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A three-part lecture series on drug abuse, narcotics addiction and alcoholism will be offered this summer by the University of Montana.

The program will begin at 8 p.m. Thursday, June 29 in the UM Music Recital Hall. Succeeding lectures will be presented at the same hour in the Music Recital Hall on July 6 and July 13. The series will not be offered for course credit.

The first session will be devoted to "Drug Abuse, Addiction and the Laws Pertaining to Drugs." The lecturer, Dr. Robert L. Van Horne, dean of the School of Pharmacy, will describe the drugs commonly misused, their legitimate uses, problems of diversion and addiction and legal restrictions on the use of drugs.

During the second lecture Dr. William Hogan, a psychiatrist and neurologist practicing in Missoula, will present some consequences of drug abuse, addiction and alcoholism.

The final speaker, Dr. Robert Curry, director of the UM student Health Service, will discuss "The Student and Problems of Drug Abuse." He will relate peer group pressures leading to drug misuse, campus attitudes and the need for understanding of the legitimate versus the illegitimate uses of drugs and hallucogenics.

Dr. Van Horne said the program has been instituted as the result of a request by Montana legislators. During the last session they asked that the schools of pharmacy and education at UM conduct the institute for educators, students and other interested persons.

The dean said he anticipates that the program will be developed in future years to provide high school educators with information that may be used to present comprehensive instruction to their students.