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Dear Bill Lueders,

My name is [REDACTED] and I am a senior at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. I would like you to read my two articles I have done on "teeth and insurance" and "families of alcoholics." I have done these two papers for Jake Stockinger, my feature writing teacher. He writes for The Capital Times and he told me he really liked these articles and that I should try to get them published. I wanted to get them published in Isthmus because more students read a student paper and are likely to listen to important information that affects their lives. I would really appreciate it if you would take a good look at my articles. This is the first time I have tried to get anything of mine published, and unfortunately I will be graduating this Sunday. However, I would like to make a "name" for myself by getting some of my articles published. I will be going home for the summer, but I would like to get in contact with you some time next week. In case you would like to contact me sooner, I will be at this number -- (312) 358-2181. Thank you again and I hope to hear from you soon.

Sincerely,

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Feature Writing

Final Paper with sidebar

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David Rasmussen: The Family Approach to Drug Prevention

One drink now and then one for later may seem harmless. But for an alcoholic and his or her family, life may just drag on without seeking outside help.

Alcoholism is a progressive disease, a natural chain of events, and without any intervention an individual will destroy himself as well as his family, says Dr. Dennis Rasmussen, the clinical psychologist at the Wisconsin Institute for Psychotherapy.

Rasmussen, 50, started his private practice in 1968, and has worked with families for years where drug dependency or alcohol is a big problem.

Rasmussen, a 1960 social work graduate, received his master's degree in social work from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 1962.

Rasmussen received his Ph.D in psychology at the UW and then enrolled in a post-graduate two-year program at the Chicago Family Studies Institute to specifically learn about families.

Since 1982, Rasmussen has chosen to focus on drug dependent families.

"My long-term goal with drug dependent families is to look at alcoholism as a family problem," stresses Rasmussen. "When each