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emotional states," marijuana tends to be experienced as somewhat of a "disinhibiting—and therefore undesirable—substance."

Kauffman also corroborated Burglass' report on preference for alcohol over marijuana after narcotics become the drug of choice. "Narcotic addicts want control," she explained. "Marijuana makes them feel out of control."

Burglass noted that "the old notion of the addictive personality has not been supported."

This comment was countered by Norman E. Zinberg, M.D., also on the staff of Harvard Medical School's Department of Psychiatry at Cambridge Hospital. "There are addiction-prone people," he asserted, stressing "the importance of drug, set and setting."

Zinberg says that we are entering a historical phase of much more control. There's less hard liquor being consumed. The proof has dropped about 15% in the past decade. And even though marijuana use is enor-



James Woodford



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Commenting on the tendency of many patients who substitute marijuana for alcohol, he said, "They're just switching to a new way of being high. Although few alcoholics are apparently able to substitute marijuana for alcohol, most of those who try seem to end up using marijuana compulsively and unsuccessfully."

When the subject of determining impairment and intoxication was introduced by James Woodford, Ph.D., a private consultant-chemist from Atlanta, Georgia, the discussion again related to alcohol.



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"No scale is yet developed to measure the level of marijuana impairment or intoxication in a manner analogous to blood or breath tests for alcohol," said Woodford.

Since the mere presence of marijuana in the body is now equated with intoxication, he urged the development of a scale similar to the alcohol scale, "even