

the alternative as Dull Street, an 8 to 5 job, watching TV, and going to bed. And that job probably offers a dull, humdrum existence. I'm convinced that, more than the drugs, it's the life-style that attracts them to the drug culture. Your acquaintances are doing the same thing. You con them, they con you. It's sort of cops and robbers at an adult level. By our standard, the addict may be capable of being a janitor. But he feels he's being very good in the life-style, and it's not hard to understand why he doesn't want to trade. He really can't envision a life without a good bit of larceny involved."

Asked what generalizations he would make about addicts' case histories, Kuykendal noted that "Most of the guys have bad relationships with their fathers. Most are from lower socioeconomic groups. Sex really doesn't seem to be an important thing. The addict looks down on the alcoholic and the homosexual, but sex is virtually meaningless in the real scheme. However, the myth of sexual prowess may be very important to people who are locked up."

The addict typically "has had quite a lot of trouble obtaining and maintaining close personal relationships. And he generally has a low opinion of himself. But he can define himself as a success as long as he is in the life."

"The people we see here are the losers. There may be a group of successful, happy addicts somewhere. We see only the unsuccessful ones."

As the hospital passes into a new phase, a balance sheet remains difficult to draw up. Judged on its performance in fulfilling its founders' hopes that it would find a "cure" for drug addiction, Lexington has failed. The relapse rate of those addicted to hard narcotics remains discouragingly high despite years of experience and, in recent years, ampler resources and the use of a variety of treatment techniques. This, of course, is generally true of narcotics rehabilitation programs. Effective follow-up care has been the weakest link in the rehabilitation equation, and, although community programs have improved markedly under NARA, the quality of these programs varies greatly.

The logic of the shift to Bureau of Prisons control seems generally accepted. But some informed people are skeptical of the effect. As one physician put it, "I wish the change were coming because of a sincere belief that the community programs were good. I'm concerned because the government would like to think that the problem is solved,

when in fact it's worse than ever. Their reaction is to stick their heads in the sand."

As for the prognosis on the transfer of the hospital, Jaffe thinks there may be an unanticipated premium. Lexington is a modern, humane correctional institution, says Jaffe, and an important thing is that in the future "it may tell us more about what happens in a different kind of prison."

Instead of a place with people in cages, Lexington has single rooms instead of cells, day rooms, paneled walls, nice grounds, an air of pleasantness. "Most significant, they won't be starting with retreaded guards," says Jaffe. "The people at Lexington are trained and are used to working with addicts, not criminals. I think they may be in a new era of research and don't know it."

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## RECENT DEATHS

**Nathaniel T. Coleman**, 53; associate dean, College of Biological and Agricultural Sciences, University of California, Riverside; 1 August.

**Lillian C. Compton**, 88; former president, Frostburg State College; 1 August.

**John P. Gillin**, 66; former dean of social science and professor of anthropology, University of Pittsburgh; 4 August.

**Walter R. Hess**, 92; former head, Physiological Institute, University of Zurich; 12 August.

**Dale H. Hutchison**, 58; chief of research, California Air Resources Board, Sacramento; 29 August.

**Lyman E. Jackson**, 75; former president, South Dakota State University; 23 July.

**Walter Jaunzemis**, 47; professor of engineering mechanics, Pennsylvania State University; 6 August.

**Margaret Kaeiser**, 60; professor of botany and forestry, Southern Illinois University; 24 April.

**Arthur M. Master**, 77; professor emeritus of medicine, Mount Sinai School of Medicine; 4 September.

**James V. McGlynn**, 54; former vice president and dean of faculties, University of Detroit; 3 August.

**William L. Messmer**, 70; former chairman, mathematics department, Old Dominion University; 26 July.

**Karl Ziegler**, 74; head, carbon research division, Max Planck Institute; 12 August.

## APPOINTMENTS

**James H. Billington**, professor of history, Princeton University, to director, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, Smithsonian Institution. . . . **Emil Frei III**, professor of medicine, Harvard Medical School, to director, Children's Cancer Research Foundation, Inc. . . . **Thomas C. Chalmers**, director, Clinical Center, National Institutes of Health, to president, Mount Sinai Medical Center, and dean, Mount Sinai School of Medicine. . . . **J. Aaron Bertrand, Jr.**, professor of chemistry, Georgia Institute of Technology, to director, School of Chemistry at the institute. . . . **George Bugliarello**, dean of engineering, University of Illinois, Chicago Circle, to president, Polytechnic Institute of New York. . . . **Daniel Bratton**, vice chancellor for student affairs, University of Maryland, College Park, to president, Kansas Wesleyan College. . . . **Michael H. Smith**, associate professor of zoology, Savannah River Ecology Laboratory, University of Georgia Institute of Ecology, to director of the laboratory. . . . **Walter J. Moore**, professor of chemistry, Indiana University, to chairman, physical chemistry department, University of Sydney. . . . **Kenneth D. Weide**, animal pathologist, University of Arizona, to dean, School of Veterinary Medicine, University of Missouri-Columbia. . . . **Samuel P. Asper**, vice president for medical affairs, Johns Hopkins Hospital, to dean, Medical School, American University of Beirut. . . . **Reuben Torch**, professor of biological science, Oakland University, to dean, College of Arts and Sciences at the university. . . . **Robert W. Hively**, acting dean, College of Arts and Sciences, University of Miami, to dean of the college. . . . **Arnold J. Moore**, chairman of curriculum and instruction, Kansas State University, to dean, School of Education, Youngstown State University. . . . **Philip W. Jackson**, professor of education, University of Chicago, to dean, Graduate School of Education at the university. . . . **Michael A. Falcone**, director of continuing education, Onondaga Community College, to dean of continuing education, State University of New York College, Utica-Rome.

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