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PLANS TAKE SHAPE FOR DRUG SEMINAR AT UM

MISSOULA--

Marijuana, LSD, barbiturates and amphetamines will be discussed by Western Montana law enforcement officers when they attend a drug abuse seminar to be held on the University of Montana campus Dec. 5.

Dr. Robert Van Horne, dean of the UM pharmacy school, will address the seminar on the pharmacology of drugs and how these drugs affect the body. He will compare normal, proper use with overdoses and misuse. His talk will concern three drug types, stimulants such as amphetamines, depressants such as barbiturates, and hallucinogens such as LSD, peote, and marijuana.

The conference will be held in the Music Recital Hall on the University campus. Keith Shostrom, chief agent for the Bureau of Drug Abuse Control of the Food and Drug Administration in Denver, Colo., will explain the purposes of his bureau and how it operates and cooperates with local law enforcement officials.

Similar conferences were held in Great Falls and Billings last summer. The conferences are aimed at informing local law officers about the work of the newly formed Bureau of Drug Abuse Control and training them in investigatory and identification techniques.

Walter Smith, assistant BDAC director, will talk on investigative techniques of drug abuse, explaining where and how to look for such abuses.

Capt. Dean Lockridge of the Missoula police department will address the conference on the misuse of narcotics on the local level.

A film, "LSD 25," will be shown at the conference. Dean Van Horne said he hopes to have the film available for public viewing after the conference.

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Conference invitations have been sent to all law enforcement officers in Western Montana and Eastern Idaho. Lockridge said he expects between 100 and 150 officers to attend.