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## The Network: News from the Front

*Good Decisions Begin with Accurate Information*

### The Network

The Network is a national consortium of IHE professionals aimed at sharing and disseminating information to help curb alcohol and other drug abuse as well as violent behavior among college students. Begun in 1987 by the US Department of Education, the Network is a voluntary membership organization whose member institutions agree to adhere to a set of standards aimed at reducing alcohol and other drug problems. It now has over 1,500 members. For more information visit our [website](#).

### Volunteer Profile

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Network Member,

Finally we are moving into spring and looking forward to putting winter behind us! I'd like to remind you that the Margaret J. Barr Biennial Research Award continues to accept proposals from students (more information below) and I encourage you to promote this opportunity to students on your campus.

Another point of encouragement goes to you. The Network recently distributed a very brief survey (through Survey Monkey) on AOD policies on your campus. We are gathering information to inform us as we build trainings for appropriate technical assistance. By taking a few minutes to respond, you'll enable us to provide a better quality service to you in the future.

Carla Lapelle

Chair, The Network Executive Committee

Drinking & Aggression Among University Students

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**How The Network is beneficial to members:**

Technical support & supportive peer network for collegiate alcohol & drug abuse prevention efforts. Current collegiate news, prevention & intervention information summarized in News From the Front & the HEC news briefs. Goals of "Network Standards" which unifies participating collegiate efforts.

Trivia

**What drug did Bayer Pharmaceuticals market over the counter in 1898 that mothers quickly took to using to treat their sick kids' coughs?**

Online Resources

**Motivational Incentives (Contingency Management)** - A new spin on an old concept to

## Drinking & Aggression Among University Students Often Depends on the Context

Aggression and violence among university students often involves alcohol consumption. A new study has found that both drinking levels and drinking contexts are important. Aggression is more likely when students drink at a fraternity, sorority or campus residence, and when a partner is present. Attending parties also increases the risk of aggression, especially for women. To read more about this study, visit <http://www.nattc.org/asme/details.asp?ID=372>

## 1-in-4 Teens Do Not Taste Alcohol in Sweet Drinks

New research suggests that teens are not particularly adept at detecting alcohol in "alcopop" drinks. This is of particular interest in light of trend toward sweeter or mixed drinks by collegiate drinkers. To read the 27 Feb story in the *Melbourne Herald Sun* visit <http://www.news.com.au/heraldsun/story/0,21985,23282125-2862,00.html>

## Adolescents at Risk of Developing a Substance-Use Disorder have Deficits in Frontal Brain Activation

Children and adolescents at high risk for developing a substance-use disorder (SUD) tend to show deficits in executive cognitive function (ECF). A study using functional magnetic resonance imaging (fMRI) to assess eye movements in adolescents has found a link between brain functioning and risk for developing an SUD. To read this *Addiction Science Made Easy* article, visit <http://www.nattc.org/asme/details.asp?ID=369>

## NIDA Research Reveals Subconscious Signals Can Trigger Drug Craving Circuits

Using a brain imaging technology called functional magnetic resonance imaging (fMRI), scientists have discovered that cocaine-related images trigger the emotional centers of the brains of patients addicted to drugs, even when the subjects are unaware they've seen anything. The study, published Jan. 30 in the journal PLoS One, was funded by the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA), part of the National Institutes of Health (NIH). To read the NIDA article, visit <http://www.drugabuse.gov/newsroom/08/NR1-29.html>

**Management)** - A new spin on an old approach to behavior change. NOTE: Although not focused on collegiate behavior, the reader is invited to consider ways this material can be applied to a collegiate population. Visit [Link](#)

**A Provider's Introduction to Substance Abuse Treatment for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Individuals -** [Link](#)

**Preventing and Reducing Underage Drinking -** Overview of new SAMHSA *Start Talking before they Start Drinking* campaign, including links to audio PSAs, Surgeon General's *Call to Action to Prevent Underage Drinking*, etc. Visit [Link](#)

**Vozme** - (From the [schoolcounselor.com](#) newsletter, #91) Vozme is web based tool that turns any snippet of text into an MP3 audio file that you can either listen online or download to your local hard drive. You just have to copy the text from a web page or an e-mail and paste it inside the Vozme text box. To learn more, visit [vozme.com](#)

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<http://www.drugabuse.gov/newsroom/08/NR1-29.html>

### Student Research Award

The Network Addressing Collegiate Alcohol and Other Drug Issues, also known as "The Network," is pleased to announce its 2008 Biennial Margaret J. Barr Student Research Award Competition. The Network, developed by the U.S. Department of Education in 1987, serves as a liaison between the Department and member institutions as well as other higher education professional organizations. This competition is open to any undergraduate or graduate student at a member institution of The Network (search the online "Members" database at <http://www.thenetwork.ws> to ascertain institutional membership and/or to seek free membership). The Network will provide one award of up to \$5,000 for original student research that is consistent with our organization's mission to address alcohol/other drug abuse and violence prevention in higher education. Additional information on the student research award and application forms can be found on-line at <http://www.thenetwork.ws>. Application deadline is November 1, 2008. For more information, contact Annann Hong, PhD, MPH at [ahong@uicalumni.org](mailto:ahong@uicalumni.org).

### Trivia Answer

From *Mental\_Floss*, Vol7, issue 2 [March-April] 2008, p. 17

Heroin - sold between 1898 and 1913-and approved by the American Medical Association-the drug was marketed as a non-addictive morphine substitute. Today, even an undergraduate student having taken a psychopharmacology class knows that not only is heroin highly addicting, but the body metabolizes it into morphine! When reports of extreme addiction become known, Bayer pulled the medicine in 1913. However, heroin lozenges, heroin elixirs, and heroin tablets continued to dominate the market until 1923. *To read an interesting article on the use of today's controlled substances in patent medicines, visit* <http://wings.buffalo.edu/aru/preprohibition.htm>

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youtube video. The user interface of save2pc is very simple, so you don't need any technical knowledge to use it. No need to use scripts for web browsers. Just run save2pc and start downloading! Visit [Save2pc.com](#) or [Download here.](#)

**En Espanol - The Change Book:** A guide to implementing research into practice. This step-by-step handbook includes the Principles, Steps, Strategies and Activities for achieving effective change. Six full chapters guide readers through the ten key steps of technology transfer, concluding with a detailed, educational workbook to put the principles into practice. In addition, the easy-to-read guide includes a detailed case study to illustrate the enormous benefits of technology transfer. To accompany The Change Book, we are collecting a number of online resources to help you implement change. [Link](#)

[NFTF Archives](#) [Network BLOG](#)

and Sara Pucke. Suggestions for articles, news items, and online resources are always welcomed. To submit to NFTF, send email to [chapman.phd@gmail.com](mailto:chapman.phd@gmail.com). For more information on the Network, visit <http://www.thenetwork.ws>

## AOD related Online discussion group

If you are not a subscriber to the Drughied online (Google) discussion group, then you may want to explore the group and its web site. If you would like to participate in the discussion, subscribing is easy and all requests from .edu domains are automatically subscribed. Request for subscription from other than .edu domains are vetted to ensure interest in the group's discussion focus and discourage spam. Visit <http://group.google.com/group/drughied> Click on "join" or if you have difficulty email [chapman.phd@gmail.com](mailto:chapman.phd@gmail.com)

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