

# HARVARD WARNS CLASS ON DRUGS

## Freshmen Told to Leave if 'Stupid Enough' to Take Marijuana and LSD

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CAMBRIDGE, Mass., April 14 — Harvard Freshmen have been told that if they are "stupid enough" to use drugs they should leave college.

In a blunt message distributed to the 1,186 members of the class of 1970, Dean John U. Monro said the administration was prepared "to take serious disciplinary action, up to and including dismissal," against any student using or distributing illegal drugs.

The message was accompanied by a five-page pamphlet prepared by the university medical services, outlining the chemical properties of marijuana and LSD and the effects of using them.

The pamphlet said that LSD was a "dangerous form of 'drug roulette,'" and that users ran a clear risk of psychotic breakdown and long-run physiological damage.

### Most in Dormitories

Nearly all the freshmen, except 20 who commute, live in 12 dormitories in the old college yard or in three nearby student residences. A handful live in cooperative housing approved by the college.

Dean Monro's message read:

"Gentlemen of 1970:

"The dean's office has been repeatedly pressed by a number of members of the freshmen class for a statement of the college's administrative position with respect to the use of drugs, including marijuana and LSD. If it will help anyone, I am pleased to clarify our position.

"As anyone bright enough to be at Harvard knows perfectly well, possession or distribution of marijuana and LSD are strictly against the law, and taking the drugs involves users in psychological dangers and contacts with the criminal underworld.

"The college is prepared to take serious disciplinary action, up to and including dismissal, against any student found to be involved in the use or distribution of illegal and dangerous

drugs.

"In sum, if a student is stupid enough to misuse his time here fooling around with illegal and dangerous drugs, our view is that he should leave college and make room for people prepared to take good advantage of a college opportunity.

"May I refer you to the attached medical appraisal by Dr. Farnsworth and Dr. Prout?"

The Harvard Crimson, the undergraduate daily newspaper, reported two weeks ago that "more freshmen than ever" were smoking marijuana or taking LSD. It said that some students were paying their tuition or buying stereo sets with their profits from sales of the drugs.

Dean Monroe said that Harvard took the problem "very seriously," but that the cases were "isolated."

#### Fear of LSD Noted

The Crimson acknowledged, as college officials have, that accurate figures were almost impossible to compile, but it estimated that from 25 to 30 per cent had smoked "pot," or marijuana, at least once.

Sources around Harvard Square today were inclined to agree with that estimate, but they doubted that many had tried LSD because of the fear of the physical consequences.

The medical services pamphlet was signed by Dr. Dana L. Farnsworth, director, and Dr. Curtis Prout, chief of medicine.

The pamphlet acknowledged that marijuana "does not produce addiction," but it warned that the social influences surrounding it encouraged experimentation with other drugs, including LSD, and that it could lead to addiction to narcotics.