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In this special memorial section we honor Henri Begleiter, who died on April 6, 2006. Our academic community lost a pioneering neuroscientist who was highly admired worldwide for his outstanding contributions and loved for his infectious collegiality. Henri Begleiter helped to create the field of alcohol research as we know it today. Here we present essays from 5 colleagues who knew Henri well. Each was asked to contribute an essay based on his or her personal and professional experience. What follow are enlightening insights into a special, wonderful man who dedicated his career to scientific inquiry and to alcohol research. Henri Begleiter had many colleagues and friends, but no peers. He was in a class by himself. We will miss him.

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