

ty points out illegalities

mushroom hunters invade area fields

Coleman
that

... is boomin,' and mushrooms
Williamette Valley to the coast are
ought not only for their delectable
for their psilocybin content.
er brings on the cool rains in
with Indian summer sun which
"magic mushrooms" as they are
ed. Flocks of 'amateur micologists'
farmers' fields toting plastic baggies
of rifles, often incensing property
more than the most brash hunters of
game.

was the inconspicuous-looking
Mexicana which led Dr. Timothy
very ex-professor of Harvard Uni-
to his studies of LSD (lysergic acid
amide).

ording to "Licit and Illicit Drugs," by
M. Breecher and editors of Consumer
Leary has been reported to have
was the classic visionary voyage, and
back a changed man. You are never
after you've had one flash glimpse
the cellular time tunnel. You are never
after you've had the veil drawn."

per it is to have their veils drawn or to
as rumored \$1000 per pound selling
'shrooms on the East coast, the
ention of the psilocybin mushroom



psilocybe cyanescens
... strophana

"Poisoning by Drugs and Chemicals." These
cause distortion of time and space perception,
visual hallucinations, distortions and chroma-
tic aberrations.

Cooper also mentions normal propriocep-
tive sensation loss, depersonalization, no
impairment of consciousness, and intoxica-
tion which disappears after several hours with
no residual ill effects and no amnesia for the
experiences undergone. His suggested treat-
ment for this type of poisoning is none --
except to keep the patient out of hazardous
situations until the drug wears off.

With poisoning manifestations such as
these, it's no wonder 'shroom pluckers often
risk the hazards of trespassing. Yet, as
Breecher points out, psilocybin is an LSD-
type drug and "effects vary with the expecta-
tions of the user, the setting in which they are
used, and other non-pharmacological factors."

Both psilocybin and psilocin have been
isolated, synthesized and marketed. They
have been placed under legal control. Psilocin
is a fungi drug still in obscurity.

For anyone other than a mycologist or
unofficialized mushroom buff, gathering
psilocybin mushrooms would be foolish and
could be fatal.

Still, officials of Clackamas County
Sheriff's Department report almost daily
trips to shoo shroomers off of private prop-
erty. To date no fatalities, freak-outs or
convictions have been attributed to psilocybin
in Clackamas County.

"Technically, you could eat one as long as
you didn't possess any," said Deputy Sheriff
Mark White, about the ambiguous law which
dictates arrests for psilocybin mushroomers.

White said psilocybin could fall under
ORS 167.207: It is unlawful to knowingly
and unlawfully manufacture, possess, furnish,
prescribe, administer, dispense, or compound
a narcotic or dangerous substance.

White also said that the department would
become very involved if "someone were
endangering themselves or others."

Current issues of the drug-cult magazine
"High Times," carry ads for mushroom-
growing spore kits, and 'head shops' stock
several publications to assist 'shroomers on
the prowl to properly identify psilocybe
Mexicana, psilocybe baeocystis (magic mush-
room), psilocybe cyanescens (Strophana),
psilocybe semilanceato (liberty cap), or what-
ever other species one seeks.

For farmers who are radical about exor-
cising suspect mushrooms, David Phillips of
Clackamas County Weed Control suggests
spraying lime sulfur in a one-tenth mixture
with water. Thus far, he said, he has heard of
no one who has sprayed their mushrooms.

And, for anyone who is considering
mushrooming for the stomach or the mind,
the Clackamas County Extension Service
suggested joining the Oregon Mycological
Society.

Other reference books are "The Mushroom
Hunter's Field Guide," Alexander H. Smith,
and "The Observer's Book of Common
Fungi," E. M. Wakesfield.

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psilocybe baeocystis
... magic mushrooms

... in the '70s. Or, perhaps it always has,
... that's one of the reasons farmers are so
... to have their little crops harvested by
... harvesters.

... indeed, psilocybin and psilocin, related
... hallucinogens found in many species of
... mushrooms and fungi common to such
... fields and roadsides around Mulino and
... have a long and hallowed history.

... They are similar in hallucinogenic effect to
... morning glory seeds, ground for centuries by
... Mexican natives, soaked, and drunk in water
... alcoholic beverages, nutmeg and DMT,
... the businessman's LSD," made from an
... of the root of Mimosa hostilis and
... in Eastern Brasil for centuries as the
... center of a cult, to bring on glorious visions
... of the spirit world.

... ingestion of four to eight milligrams of
... psilocybin (20 to 30 fresh mushrooms)
... produces hallucinations resembling those of
... and, according to Peter Cooper, F.D.S., in



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