

Students Condone Marijuana Use, Effects ...

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aren't valid now," Bill charged. "It's when you don't have respect for yourself and your own values that you say others don't either and try to impose your own on them," he continued.

"Just because they are afraid is no reason to impute crime to others. They are questioning our values because we threaten their god damn life," said Ed.

"If they think they are right, how can they censor others?" he asked. "If you respect yourself and your own decisions you must assume that others are behaving in the same way."

Some Are Escapists

Bill mentioned the traditional association of marijuana and New York City. "They're escapists so of course some of them may want

to use more powerful drugs to obtain a greater 'high.' They want to escape from a deprived environment. And it's easier for a 'pusher' to win over slum dwellers. That can't happen here."

Sue interjected, "Discussion of marijuana should not be included in discussion of 'super drugs.' Marijuana is trivial in comparison."

The students continually compared marijuana to alcohol. "Some people may be looking for a crutch. It could be alcohol, religion, or pot," said Bill. "But it isn't a crutch for a responsible person."

Joe called alcohol "a worse crutch. It's basically self-destructive."

Bernard commented: "The people I know who take pot are intellectual. It's not for a kick but to enrich their experience. But people drink just to get blasted."

An alcoholic is "just a worthless bum on a park bench," according to Bill. "But someone who uses pot can still cope with reality and contribute something to society. It won't keep him from getting a Ph.D."

"In fact," Sue quipped, "It might just help." She also pointed out that a heavy drinker might try pot, then stop drinking and just use pot occasionally.

"Using pot is a search for something else outside yourself, something better," according to Max, another student.

Like a Tranquilizer

"Someone using pot is not irresponsible like someone who is drunk," Sue said. "It's more like a tranquilizer. Alcohol is a temporary escape."

"We know about 200 students who use pot, but it doesn't lead psychologically to anything else. At least it hasn't with them."

Mike pointed out that the traditional theory is that they might move on to something more powerful if they were just looking for an escape.

Tranquilizers are more of an escape than marijuana, according to Max.

Sue added that pot might become a habit but is less addicting than coffee.

Joe lashed out at the restrictions on the use of marijuana. "The group thinks that its values should go for all. Why can't they let people do what they want? Who does the middle class or the government think it is that they

can tell people what to do?"

Sue just commented on the "twisted value system in this country."

The students mentioned a case in Seattle where several students were given 20-year sentences for possession of marijuana. "We ought to know by now that prison sentences are not a deterrent," Sue said. "All it will do is ruin a college career."

Bill concluded: "These things aren't new. They've been around for thousands of years. The eastern ascetics used them. There is nothing inherently new or evil in the use of marijuana."

University Hosts Hope Corps

Members of the Jackson County Hope Corps will be in Eugene today and Wednesday as guests of the School of Education Rehabilitation, Research, and Training Center in Mental Retardation at the University.

They will have a meeting today with members of the Training Center staff and faculty from the School of Education.

On Wednesday, the group will meet with local officials in mental retardation work and tour Eugene facilities. In the afternoon, the Hope Corps members and their sponsors will take part in a series of seminars with faculty and staff of the Training Center and the School of Education.

The Hope Corps was organized in November of 1965 to benefit the mentally retarded of Jackson County. Members include approximately 50 junior and senior high school students from Jackson County.

Final Match Set On College Bowl

The final match on the University's College Bowl will feature Beta Theta Pi, Alpha Omicron Pi versus Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Gamma Phi Beta at 9 p.m. today.

These two teams have each won four matches and are playing for the \$400 scholarship grant donated by the Inter-Fraternity Council and Panhellenic, individual trophies, and a large organization rotating trophy donated by the Campus Branch of the U.S. National Bank.

The final match culminates a year-long tournament which featured competition between 60 campus living groups.

Today's match can be seen on PL-3, ABAR 11, or live in the studios in Villard Hall.

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