Alcoholism Outstrips Heroin As Main Drug Problem

from the Poughkeepsie Journal

WASHINGTON (AP) - The federal government, in a new strategy, said government efforts may be perpetuating drug use instead of discouraging it.

The panel urged creation of a new federal anti-drug agency with a limited lifespan and asked private citizens to assume the major burden of discouraging drug use.

Reporting to Congress and President Nixon on its results of its two-year study, the National Commission on Marijuana and Drug Abuse also said:

"Public notions about drug use are largely wrong. Private citizens rely too much on government to discourage drug use. America's worst drug problem is alcoholism: Heroin dependence runs second. Legal use of barbiturates 'dowers,' especially by housewives, is America's hidden drug problem."

Marijuana is a minor problem compared with alcohol and other drugs. The commission reaffirmed its year-old recommendation to end criminal penalties for smoking marijuana.

The commission said that the United States is uniquely conservative in makeup, included nine members appointed by Nixon and two each by both houses of Congress. Its chairman is the Republican governor of Pennsylvania, Richard Thornburgh.

The commission's sharpest words were aimed, at what it called a "drug-abuse industrial complex," the author of a new bureaucracy that now spend nearly $1 billion a year on antidrug measures.

"To justify ongoing programs, the drug bureaucracy must simultaneously demonstrate that the problem is being effectively attacked, and that it is not diminishing. Throughout this process of spin-off, the assumptions are not questioned, programs are not evaluated, and the problem is perpetuated from year to year.

The report recommended setting up a new federal agency that would take over virtually all antidrug law enforcement, treatment and prevention. States would be urged to set up similar agencies.

The agency would be dissolved automatically after five years, unless Congress extended it. Its functions would be reassigned to other agencies.

Two commission members, Sens. Jacob K. Javits, R-N.Y., and Harold Hughes, D-Iowa, dissented from this recommendation. It was the only dissent in the entire report. While they agreed with criticisms of present policy, the two senators said President Nixon's year-old Special Action on Drug Abuse Prevention deserved more time to prove itself.

The commission said that society should pay more attention to controlling the types of drug use that lead to crime or other behavior that damages society.

By this measure, it said, alcohol "is without question the most serious drug problem in this country today." It is strongly associated with violent crime, auto accidents, suicide and broken marriages.

The commission urged the alcoholic beverage industry to do more to curtail the harmful effects of drinking and to refrain from tempting youth to drink, to reject any return to Prohibition.

Heroin, the only other drug which the commission found to be a serious problem, was urged to be linked to society.

The report said that, although only a tiny portion of Americans are heroin users, and although most of them become dependent, drug use is nonetheless strongly habit-forming and especially dangerous to youth and others unhappy with their surroundings.

The habit is expensive and often leads to theft, push drugs and engage in prostitution to raise money. However, the commission said, the extent of heroin-related crime is often exaggerated and heroin isn't often associated with violent crime, as is alcohol.

Amphetamines, barbiturates, hallucinogens, methaqualone and codeine rate only "moderate" social and economic costs, said because their use is rarely reported and few people are convicted.

However, it urged stricter controls on methaqualone, said cocaine use seems to be increasing and claimed doctors appear to prescribing it to too many barbiturates.

The commission did not recommend Nixon's call for mandatory life sentences for heroin dealers. Rather, it called for better trained police, less confusion and misunderstanding among drug law enforcers and efforts to prevent corruption of police by drug pushers.

It also said persons accused of simple heroin possession should be offered the option of treatment or counseling, either before trial or before sentencing.

A fine of $25 was recommended for possession of a near in jail and a $50 fine would apply if they refuse or drop out. Present federal penalties for possession range up to one year.

The commission also urged states to set up treatment programs, which it said should be funded mainly by the federal government.

Philosophy Lecture at Marist

On Wednesday, April 11, Dr. Edward Haskell, the chairman of the Council for Unified Research and Education at the Marist, sponsored by the Federation of Marist zum, Dr. Haskell) is a professional geologist who has written articles on "The Science and Humanities - A New Alliance."

Prosperity is conducting experimental classes in unified science in his home Community College State and has just completed a book entitled "Full Circle - The Moral Force of United Science." "Full Circle" tests the hypothesis that a unitive specialization has destroyed our "terrestrial" and "space" sciences and values crucial to the survival and regeneration of Western democracy. These values are boldly restated as an assembly of the sciences - physical, biological and psycho-social - within a single comprehensive, self-maintaining, self-regenerative system of Unified Science and Philosophy.

"Full Circle" expresses the final synthesis of the Two Cultures, the literary and the scientific, and the all-embracing vision of Public Philosophy. It is an unification of the major figures of the history of science and philosophy in a "cosmic" system of unified science. It is the first effort of a "cosmic" mind to reach synthesis and universal understanding. This process is known as the "unitive" or "mystical" science, which is the goal of all the sciences, including the sciences themselves.

Haskell's lecture will be at 8:10 p.m. in D266.

S.G. Proposal Outlines Constitution

by Bob Nelson

The Student Government constitutional proposal is in the process of being typed up and run off, and will be distributed to the students every next week, prior to the referendum to be held on campus on Monday, April 4, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Student Center lobby. It is hoped that the next weeks Circle will serve for general discussion for comments on the proposal, since it should be open for discussion before the deadlines for Circle articles. More student interest and a broader base of support might be expected.

The proposal embodies several changes from past Student Government constitutions. All student policy which may potentially affect the entire student body, and which is formulated in the Student Academic Committee, College Union Board, Commuter Union, or Intercom Board, will be brought before the Student Policy Board, so that recommendations may be made and the proposal give through the sights before air before the students. The only exception to this question, however, has the final word and full responsibility for any such decisions may be made. This "new federalism" is hoped to unify the student government committee and avoid policy clashing among the different mentioned groups. The Common Union Board will not pass the proposal, will be made responsible for codifying commuter policies only. The only outstanding matter interests to the Student Government is that the final proposal is made particularly through its newsletter.

"The important question of Student Government salaries must now be discussed," said the president. Although these salaries will be less than what resident advisors presently receive, some comparison is justified. Residents will be viewed as employees of the Residence Office, and as such, their employment may be terminated at any time. Student Government officers may be viewed as paid employees of the student body, and they may be dismissed almost at will, by a two-thirds vote of the Student Policy Board. No budget cuts based on the addition of salaries; the S. G. financial officers will receive an additional amount of their first year's $1,000 debt, and greater administration allocations, and the new budgetary procedure will allow more autonomy for each organization from ever going into debt again. It is furthermore proposed that students never be put to submit their salaries to someone else, who have spent their valuable time fighting for for a higher salary. Finally, there is the proposal in the works to give students a voice in higher class, there by allowing an opportunity for just academic credit, which would make any discussion of salaries totally irrelevant.

The allocation of Student Government funds will be made somewhat more complicated, to get the students to know what has been done in the past, and to assist in the participation in the budgetary process. The Student Policy Board will be responsible for public relations, and the Community Board will be responsible for public relations, and the Student will hear all requests for funds, and work out the schedule for the coming semester. This schedule must then be approved by the Student Policy Board, the students forum where the students will present their views, and finally the Board, the General Assembly, where it will be presented in December. The Board will then decide on the amount to be spent. A contingency fund, for unforeseen circumstances, will be provided. This fund will also be used for such things as travel payments, and newly created clubs, is also provided for.

The system is extremely detailed, and rather long. But perhaps the time to look it over. This presents only a cursory overview of the proposal itself makes things clearer.

Marist Lay Volunteers

by Jack C. Simone

The Marist Lay Volunteer Program originated in response to the various job openings at Marist, sponsored by the Religious of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, Marist. This past year, the Marist Brothers have possessed the initiative ability, the energy, and the spiritual human need but lacked the political and organizational structure to take advantage of these capacities until now. This was the situation that led to the birth of the Lay Volunteer Program.

The Program has been in existence for three years now. Each year the membership of the volunteers has risen: from one in 1978, to nine in 1979, to this year's twenty-three. Lay Volunteers who have served or are presently serving include Fr. John Miller, Fr. Jimmy Laredo, Texas; Poughkeepsie and Queens; Fr. Michael Oka, Boca Raton, Florida; Eugene, Oregon; Chicago, Illinois; Alcoa, Pennsylvania; and the American Samoa in the Pacific.

At the present time, the Lay Volunteers are donating over seventy-five thousand dollars in contributed services to the Marist Brothers in 1971-72 alone. However, they hope to develop fully all their capacities as individual human beings and not just their capacity to work cheaply.

Members of the Lay Volunteer Program live together in a communal home, which becomes aware of the others' needs, and who are for the individual needs, the individual members become community aware. As a result, the individual becomes community aware in various areas, such as the ability to tap each other's potentials while becoming more conscious of one's personal skills. Through this community process they initiate and development skills as each learns 'how' and 'where' they can give of themselves most effectively. Mutual goals, mutual awareness of each others the discovered and revealed within the framework of community living, while their actions are channeled to meet the needs of the Brother's missions.

The Lay Volunteer Program is open to parish and community groups. CONTINUED ON PAGE 4.
Ward’s Words

By Ed Gallant

After seeing “The Devil’s” last year, I couldn’t resist seeing The Devil’s Advocate by Anthony Quinn. I have just finished it and I am deeply impressed by the film. The Devil’s Advocate is a film that takes the audience on a journey of self-discovery and moral dilemmas.

The story follows the life of a young lawyer who is offered a job at the prestigious law firm of

Shaping the Shapeliness into Community

By Ed Gallant

Open Forum – Values and Pathways at Marist

By Jack C. Ellis

The purpose of a liberal arts education is to expand the limits of man’s capabilities. It is designed to enhance a person’s critical thinking and problem-solving abilities, and to develop a sense of values and ethical principles. The liberal arts education at Marist College is designed to

An Educator’s View of Marist College

By Patrick Lyons

The continuing goal of the college is to create an atmosphere that leads to the personal development of the student. The learning environment at Marist College is unique in that it offers a diverse range of educational opportunities. This unique learning environment allows students to develop their critical thinking skills and to

A Supervisor’s Look at Marist’s Security

By Dave Sheehan

This is not a rebuttal. It is an examination of the way Marist College manages its crisis. The role of the supervisor in the security team is critical. This is a position that requires a unique set of skills and abilities. The supervisor is responsible for managing the day-to-day operations of the security team and for ensuring that the team operates effectively.

Children’s Theatre Grows

By Leaps and Bounds

By Dave Sheehan

The Children’s Theatre at Marist College is a vibrant and dynamic program that provides a wide range of opportunities for students. The theatre offers a variety of productions, including plays, musicals, and workshops. The programme has grown significantly in recent years, with a growing number of students taking part in the productions. The theatre is committed to providing a platform for young actors to develop their talents and skills, and to explore new ideas and

When and Where

By Beth Ann March

The current situation is not only a matter of serious concern, but also of a growing menace. It is not easy for us to

There Must Be A Better Way

By Beth Ann March

The Marist College Theatre Department is in the midst of a crisis. The theatre is facing a number of challenges, including budget cuts and a lack of resources. The department is struggling to provide the necessary resources to support its programs, and the future of the theatre is uncertain.

Theatre operations have been impacted by several factors, including financial constraints and a lack of support from the administration. The theatre has had to make difficult decisions in order to stay afloat, such as reducing the number of performances and cutting back on marketing efforts.

As a result, the theatre has had to make significant changes in order to continue operations. The theatre has implemented new strategies to increase revenue, including increasing ticket prices and offering special events.

The Marist College Theatre Department is committed to providing a quality theatre experience for students and community members. Despite the challenges, the theatre is determined to continue providing the necessary resources to support its programs and to remain a vibrant and active component of the Marist College community.
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Values And Pathways At Marist

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"The purpose of a liberal arts education is to expand the limits of one's mind, to open up the mind to all manner of thinking and feeling, meaning and reality. What one does with ultimate truth may be a matter of particular life style whereas ultimate meaning is not now a personal choice. The underlying question that must be asked of any institution of higher learning is what is the human purpose in the ultimate meaning. The human purpose is the destiny of the human race, that is what gives significance to what is possible. The human purpose for the human race is to be free to make meaning of the human condition even as the human race is free to make meaning of the world in which it lives and works. The path to human fulfillment is the path to an intentional direction of the human purpose in the ultimate meaning. A clear and explicit statement of the human purpose is an imperative for Marist College in the ultimate meaning."

Director of Safety and Security

RICK MATTHEWS

"There is no supervision of our students in the community."
Lacrosse Team Drops 6-2 Decision
To New Haven

The lacrosse team opened its season on a sour note last Wednesday afternoon losing to a tough New Haven squad 6-2. The game was quite an experience for the newcomers as it was their first taste of a real Lacrosse game. For the experienced players it was a disappointment, but it left them hungry for this Saturday's game at Queens College.

New Haven showed some excellent stickwork and a more stable offense but the Marist team would not collapse. In the early going the first game jitters caused the offense to be tight; dropping passes and not taking any shots. After trailing 2-4, Jack Fagan broke the ice with a pretty mid-field shot; Bill Egan added another goal and Marist trailed at the half 2-2. This was to be all the Marist scoring as New Haven added 3 second half goals, and won 6-2.

Coach Béthke was especially pleased with the defense's fireworks, especially on man-down situations. Dennis Patieron, Mike Maddaugh, and Jim Casarao turned in especially fine games. One of the big disappointments to the coach was the failure of the man-up attack. This is when a player on the opposing team is in the penalty box. Marist had this advantage 15 times against New Haven and only capitalized once. Coach Béthke hopes to see improvement in this and the all around offense this weekend at Queens.

Crew Prospectus

Marist attempting to score against New Haven.

Seven Seniors Chosen
As Outstanding Athletes

Seven Marist College students have been chosen to appear in the 1973 edition of Outstanding College Athletes of America. Those selected are: Robert Bergin, Robert Salamone, Joseph Pugno, Stephen McCommon, Martin McGowan, Joseph McGinn, Timothy Petrella.

An announcement of their selection was made by the Board of Advisers of Outstanding College Athlete's of America, an annual awards volume published to honor America's finest college athletes.

Athletic directors and coaches from individual colleges and universities across the nation nominated outstanding athletes on the basis of their abilities; not only in athletics, but in community service and campus activities.

Criteria for those selected are leadership, service, scholarship, and of course, outstanding athletic accomplishment. Congratulations to those fine athletes for their award and their outstanding contributions to athletics at Marist.

Crew

Head Coach Austin has many reasons to be optimistic about Varsity Crew this season. One of the main reasons is the abundance of talented and experienced oarsmen fighting for seats. Marist has eleven return- ers from last season's varsity crew. They also have 16 freshmen including last year's Dad Vail Freshman Champions. Coach Austin believes this depth of experience and high morale should provide Marist with a competitive crew. Marist has a tremendous dedication to the sport. I can't remember a time in all the years I have known him when Joe wasn't working as hard as he could to achieve an objective.

The varsity opens its tough schedule at Syracuse, April 7 while the lightweight begins this Saturday at Columbia, against one of the better lightweight crews in the East.

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