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Introduction: Psychedelics

As recently as 15 years ago, drugs like marijuana and LSD were the concern of few and were used by even fewer. During the last few years, however, the use of psychedelic drugs has spread throughout society, especially among college students. And quite recently, the national press has picked up the drug question and has disseminated more information. But the two original sources for those on the campus who are actively interested in drugs, in one way or another, have been bull sessions and scientific journals. The former is apt to mislead; the latter, to be too obscure.

And just a few years ago, there were those who could prefer to ignore the question entirely and could get by with it. But now, that number is decreasing rapidly. Psychedelic drugs are now becoming so widely used that most—especially those concerned with the colleges—cannot help but be interested in the issue.

This study attempts to give a clear, two-sided picture of psychedelic use on campus. Any one section must be considered in the context of every other.

This study is not, by any means, a professional view of psychedelics, although professionals were consulted, and although the committee members did research into their particular units. The report is the work of an interested group of Princeton students, under the auspices of the Princeton Class of 1968, although Princeton itself is not the only campus under consideration.

It is intended to be an overview, nothing more. But above all, it is a statement of concern, concern which will—hopefully—lead to more interest and study of the problems on all college campuses.

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