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Good Decisions Begin with Accurate Information

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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,

With Thanksgiving on the way it is a time for all of us to reflect and consider what we are thankful for. I am particularly thankful for the time-off to spend with family and friends but I am increasingly thankful for my health. Throughout this issue of News Front the Front, as with all issues, there are articles dedicated to reducing harmful behaviors such as excess drinking, and substance use and abuse and we are reminded that with these behaviors an increased health risk is sure to follow.

As a Brit this is a new holiday for me, although I am reminded that Thanksgiving is a celebration of the English Settlers who first arrived in Plymouth county, MA and so I will feel some pride over the 4-day weekend. I hope everyone enjoys the holiday, in moderation, and I hope everyone will cherish what they are most thankful for.

Luke Walker
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U of Iowa battles 'Thirsty Thursdays' With Scholarly Fridays

News Week

Students at the University of Iowa who party all night Thursday

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How The Network is beneficial to members:

"The Network provides practitioners with additional tools, resources, and support for doing the challenging and important work of AODV prevention. Members have a "national window" on the field. That view is especially comforting on those days when you're in the trenches and feel like you're digging alone."

Trivia

Which U.S. President signed a bill establishing the federal marijuana farm at the University of Mississippi as a research center for the botany, chemistry, and cultivation of this psychoactive plant, a facility that reminds in effect to this day?

Online Resources

Students at the University of Iowa who party all night Thursday won't be sleeping all day Friday anymore. At least not if the university has its way. The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences has decided to pay departments for switching classes to Friday, reports the [Iowa City Press-Citizen](#). Departments that move at least two classes to Friday will get \$20 for each student who enrolls in a switched class. The incentive program is designed to cut down on the number of students who load up on classes earlier in the week and then get loaded on Thursday night, the *Press-Citizen* reported. News item courtesy of Ken Healy, PA Liquor Control Board, khealy@state.pa.us

A Day in the Life of Am. Adolescents: Substance Use Facts

"In the United States in 2006, one third of adolescents aged 12 to 17 drank alcohol in the past year, one fifth used an illicit drug, and one sixth smoked cigarettes. Although the percentage of adolescents using alcohol and drugs declined between 2002 and 2006, the percentage of persons aged 12 to 17 receiving substance abuse treatment has remained relatively stable. In 2005, 7.7 percent of all persons admitted to publicly funded treatment facilities were aged 12 to 17." To read more click [here](#).

Popular Culture Shapes AOD Use

As if advertisements regarding alcohol or other drug use do not present preventionists with enough competitions, consider that coming via the *popular culture*. Visit the Reuter's News article for more:

<http://uk.reuters.com/article/lifestyleMolt/idUN3134139920071107>

To access a PDF file of a monograph dedicated to this issue visit:

http://www.turningpoint.org.au/research/dpmp_monographs/dpmp_monograph12.pdf

**En español:
Motivacion Para El
Cambio-Fotonovela:**
Spanish Language
Fotonovela based on TIP
35, Enhancing
Motivation for Change in
Substance Abuse
Treatment.

[Link](#)

Voices in Recovery:
To view 50+ stories of
recovery click the link.
Certain stories may be
useful if not
inspirational as
"homework" for high-
risk clients/students for
whom treatment may
be appropriate.

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**Treatment of Co-
occurring Disorders:**
To Download a copy
click:

[Link](#)

**Issues Facing
Returning
Veterans:** This
resource may be helpful
to those who find
returning veterans on
their caseload,
particularly in a
community college
setting.

[Link](#)

**Online resources
regarding cyber
bullying and Internet
safety:**

Although geared
towards K-12, there are
likely some resources at
this site that will be
useful for college
students as well.

[Link](#)

**Can you spot the
MySpace Safety
Problems?:**

As a follow-up to recent
NFTF on social
networking sites and
their use, this web site
invites visitors to test
their ability to spot
potential risks in a
typical MySpace page

[Link](#)

**Sending Large, i.e.
HUGE files via the
Internet:**

Ever attempt to attach a
file to an email only to

[monograph12.pdf](#)

ED National Meeting Combines Learning with Entertainment

Those fortunate enough to attend the 21st NM07 in Omaha, Nebraska, October 18-21 were entertained as well as enlightened! Thursday night's treat was the vocal stylings of Rich Lucey, Jr. and John Watson, accompanied by Carla Lapelle. University of Nebraska hosted a reception in the performing arts venue Holland Center on Friday night. The UN-Lincoln's a cappella group, *The Bathtub Dogs*, wowed the crowd with their tight harmonies, soaring solos, and beat-box rhythms. If you would like a repeat performance of The Bathtub Dogs, visit their MySpace site: www.bathtubdogs.com. News item courtesy of Eva Glahn-Atkinson, Brescia University, Owensboro, KY evaa@brescia.edu

Iowa City Considers a Ban on Under Age Access to Bars and Pubs

The issue of revisiting the 21-year-old drinking age is not news; considering the age of majority as regards *permitted access* to an establishment that serves alcohol may be. Just such a debate has been initiated in Iowa City, Iowa. Read this *Daily Iowan* article: <http://tinyurl.com/37ayzz> News Item courtesy of Diane Berty, dberty@ecok.edu, Ada, OK

NCAA Seeks Readers for Next Round of CHOICES Grant Proposals

The NCAA is looking for individuals willing to read and score proposals submitted for funding through the NCAA CHOICES Alcohol Education Grant. If your institution is applying for a CHOICES grant, please do not submit as a reader. This year's grant proposals are due in the NCAA office February 16, 2008 and will be sent to readers by March 1. We will need readers' scores and comments back by April 1. Last year's readers each

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scores and comments back by April 1. Last year's readers each received five (5) proposals to review and score. The NCAA does not provide monetary compensation, but rather sends each reader a thank-you gift.

The Reader Reply form is located at http://www1.ncaa.org/membership/ed_outreach/health-safety/drug_ed_progs/choicesapp.pdf If you wish to participate in this review process, please return the form by February 15. The form can be faxed to 317-917-6363 or sent through regular mail.

You will find the 2008 CHOICES Call for Proposal and Grant Guidelines at www.ncaa.org/health-safety, under the "Education and Wellness" link. Please contact Mary Wilfert directly if you have questions about the process or the focus of the CHOICES grants (mwilfert@ncaa.org or 317-917-6319).

Trivia Answer

Lyndon B. Johnson; this farm now supplies most of the marijuana used for official medical research in America. For other trivia related to "famous people" and their connection to marijuana, visit <http://www.geocities.com/EnchantedForest/1804/p/b03.html>.

News From the Front is edited by Robert J. Chapman, PhD and Luke Walker. Suggestions for articles, news items, and online resources are always welcomed. To submit to NFTF, send email to 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

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