News & Notes

Two multi-media concert halls relying less on loudness and more on sensory harmony opened recently in California. WINTERLAND, located in central San Francisco and PEPPERLAND, located 15 miles north of San Francisco, have created a rock-environment employing expanded uses of electronic media. The ballroom resembles a kinetic space ark-submarine and integrates the physical plane of technological realism with psychic fantasia, particularly through the use of quadraphonic sound. For a $3.50 admission price, anyone can immerse himself in high quality rock music in an environment restricted only by the bounds of his own imagination.

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ISSUE NUMBER NINE of the Psychedelic Review has not been available since its first printing was exhausted. A second printing of PR No. 9 that retains the high quality of visual presentation and art work will be available soon to those who have already ordered it as well as those who wish to order it separately ($3.00) or as part of the back issues set (1-10), $25.00.
Beginning with the next issue, the *Psychedelic Review* will resume the CURRENT PSYCHEDELIC RESEARCH section included in previous issues as well as an expanded BOOK REVIEWS section consisting of both extensive and brief reviews of newly-published books. The research section will include brief reports and abstracts of the most significant investigations of psychedelic phenomena.

The Student Association for the Study of Hallucinogens (STASH) was organized by a group of students from Beloit College for the purpose of establishing a national student educational facility to disseminate unbiased and valid information about psychoactive drugs and their use. STASH was entirely organized by and is solely controlled by students, most of whom have had extensive involvement in, or contact with, drug use.

Incorporated in Wisconsin as a tax exempt, nonprofit, educational organization, it has depended on foundation grants and individual gifts, but is beginning to finance its operations through membership fees and publication sales.

The Association has a computerized library system for classifying and searching the literature. “Demand bibliographies” as well as photocopy privileges are available to its members. The first of a planned series of recurring bibliographies—A COMPREHENSIVE GUIDE TO THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE LITERATURE ON CANNABIS—has been published and is available for $5.95. Other publications include the proceedings of the Association’s first annual symposium, HALUCINOGENIC DRUG RESEARCH: IMPACT ON SCIENCE & SOCIETY ($2.95), a DIRECTORY OF DRUG INFORMATION GROUPS ($3.95), and a bimonthly newsletter, STASH “Capsules” (free of charge). STASH has recently entered into cooperation with David E. Smith, M.D. and the Haight-Ashbury Free Medical Clinic in the publication of the JOURNAL OF PSYCHEDELIC DRUGS ($7.00 per volume).

The Association’s address is 638 Pleasant Street, Beloit, Wisconsin 53511.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE STUDY OF PSYCHEDELIC PSYCHOLOGY aims at furthering the scientific and philosophical study of expanded consciousness and heightened awareness, and at continuing to develop techniques for achieving the fullest realization of human potential. Both drug and non-drug means of altering consciousness fall within the Society’s scope of interest. The SSPP provides a contact point for professionals and students in the field of Psychedelic Psychology, permitting an exchange of research findings, general information and ideas. Inquiries concerning membership, participation and current activities should be sent to S.S.P.P., Park Plaza Suite #534, 1629 Columbia Rd. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20009.

THE R. M. BUCKE MEMORIAL SOCIETY was founded in 1964 and is devoted to the comparative study of mystical states. It is also interested in altered states of consciousness particularly those induced by psychedelic drugs. The society has published six issues of a Newsletter which contain original articles in the field. The next and final issue of the Newsletter will appear in January 1971 and will contain articles on “Buddhist Contemplation Techniques,” “The Role of the Meditation Master in Theravada Buddhism”, “The Dynamics of Confession in Early Buddhism” and “The Guru as Psychotherapist” as well as other items. In addition to the publication of the Newsletter the society has also convened three conferences and the proceedings of two are still available: “Trance and Possession States” and “Do Psychedelics Have Religious Implications?” Further information about the society and its publications are available from the Secretary, R. M. Bucke Memorial Society, 1266 Pine Avenue West, Montreal, Quebec.