

Factors in Drug Use . . .

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Morality." The New Morality values private experience for itself; it sanctifies what goes on inside the head.

However, Blum stressed, when involved and preoccupied with the inner man, one cannot be concerned with what happens to others, with what goes on in others' minds.

In this way, he said, the New Morality holds a built-in threat. With the use of drugs to explore the inner man, man is less able

to help his fellow man. He becomes less of a social animal and more of a burden, and in this way the very basis of society is threatened.

Blum said the nature of a university and its purpose provides another clue. A university atmosphere encourages exploration of new ideas, of one's self, and experimentation with new kinds of behavior.

Some Sheltered

"One cannot be surprised at student exploration of drugs," he remarked. "It may be because drugs are the last taboo—sex is okay."

Other college students try drugs, Blum pointed out, because they had "remarkably sheltered, safe childhood and they feel they are invulnerable . . . the 'nothing-bad-can-happen-to-me' attitude."

He said vanity is another reason why. Frequently it seems as if the drug users say, "I'm so beautiful inside that I must ex-

plore my innards." Blum explained that those people use drugs as a means of doing just that.

Related factors of boredom and mysticism lead to another reason for drug usage, Blum said. Students are bored with a society that asks them to be rational. Blum feels that because man is irrational, this constant demand for rational conformity caused some to rebel. They use drugs as a mystic ritual in order to escape from a boringly rational society.

Religious Ecstasy

Then there are those, Blum recognizes, that are seeking a true religious ecstasy through drugs. "I admire their goals but question their techniques," he commented.

During the question and answer period following his speech, Blum was asked if he ever tried LSD, a hallucinogenic drug.

No, he replied, because he had weighed the evidence and concluded that he'd rather not take the less than 3 per cent chance of becoming a psychotic or 10 per cent chance of being "socially disabled."

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income tax forms." He helped start a headstart program for the children and also helped the eskimos to set up a sawmill which was supplied by the state. The village Council was also trying to set up various community activities for the eskimos — one project was to get electricity. "Most of them use lanterns." He also helped to start a village well.

According to Carl the Eskimos have a one economy crop and that is fishing—but even so, fishing is active only one month of the year. They still are trying to live off the land by hunting and fishing—which is partly how Carl and the other volunteers lived.

They shot moose and seals for meat. The girls lived in a log house and an old construction trailer. They were slightly better off than the Eskimos because they had an oil stove—most of the Eskimos still use woodburning stoves.

The problem with the Eskimos is that they have always been nomadic. Now that they have to send their children to school they have settled into communities. This has brought all the problems of how to live and also problems of sanitation—according to Carl the Eskimos drink straight from the creeks and this often results in sickness.

Pass-Fail . . .

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aware which students are taking the course for a letter grade and which are not? Will the graduate schools accept the credits presented by students with some on the pass or no-pass basis?

Further discussion on the proposed bill is planned by the committee early next week.

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