

Before our time...

If you drop acid, watch it!

City police without search warrants could soon be arresting persons they only suspect have illicit drugs.

Forthcoming amendments in

the Public/Health Act may empower specific officers to enter and search for drugs covered under provincial statutes. These drugs include LSD, methedrine, mescaline, and other hallucinogens not covered in federal drug laws.

The amendments are only rumored as yet, but, speculation concerning the possible legislation grows from the fact that last year's Bill 94 before the legislature proposed similar measures before it was withdrawn.

The basic arguments for the amendment are that such laws are already in force for the provincial Liquor Control Act and that the RCMP has already got these privileges in cases involving drugs covered under the federal act.

When *Gateway* was told that the form of the old act might be revived, it contacted Ed Monsma, Assistant to the Minister of Health. Mr. Monsma said that no comments would be made on the upcoming amendments to the Public Health Act until they were tabled in the House. He refused to make a statement on whether or not the amendments concerning drug search and seizure would be

contained in the motion to amend.

Certain RCMP officers are now empowered by a 'Writ of Assistance' given to them by the Attorney General to search persons and homes without a warrant when drug use is suspected.

Opposition leader Peter Lougheed stated that he was personally opposed to any amendment which would give such powers to the police, but he could not speak for his party because there had been no caucus on the issue as yet. He said he felt such amendments would be detrimental to fundamental human rights.

On comparison of the drug laws to alcohol controls, a concerned party said, "It is ridiculous to compare the two because the drug laws are so much more severe."

by Dick Nimmons

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Grapevine

Goddesses

Members of the Emissary Foundation are urging students and faculty members to purchase tickets for "Goddesses in Every Woman", a presentation in Tory Lecture Hall on November 14. The presentation will center around Dr. Jean Shinoda Bolen, who will use story-telling and practical techniques to discuss the natural forces in the psyche that tend to shape and guide life. The foundation also invites men to attend Dr. Bolen's presentation. She is currently writing a book originally titled *Gods In Everyman*, which offers advice on how men can better understand relationships with women.

Shinerama comes to campus

On September 30th, students from the Health Sciences Faculties of the University of Alberta will be getting together to raise funds for cystic fibrosis research. They will go to every corner of campus to shine shoes for donations to this very worthy cause.

You can help by donating your time and/or money. The medical students will be setting up headquarters in Room 2-02(Fishbowl) in the Medical Sciences Building Friday afternoon (September 30) and all Saturday (October 1). Anyone who would like to participate should come to this location to receive instructions and shoe-shining equipment. It's a great opportunity to do something for those less fortunate than yourself and to have fun at the same time.

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- ▶ The national youth unemployment rate has fallen from 18.3% in September 1984 to 12%.
- ▶ Since 1984, federal spending on education has increased by \$300 million.
- ▶ The PC government has introduced a \$210 million action plan to curb drug abuse in Canada.
- ▶ The PC government has taken a firm and constructive stand against the Apartheid regime in South Africa.
- ▶ With the signing of the Montreal Protocol, Canada and some twenty other nations have agreed to reduce sulphur oxide emissions by 30 percent over ten years.

- ▶ The PC government has committed:
 - \$80 million for the Canada Scholarships Program;
 - \$240 million for the establishment of national centres of excellence;
 - \$200 million to increase the base budgets of the university research granting councils;
 - \$315 million to Natural Sciences, Social Sciences, and Medical Research granting councils.

- ▶ The PC government has committed up to \$369 million to match private sector contributions to university research.

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