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Alcoholism Linked To Heredity

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Isaiah Smith, an outreach worker with the Forsyth-Stokes Comprehensive Alcoholism Program said recently their office provides comprehensive treatment services for the alcoholic and his family and also education services for the prevention of alcoholism.

Their services include five basic services which provide a continuity of care for the patient.

Those five services include: out-patient treatment, in-patient care, intermediate care, consultation and education and emergency psychiatric services.

Smith said usually when a person comes into the in-patient care, they are kept on the fourth floor of Reynolds Memorial Hospital in the "Alcoholics Recovery Unit."

"This is what we call the "drying out" period. It usually lasts from five to seven days, depending on the individual," he said.

"After that, referrals are made. The patient can go to hospitals such as Butner or he may go home. That too depends on the individual," said Smith.

Recently, the Center for Alcohol Studies at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, had made some scientific breakthroughs that could lead to the prevention of alcoholism--but first, another effort now in progress must be successful.

Scientists at the Center at Chapel Hill think the key to alcoholism is a malfunctioning in brain chemistry. They also feel that further work on this lead offers promise for prevention of alcoholism.

Hargrove "Skipper" Bowles of Greensboro is serving as president of the Citizens Advisory Council of the Center for Alcohol Studies. Dr. John Ewing is the Center's director.

Recently, he and Bowles went to Washington to tell the North Carolina congressional delegation about what is happening at the center at Chapel Hill.

Dr. Ewing is being assisted by Dr. Kenneth C. Mills and Beatrice A. Rouse, who is working towards her doctorate in Epidemiology while serving on a half-time basis at the center. The center, created by the Legislature five years ago, is receiving \$90,000 per year from the state government.

The additional \$200,000 which is needed annually would be to hire four full time researchers, and nine additional staff members to aid them in their research.

Bowles and Ewing are convinced that the center will be self-sustaining after this five year period.

Dr. Ewing recently said he feels that the center now has evidence that the way people respond to alcohol is inherited.

While statistics indicate that only one drinker in 12 gets in trouble with alcohol, that one causes immense grief and expense. The Federal government estimates there are nine million alcoholics in the United States, and the cost of that disease, according to the government is at a minimum of \$25 billion a year.

Man Sentenced

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a charge of selling LSD to an undercover agent in October at the Colony Place Apartments.

Also, his probation was revoked for a five year suspended sentence he was given in 1974 for a storebreaking charge concurrently with the sentence he received in the drug cases.

Mrs. Edith J. Jones, 32, of 926 E. 17th Street, pleaded guilty to four charges. However, the judge delayed her sentencing until later. She will be sentenced on Feb. 26 in Forsyth County Superior Court.

Judge Walter E. Crissman felt it would give a probation officer time to review Mrs. Jones' background.

She is charged with two counts of possession heroin, two counts of selling it and two counts of conspiring to sell heroin.

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Raped

Early Sunday morning, an 18-year-old student at the North Carolina School of Arts told police that she was raped by a man who entered her room at her dormitory with a gun.

A police spokesman said the girl identified the man as being black about 22 years old, six feet tall, heavy and that he was wearing tan pants and a dark jacket.

The incident occurred about 12:30 a.m., shortly after the girl returned from the bathroom, the spokesman said.

During the past two months, this makes the fourth act of violence at the school.

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