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Drug use, abuse seminar scheduled at U of Montana

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MISSOULA, Mont.---

A seven-day seminar designed for study of drug abuse and dependence and drug characteristics is scheduled for July 24-Aug. 1 at the University of Montana.

The seminar, entitled "Use and Abuse of Drugs," is being offered under two separate University catalog listings--Education 494 and Pharmacy 598. Class sessions will be from 1:20-4:40 p.m. in room 109 of the Chemistry-Pharmacy Building on the Missoula campus.

Dr. V.H. Duke, an associate professor of pharmacology at the University and seminar director, said the drug program is designed to give participants an insight into several facets of the drug problem.

The two-credit seminar is sponsored by the University School of Pharmacy to provide university and public school teachers, administrators, counselors, guidance personnel, law-enforcement and other civic-minded officials, school nurses and interested students with information about drug abuse and dependence.

Dr. Duke said most of the emphasis during the seminar will be on marijuana, alcohol, and amphetamines or "speed." Also considered will be barbiturates or "goofballs," and hallucinogens such as peyote and mescaline. Glue-sniffing and other habits also will be studied. Seminar information will be concentrated from General Course 110 "Use and Abuse of Drugs," which is being offered during the first 4½-week portion (June 23-July 23) of the UM summer session.

Experts in psychology, sociology, pharmacology and pharmacy will participate in seminar sessions. Dr. Duke said optional preview, review and discussion sessions also are scheduled mornings and evenings during the seminar.

Physical characteristics as well as the psychological, physiological and social effects of several drugs will be considered.

Anyone interested in participating in the seminar may send their name, address and phone number to the School of Pharmacy at the University of Montana, Missoula 59801, before July 24. Registration is at the first seminar session July 24 in room 109 of the Chem-Pharm Building.

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