

-Dave Fedorkiw photo DR. C. J. VARVIS (on right) ... "eminently unqualified" ... on marijuana

Barrington, Bertalanffy named to professorship

Two professors at The University of Alberta have been appointed to University Professorships.

Professor James Barrington and Dr. Ludwig von Bertalanffy have been designated University Professorships, the first in U of A's history.

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Prof. James Barrington, Oxford graduate. Indian Civil

United States and Canada, was ap-pointed visiting professor to this university in 1966. As university

professor he lectures on polical science and history Dr. Ludwig von Bertalanffy, scientist, diplomat, and multi-lingual author, was appointed pro-fessor of theoretical biology here in 1960. Dr. von Bertalanffy is now university professor in the department of psychology, zoology, and medicine.



Doctors discuss weed "Causes . . . a feeling of well-being"

Some 300 students dropped in to turn on with the Committee to Legalize Marijuana Wednesday in SUB Theatre.

Three medical doctors presented their various views on the medical aspects of marijuana.

Dr. P. A. Roxburgh said: "Its more pleasant than alcohol. There is no hangover, and its usually cheaper. However, it cannot be used as a pleasant drink with dinner.'

Roxburgh discussed the psychological effects of marijuana. "Marijuana in the way in which

it is normally used can be de-scribed as 'recreational'." It causes elation and a feeling of well-being. The extreme reaction is a feeling of "mystical oneness" but quite a large quantity must be used to achieve this.

He warned there can be more serious effects, such as a sensation of panic or unfounded persecution, especially among regular users.

However, such prolonged or de-layed effects are very rare, he said

"Under no circumstances could we (the medical profession) ever condone the use of a substance like marijuana, knowing as little about it as we do," stated Dr. C. J.

Varvis. Dr. Varvis immediately stated that he was "eminently unquali-fied" to speak on the subject of marijuana since he knows almost

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nothing about the subject. He is a member of a government commit-tee formed to investigate the use of drugs in Alberta.

"All drugs are dangerous until "All drugs are dangerous until they are proven safe," said Dr. Varvis. He said he is disturbed marijuana has not been proven safe and that so much of the literature published on the subject is "unadulterated bull." Dr. Roxburgh stated we should be "extremely reluctant" to legal-ize pot, since we do not have the right to "introduce another poten-tially disturbing element into a

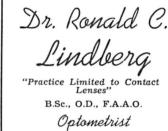
tially disturbing element into a society that already has too many

"The laws on marijuana are vicious and cruel" said Dr. A. Kempton.

He suggested that a discussion of marijuana belonged in the broad social scene, not as a medical issue.

After the doctors had finished, there was a rather spirited dis-cussion. Dr. Varvis was accused of being biased on the side of the establishment. "I'm a square", he admitted. The audience and the panel dis-

cussed a few of the legal aspects of marijuana, and it was suggested that some lawyers be invited to speak on this topic.



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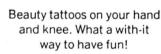
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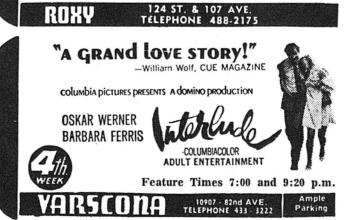
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