



Author-lecturer Andrew Weil.

Physician to speak about 'getting high'

Getting high.

This phrase has come to mean smoking marijuana, getting drunk, meditating as part of an Eastern religion or just having a good time.

And now, Dr. Andrew Weil of Harvard will offer his interpretation of that phrase at 3:30 p.m. Thursday at the Nebraska Union. His is the first of four talks in the Human Potentials Series, which is sponsored by the Union Talks and Topics Committee.

At 8 p.m. Weil will hold a discussion in the Abel Hall lounge.

Dr. Leo Sprinkle of the University of Wyoming follows Weil in the series. He will speak Sept. 27 on "Who Sees Flying Saucers?"

Former astronaut Dr. Edgar Mitchell will speak Oct. 9 on "Exploring Inner Space."

Zipporah Dobyms, a clinical psychologist and professional astrologer, will speak Oct. 11 on "Psychology and Astrology."

On Oct. 12, Dobyms will hold a workshop and do individual astrological chartings at Commonplace-United Ministries in Higher Education (UMHE), 333 N. 14th St.

Series to open with drug talk

"A heroin user can kick his habit more easily than a cigaret smoker can swear off." This is one of a number of controversial statements you may hear from author Andrew Weil, the opening speaker of the Human Potentials Series Thursday, at 3:30 p.m. in the Nebraska Union.

If Weil's book *The Natural Mind* is any indication, his thesis will be that within man "there is an innate normal drive to achieve altered states of consciousness."

This drive is similar to the drives of hunger and sex and is important because only by expressing it can one integrate the conscious and unconscious.

Weil believes that there are two types of thinking: straight and stoned. Straight thinking is characterized by the use of intellect. Stoned thinking, however, includes daydreaming, intuition, meditation or drug influence.

This drive for "altered states of consciousness" and stoned thinking is evident, according to Weil, "at very early ages in all children." Weil also claims that these acts occur naturally in all societies and probably have throughout history.

Weil's background in medicine and the study of drugs is impressive. He received his undergraduate degree in biology with honors from Harvard. Before receiving his M.D. he completed the first study of marijuana effects in the United States.

After an internship at San Francisco treating heroin addicts, Weil worked for a year at the National Institute for Mental Health in Washington. Weil has spent the last two years traveling in Central and South America collecting information on drugs and medicine. According to Weil, he has tried almost every drug available.

The major criticism of Weil's work has been his lack of evidence. There is no evidence that heroin addiction is easier to "kick" than cigaret smoking. Weil's claims concerning children in all societies exhibiting this "innate drive" is also unproved.

bruce nelson out of my head

Man has a desire to achieve "altered states of consciousness" but what a person desires is scarcely what that person needs.

Final judgment will have to wait, for perhaps Weil has found the evidence he needs through his research since his book was published a year ago.

Ex-Huskers star in film

Chevrolet, a division of General Motors Company, is making available a film highlighting the 1972 collegiate football All-American team, Nebraska All-Americans Johnny Rodgers and Rich Glover are among the players featured in the film. Interested groups should contact a local Chevrolet dealer for the free film.

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