually to NCA for full services; NCA would recognize two delegates from each SVAA to the delegate assembly; membership category would not start until January, 1979; all member SVAA's should adopt the name of National Council on Alcoholism within its corporate name; benefits and obligations of the new membership would be reviewed within 2 years.

As quickly as the finalized minutes and resolution are officially received from NCA, presentation will be made to the Executive Committee, the full Board of Directors and the membership for discussion and action.

WSCA, although paying no dues to NCA, has continued to enjoy the benefits of service, information, material, representation and liaison - as have many other State organizations, and this would bring the benefits in line with responsibilities at a cost of a bit over \$80 a month.

Closely tied into the reorganization aspects discussion was that of national and local fund raising which would get underway as soon as other relationships are cleared up.

PROGRAMS ASSOCIATION CHANGES NAME

In an April meeting in Ellensburg, the Ad-Hoc Committee of the Washington State Alcoholism Programs Association voted to formalize a change of name to the Association of Alcoholism Program Directors. Revis Smith and Virgil Meyer are co-chairman of the group.

The April meeting, attended by the WSCA Executive Director to maintain liaison, also set long-range plans for one-day workshops and a "resource bank." Peggy Gulick and Linda Grant were appointed to plan the first workshop dealing with non-profit agencies with a tentative June 9 date.

The group also met on May 12th in Yakima with Glen Miller, Bureau chief and Fred Jamison of the Alcoholism Office, DSHS attending, addressing issues of after-care, funding and methods of improving client services.

Merrill Scott, Norm DeShaw and Jack Mahler were named to a by-laws committee.

RALLS NOMINATIONS OPEN

WSCA membership is reminded that anyone is eligible to name a candidate for receipt of the Alice Ralls Memorial Award to be presented at the Annual Meeting in Olympia in October.

Nominations need not be confined to the past year, nor to members of WSCA, but to an individual rendering outstanding service to the field of alcoholism. Letters of nomination should be sent to the executive office WSCA where they will be passed through to the Award Selection Committee for action.

AS OF TODAY THERE IS ONLY 1 NOMINATION!

DSHS HEAD SAYS REORGANIZATION MOVE
WON'T DIMINISH ALCOHOLISM SERVICES.

Following a DSHS decision on reorganization and establishing a Bureau of Alcohol and Substance Abuse, the March meeting of the WSCA Executive Board directed a communication to Harlan P. McNutt, MD MPH, former Secretary of DSHS, buying the idea of an administrative basis with Glen Miller as head of the Bureau but cautioning that it would "vigorously oppose" any combination drug-alcohol programming. The letter reaffirmed the Council's long-standing attitude of a separate and distinct alcoholism program within the State and through County level.

In reply to the Council's position letter, Dr. McNutt wrote: "I also want to assure you that the creation of this new Bureau in no way suggests the Department intends to diminish the visibility of alcoholism programs nor to lessen the emphasis the Department places on Alcoholism Services. Rather, the intent is to strengthen our efforts to provide better services to alcoholics and poly-drug users by bringing about greater coordination and cooperation between alcoholism and drug programs within the framework of a separate and distinct alcoholism program and a separate and distinct drug program merging together at the Bureau level."

With Miller's move to the top slot, Fred Jamison becomes the acting head of the Office of Alcoholism.

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RECOVERING ALCOHOLIC
FAMILIES NEEDED

"Second Chance", a 90 day alcoholism program is interested in finding foster homes for teenagers who complete the rehabilitation program and are in need of foster care. Ideally, they would like to pair teenage graduates with recovering alcoholics that could offer a sober home environment, coupled with knowledge and understanding of alcoholism. The ages of the graduates vary between 13 and 18. The program is funded through the Casey Family Program, a privately endowed social service agency created to provide quality long term foster care for children and youth who have no family resources.

If you know of a stable recovering alcoholic family, willing to open up their home and their lives to help an alcoholic youth who has been through 90 days of treatment and is seeking continuous sobriety, contact Mr. Mike O'Connell, Director of the Second Chance Program, (206) 365-9737

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AA GENERAL SERVICE BOARD

Dr. Milton Maxwell, one-time WSU staffer, and former director of alcoholism studies at Rutgers, now retired and living near Olympia, was named in April as Chairman of the General Service Board of AA replacing Dr. Jack Norris who stepped down. Dr. Jack will become "Chairman emeritus." Dr. Maxwell, long-time Class A trustee of AA General Service Board, has done much beneficial work in exploring the field of alcoholism relative to AA and the professional community and is a new member of the WSCA. At the same GSO conference George D. of Tiburon, Calif., was elected new Pacific Regional Trustee.



NEWS FROM RIVERTON CAREUNIT

Dick Paynter, Director, reports the recent hiring of counselor, Kurt Rae. Also Joe Carman, treatment director, has just returned from Newport Beach, California, where he attended the annual in-service training at CompCare Headquarters.

JOB OPPORTUNITY: The CareUnit in Pendleton, Oregon is looking for a new coordinator.

TACOMA CAC MOVES

Culminating a finale to the umbrella concept dictated by the Pierce County Alcoholism Administrative Board last July, Shared Health Inc., a nonprofit, announced formal opening of the new Tacoma main CAC at 745 Market on May 12 with ceremonies underway at 1:30.

The move of the CAC to the first floor location of the building consolidates it with the free-standing detox on the third floor. According to Director Terry Seaholm, the Detox now runs 15 beds as detox with 10 in a mid-term recovery house with an CCF contract. Clients are held while awaiting treatment beds or upon return for further continuum of care processing.

The consolidation puts all CAC activities as well as Detox under the Shared-Health Inc. contract; Shared Health is a non-profit with a board of individuals from Doctors and Puget Sound Hospitals formed in 1974 to take up the responsibility of the Detox. Consolidation will allow revision of staffing patterns, routines, and cut administrative costs. Satellite CAC's still remain in the catchment areas of Puyallup and Lakewood. The Hilltop CAC was not affected by the consolidation move.

New phone number for the downtown Tacoma CAC (206) 572-8482

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SOBRIETY IN ACTION



For the second consecutive year, an eight team league, representing various alcoholism treatment and education programs, has been formed to play weekly games of slow pitch softball. Dave Prindle, this year's league president representing the Seattle King County Council on Alcoholism reports the season got underway on April 15, 1978 and will continue through the middle of July, followed by a league tournament, banquet and trophy presentations. "It's tremendously exciting to be involved in this type of activity - and be sober doing it," Prindle said. Teams are comprised of staff, clients, alumni and alcoholism professionals. According to Prindle, "all teams play the Rainier Beach Field and the newly landscaped field at Cedar Hills. Games are at 1 PM and 3PM and everyone is invited to come by and cheer for your favorite team."

The league, named "Sobriety in Action" includes Cedar Hills Treatment Center; Long Term Care, Cedar Hills; Pioneer Cooperative; Thunder Bird House; The Seattle King County Council on Alcoholism; Native American Program; and the Studio Club.

For more information, contact Dave Prindle at 623-8380.

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CHARLES L. NELSON, PRESIDENT - LOOKS AHEAD

Just a note of thanks for the unanimous vote of confidence by your Executive Committee in placing me in the high office of president to the Washington State Council on Alcoholism.

It will be hard to serve as your president living on the east side of the mountains; however, with the excellent job your past president and new executive director, Ted Knightling has done, I am sure I will prevail. I have served in the field of alcoholism as a volunteer for the past eight years. The goals I have set for myself as your president are high. I will need all the input from different agencies and counties that I can possibly obtain.

Holding our monthly meetings of the Executive Committee in different parts of the state is our first step. Making our quarterly meetings more interesting for the membership at large will be another important goal. Last but not least will be a concerted effort on public relations, publicity and a concerted membership drive, especially on the east side of the mountains.

I feel I have my work cut out for me but with your help and suggestions, we will make the Washington State Council a strong political and influential body with but one goal in mind - to help the alcoholic.

Charles L. Nelson

FANSHER NEW PIERCE COUNTY
ALCOHOL COORDINATOR??

WSCA Newsletter has learned from a vary reliable source that from a large number of applicants applying for the slot of Coordinator of Alcoholism programs within the Social Services Office of Pierce County, Tacoma, the position may go to Warren Fansher, MSW, longtime Director of the Alcoholism Treatment Clinic, an arm of the Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department, and a funded part of the Pierce County program.

The Alcoholic Treatment Center in Tacoma was in business in the late 60's in the field of alcoholism and at one time even had a couple of cots for day-use detox purposes. The first AIS school in Pierce County was headed by Walt Huber, now head of the County's Child Guidance component of the Department, with volunteer help from the Pierce County Alcoholism Committee and the AA Community.

BOWS OUT: At press time ALCOINFO learned Fansher withdrew from final consideration; will remain head of A T C. Future action was not indicated.

ALCOHOLISM SUBJECT OF AWARD
WINNERS IN RADIO/TV SDC COMPETITION

Several of the Sigma Delta Chi top awards for excellence in reporting and features to Seattle radio TV Stations had Alcoholism as the basic subject matter. "Disease of Denial" a Channel 4 documentary filmed at the Careunit at Riverton General was one; Channel 4's "People Place" covering the King County Detox Wagon; another, and on KIRO Newsradio Dave Stone's series on "Teen Age Drinking" also gained a blue ribbon.

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NOTE* AS WE GO TO PRESS IN MAY INSTEAD OF APRIL, SOME OF THESE ITEMS ARE HAS-BEENS. HOWEVER THEY REMAIN RECENT HISTORY.

COMING EVENTS---

*Governor's Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect
Western Federation for Human Services/Washington.
State Council - April 30-May 3rd, Tyee Motor Inn,
Olympia.

*Alcoholism on the Job - A program for Successful Intervention
April 25th-June 27th, 1978 - Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Institute
University of Washington - Instructor for this 10-week course is
Gordon Hampton, Rehabilitation Counselor for Pacific Northwest Bell
Short Course Registration University of Washington, DW 50,
Seattle, Wa 98195.

*Colorado Summer School of Alcohol Studies, June 11-16, 1978.
Hotel Colorado, Glennwood Springs - Alcoholism Council of
Colorado, 2727 Bryant Street, Suite 510, Denver, Colorado 80211.

*WSCA QUARTERLY MEETING - July 21-22, The Quay, Vancouver, Wa.
ANNUAL MEETING, October 27-28, Greenwood Inn, Olympia, Wa

Seattle University Summer Session
Special 2 week classes are:
June 26-July 7

Regular summer session is from
June 19 through Aug. 11
For information call Jean Keefe at
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2nd Western State Regional Conference -
National Association of Alcoholism Counselors
May 5-7 - Malloy Motor Motel
729 SW 15th
Portland, Oregon

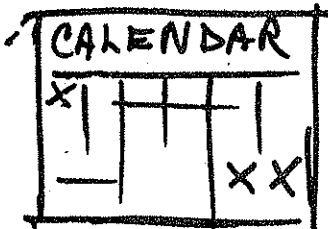
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EVENTS: (from NIAAA)

Washington State Annual AA Assembly;
Sheraton Spokane Hotel,
Spokane, Wa Sept. 29, 30 and Oct. 1st.
Details: Assembly Chairman,
6120 No. Elm,
Spokane, Wa 99208

Alcohol and Drug Problems Association of America
Seattle, Wa Sept. 24-28 Lynn Buttorff ADPA
1101 15th St. N.W.
Washington, DC 20005



TREATMENT BOOKS--

SPECIAL...CLEARANCE!!!!!! The office has a number of.... well, really a LOT of treatment books...neatly done, describing inpatient facilities, programs, locations, prices, staff, etc.etc., no CAC should be without one. Originally priced to sell for \$15 plus \$5 for an annual update..SPECIAL MAY CLEARANCE...\$10.00 plus \$5 annual update..total of \$15....or if you send in five new membership.. we'll ship you one FREE.....

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