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EDITOR'S NOTE

JOURNAL NEWS

You may notice a few minor changes to the structure of this issue. John Erlen of the University of Pittsburgh has offered to provide us a compilation of recent dissertations in the history of drug and alcohol. We have begun with a modest showing for this issue. These lists will be provided to the ADHS listserv on a monthly basis and compiled in each issue of the SHAD.

This current journal issue marks the first issue that includes reviews solicited and edited by Jonathan Reinartz of the University of Birmingham. In future issues, Jonathan will be joined in the post by Alex Mold of the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. Alex is an active contributor to our reviews section and with her addition to our editorial team we will be able to even more ably cover the "drugs" aspect of alcohol and drug history. There is a lot of drug and alcohol history being written these days, as is evidenced in our current reviews section, and we will try to cover as much of it as we can.

UPCOMING ISSUE

The next issue of this journal will be a special issue of articles presented at the recent Global Approaches conference in Guelph, Canada in August 2008. Guest edited by Catherine Carstairs and Norman Smith, the issue will include some eight articles drawn from the conference. It should prove to be a compelling collection, and thick.

ON-LINE ACCESS TO THE SHAD

As noted in the last issue, beginning with the publication of Volume 22, no. 1, *SHAD* will be available on-line after a one-*volume* delay. That is, you will be able to download articles from this issue, Volume 22, no. 1, only after Volume 23, no. 1 appears in print; Vol. 22, no. 2 will be downloadable after Vol. 23, no. 2 is printed, and so on. There has been a minor delay in releasing subsequent issues on-line, but this should be addressed by the time this issue is in the mail.

UPCOMING CONFERENCE ACTIVITIES

Also as mentioned in the last issue, at the business meeting of the Alcohol and Drugs History Society, held during the Global Approaches conference, the society endorsed a plan by Patricia Barton and James Mills of the University of Strathclyde in Glasgow, Scotland to hold a conference in 2009. The Society further welcomed the offer by Zheng Yangwen, University of Manchester, UK and one of the keynote speakers of the Global Approaches conference, to

hold a subsequent conference in Asia. That conference will be held at Sun Yat Sen University in Canton in 2011.

The ADHS usually holds one or two sessions at the annual American Historical Association conference. In 2009 this conference will be held in New York City, and the ADHS may have up to four sessions. Please keep an eye on the website for more information about these sessions. If you are interested in participating in upcoming ADHS conference sessions, please contact Scott Haine. The 2010 AHA conference will be in San Diego.

BILL PITTMAN APPRECIATION.

We include in this issue the sad news of Bill Pittman's death, and a memorial to him compiled by Katherine Nelson. For my part, I knew Bill only via email and one or two phone calls. He had been a champion at Hazelden Press for this journal and its predecessor, *The Social History of Alcohol Review*. It was through Bill's advocacy that the *SHAR* was published and distributed without charge to the society for several years. While this arrangement ended about two years ago, this support was fundamental to enabling the Alcohol and Temperance History Group, and its successor, our current Alcohol and Drugs History Society, to keep its scholarly mission active.

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