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Hallucinogenic plant use as psychiatric tool being discussed in lecture series this week

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Psychiatry may one day use plants that induce hallucinations as a tool to help people, Dr. Richard Evans Schultes said Monday in the first of a series of lectures.

Schultes, a taxonomist and economic botanist said, "My interest in hallucinogenic plants is from the medical point of view. Psychiatry, as a branch of medicine, has not prog-

ressed as rapidly as other fields in medical science and doesn't have as many tools. These plants when properly understood may be a tool in the hands of a psychiatrist."

The hallucinations are caused by a limited number of chemical compounds acting on a specific part of the central nervous system, Schultes said. When the compounds are excreted, the hallucinations and abnor-

mal conditions appear, Schultes said.

"Today any poison can so upset the body metabolism that these abnormal conditions," Schultes said. "They will last as long as the abnormal metabolic condition exists."

"Some of our hippies have experimented with various types of plants which are poisonous and have experienced these hallucinations,"

Schultes said. Catnip is one of these, he added.

Schultes said he lived in the Amazon for 14 years looking for new hallucinogenic plants. "There are 148 known species used as hallucinogenics," he said.

Schultes will continue his series of lectures through Friday in room 105 of Harrington Classroom Building at 4 p.m.

What's up at Texas A&M

TUESDAY

ALPHA PHI OMEGA: Registration for free engraving will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Commons, Sbis and on the first floor of the MSC.

PRE-MED/PRE-DENT SOCIETY: Representatives of the Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine will speak at 7:30 p.m. in 209 Harrington.

SOCIETY OF MANUFACTURING ENGINEERS: David Dearth from Texas Instruments will speak at 7:30 p.m. in 104 Zachry.

SOCIOLOGY CLUB: Will hold a meeting at 6:30 p.m. in 106 Bolton Hall. Officers will be introduced.

CLASS OF '83: The class ball will be discussed at 7:30 p.m. in 321 Physics Bldg.

AMERICAN SOCIETY OF SAFETY ENGINEERS: Bob Lane from Factory Mutual will speak at 7:30 p.m. in 342 Zachry.

COLLEGIATE FFA: Will meet at 7:30 p.m. in 108 Harrington. Dates for spring activities will be presented and voted on.

HORSEMEN'S ASSOCIATION: Yearbook pictures are scheduled to be taken at 7:30 p.m. in the MSC lounge.

SOCIETY OF AUTOMOTIVE ENGINEERS: Benton E. Visser of Shell Research will speak on his world-record holding fuel efficient car at 7:30 p.m. in 203 Zachry.

ACADEMIC COUNSELING CENTER: TAMU women can come join coping skills group for career-oriented women. A short orientation will be held at the Academic Counseling Center, 107 Academic Bldg. at 6:30 p.m. For more information, call 845-1651.

BASKETBALL: The Aggie Ladies wi-1 play Sam Houston State at 5:30 p.m., and the men's team will play Arkansas at 8 p.m. Both games are in G. Rollie White Coliseum.

RANGE SCIENCE CLUB: Will meet and discuss spring activities at 7 p.m. in 102 Oceanography and Meteorology Bldg.

WEDNESDAY

SOCIETY OF MANUFACTURING ENGINEERS: Yearbook pictures will be taken at 7:30 p.m. in the lobby of Zachry Engineering Center.

SPORT PARACHUTE CLUB: Will meet from 7-9 p.m. in 206 MSC.

PHI THETA KAPPA ALUMNI: Will meet at 7 p.m. in 402 Rudder.

PRE-VET SOCIETY: Will present a lecture on animal behavior at 7:30 p.m. in 212 MSC.

HILLEL JEWISH STUDENT CENTER: Dr. Vernon Droessler will speak on "Campus Stress: Can You Hack It?" at 7:30 p.m. in the Hillel Jewish Center.

SOCCER CLUB: Anyone interested in playing soccer with the club is invited to a meeting at 8 p.m. in 109 Military Science Bldg.

MANAGEMENT SOCIETY: Will meet at 7:30 p.m. in 301 Rudder.

HERPETOLOGICAL CLUB: Yearbook pictures are scheduled for 8:30 p.m. near the west entrance to Zachry Engineering Center.

ASSOCIATED GENERAL CONTRACTORS: Don Martel of Marcal, Inc. will speak at 7 p.m. in Auditorium C of the Architecture Bldg.

AGGIE CINEMA: "The Edge" will be shown at 7:30 p.m. in Rudder Theater.

THURSDAY

PLACEMENT SEMINAR: Cap and Gown Chapter of Mortarboard Inc. will hold a placement seminar at 7 p.m. in 701 Rudder.

FENCING CLUB: Will meet at 7 p.m. in 256 G. Rollie White Coliseum.

CLASS OF '82: Will hold a class meeting scheduled for 7:30 p.m. in 401 Rudder.

YOUNG AMERICANS FOR FREEDOM: Will elect officers at 7:30 p.m. in 607 Rudder.

ALPHA PHI OMEGA: Will hold orientation for new members at 7 p.m. in 137 MSC.

OUTDOOR RECREATION COMMITTEE: Will hold a general meeting at 7:30 p.m. in 231 MSC.

HILLEL JEWISH STUDENT CENTER: Will hold a class in Hebrew at 7 p.m. at the Hillel Jewish Center.

AUDIO ENGINEERING GROUP: Will elect officers at 7 p.m. in 103 Zachry.

CAMPUS CRUSADE FOR CHRIST: Will meet at 7:30 p.m. in 204 Harrington.

EMERGENCY CARE TEAM: Will hold its first meeting of the spring at 7:30 p.m. in 301 Rudder.

CEPHEID VARIABLE: Will show "Westworld" at 7:30 and 9:45 p.m. in Rudder Theater.

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