THE PSYCHEDELIC REVIEW

OTHER BOOKS

Drugs and Behavior
Edited by L. Uhr and J. G. Miller
$10.75

This book reviews some effects of psychoactive drugs (tranquilizers, energizers and psychotomimetics) on human behavior and experience. The 51 chapters are of two general types: those discussing general theoretical and methodological issues involved in drug research, and those reporting on specific research studies. The first section, the methodological, chemical, biological, and clinical context for psychopharmacology, is divided into (a) biochemistry, physiology and pharmacology, and (b) methodology. The second section, experimental procedures and results, includes: (a) experiments on animals of potential application to human subjects; (b) objective assessment of normal human behavior; (c) techniques for assessing autonomic, motivational, and pathological states; (d) experimental use of observational techniques; and (e) controlled subjective measures.

The Drug Experience
Edited by David Ebin
$5.95

The subtitle of this book is “First-person accounts of addicts, writers, scientists and others.” There are about 40 accounts of individuals who have used, been addicted to, or have experimented with a number of mind-altering drugs including hashish, heroin, bhang, opium, mescaline, peyote, psilocybin, LSD, mushrooms, marihuana, and morphine. A very readable volume with much diverse material including accounts by Aldous Huxley, Billie Holiday, Cocteau, Havelock Ellis, Allen Ginsberg, De Quincey, Aleister Crowley, William Burroughs.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

Recent years have witnessed a widespread increase of interest in the alteration of consciousness. The discovery of the psychedelic substances, such as LSD, psilocybin and mescaline, has been a major factor contributing to this interest. Scientists and scholars from diverse areas, as well as laymen, have recognized the importance of these substances as powerful tools for the exploration of consciousness. The effects of psychedelic substances pose fascinating problems for medical and psychological research and have far-reaching implications for many issues in the sciences and the humanities.

The Psychedelic Review is designed to serve as a forum for the exchange of information and ideas about these issues. It will publish original research reports, scholarly and historical essays, outstanding phenomenological accounts of spontaneous or induced transcendent experiences, and reviews of relevant pharmacological and other literature.