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Letter from the Editor

Student representatives from each of the clubs and organizations at the Delaware County Campus participated in the Student Leadership Conference here September 29. The following is an open letter of appreciation from Lion's Eye Editor Harry MacCartney to Edward F. Linder, Jr., Dean of Student Affairs.

Dear Dean Linder:

Congratulations on your successful planning and organization of the first ever Student Leadership Conference at the Delaware County Campus. I'm sure I speak for all the students attending when I say that the conference was both interesting and informative.

The variety of seminars, workshops, and discussions provided leaders with ideas and insight that will certainly benefit their organizations and the campus in the future.

Please extend our thanks to the faculty and staff members who helped to make the event a success.

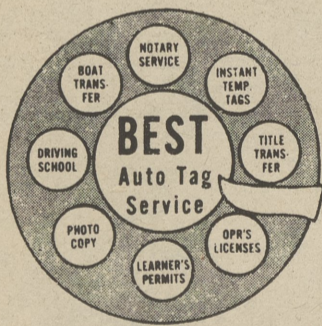
Again, thank you for your efforts. Your interest in the betterment of student life at this campus is appreciated.

Best wishes for the continuing success of the conference in the coming years.

Sincerely,
Harry MacCartney

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Editorial

Pot Problem in Schools

The use of marijuana today has spread to junior high schools and has even been reported in grade schools.

At no other time in our lives do we experience as much change and crisis as we do during adolescence.

Junior high school years for most of us were often confusing. Dealing with new freedoms and responsibilities (remember the first time you had your own locker?), physical changes, and the increase of mixed social functions (those clumsy attempts at dating, kissing, etc.) is difficult for teenagers.

Add some pot, with its potent psychological effects, into an already unstable situation and the potential for chaos is enormous. Smokers and non-smokers alike are influenced both by its intoxicating effects

and by their natural curiosity about it.

The psychological effects of marijuana have been studied for years. Specific results are impossible, primarily because effects differ from one person to another. The general findings, however, show an increase in the senses of taste, touch, hearing, smell, and vision. The mood of the individual was also found to be a factor. If the user was feeling happy, sad, angry, or any emotion before smoking pot; the feelings were usually amplified.

All of which brings us back to the state of our junior (and senior) high school students.

Studies by Rutgers University researcher Dr. Robert Pandina say that teenagers with drug problems usually have a low opinion of themselves and

see their parents as unloving and hostile.

And what of the students who are not so extreme in their use of drugs? Where - to use the vulgar-sounding vernacular of the day - are their "heads at?"

We obviously have a problem in our schools - and in our society - that we must address immediately. But what is the solution?

Do we legalize marijuana and hope we can keep it out of the schools, or can realistic drug education programs be started in our schools?

Some answers are needed soon, or our nation's ambivalence and indecision concerning drugs will be more harmful than any drug man or nature can possibly create.

—Steve Armstrong

Marijuana Review Planned

Christian Science Monitor Service

MIAMI -- Pressures on Attorney General Benjamin R. Civiletti have caused him to order a Justice Department review of U.S. policies on marijuana.

There is no indication that these pressures will lead to a recommendation to legalize marijuana, unless startling new medical evidence shows marijuana is no more harmful than, for example, tobacco. No such evidence is expected, but a new federal study is planned on the medical effects of marijuana.

The pressures that led Civiletti to order the policy review - while still assistant attorney general and before being nominated for attorney general - are these:

INCREASING DEMAND. Regular use of marijuana and cocaine, the No. 1 and 2 drugs smuggled into the United States, continue to climb steadily among youths and adults, according to the National Institute on Drug Abuse.

Among high school seniors, daily use of marijuana has increased from 6 percent in 1965 to 11 percent in 1978, according to latest data. And among the same group, at least monthly use of cocaine has increased from 2 percent in 1976 to nearly 4 percent last year, an increase that is "super, super significant" said Robert Petersen, NIDA's assistant director of research.

INCREASING SUPPLY. The smuggling of both drugs continues to grow, primarily through south Florida from Columbia. As illicit profits grow, dealers are increasingly violent, sometimes even using guns to eliminate competitors, said a senior Federal Bureau of Investigation official here. Millions of dollars of drug profits are flowing into real estate, banks and other sympathetic businesses, putting legitimate competition at a disadvantage.

INTERNATIONAL SNAGS. The United States may have to halt its support of the highly effective Mexican program to spray Mexican

marijuana fields with paraquat, a powerful herbicide. The Department of Health, Education and Welfare (HEW) has just determined paraquat is injurious to human health.

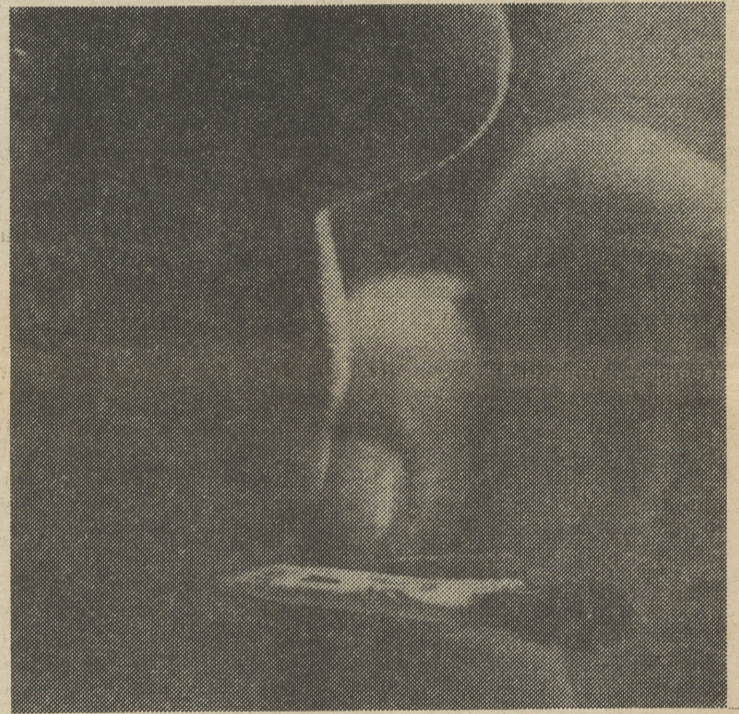
If a finding is made, U.S. support for the spraying must halt unless the sprayed marijuana can be marked in an easily identifiable way. Test results on

its start in Columbia.

The United States has signed several international agreements calling for curbs on marijuana.

Dogoloff and some other drug-abuse officials also are hoping to enlist greater parental help in steering youths away from drugs.

A federal educational film on



Marijuana - and more - finds its way into the schools.

markings are incomplete, said the HEW. The State Department is "urgently studying" the whole issue, said an official there.

Until a few years ago, Mexico used to be the prime source of marijuana smuggled into America. Paraquat spraying drastically cut that supply line and push Columbia into the No. 1 supply spot. Now Columbian officials have visited Mexico to inspect the spraying program.

White House drug specialist Lee Degoloff pins much hope of Columbian efforts to crack down on the growing of marijuana in the rugged Guajira Peninsula, now the main marijuana source for America. But lack of U.S. support for paraquat spraying could crimp the program in Mexico and prevent

marijuana problems is expected to be released by Jan. 1. And a manual on how parents can organize to fight drug abuse among youths is being prepared under federal contract.

A senior drug abuse official, who asked not to be identified, also said making even mild forms of marijuana available for older users would make it easier for children to get it. And milder forms of marijuana can be treated to make stronger forms, he added.

Both the NIDA and the National Organization for Reform of Marijuana Laws, which supports legislation to legalize marijuana, warn of health hazard connected with the use of the drug by children.

Adjusted Class Schedule Tomorrow

The Office of the Director County Campus will be evaluated in the coming year. Robert G. Quinn, Dean of Academic Instruction for Commonwealth Campuses, will present an explanation of the evaluation process to interested students, staff, and faculty members tomorrow, 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., in room 101. The program will necessitate an adjustment of the day's class schedule.

Revised Class Schedule for Friday, October 12

PERIOD	TIME
1	8:00 - 9:00
(Faculty Meeting)	9:00 - 10:30
2	10:30 - 11:30
3	11:40 - 12:40
4	12:50 - 1:50
5	2:00 - 3:00
6	3:10 - 4:10
7	4:20 - 5:20