More kids puff pot, fewer think it's a crime

A University of Michigan study during the past three years indicates marijuana may become a permanent recreational drug.

In addition, derriminalization of marijuana may not be accompanied by an increased use of other drugs, according to the university's Institute for Social Research (ISR).

ISR's research Shruss marijuana use

for Social Research (ISR).

Social Research Slows marijuana use has been rising in the past several years, without a corresponding rise in the use of other Illied drugs.

An ongoing study program, conducted by the institute, anmally surveys the attitudes of some 17,000 high school seniors across the nation. The latest findings are contained in a report, "Drug Use Among American High School Students, 1975-1977," published by the National Institute on Drug Abuse.

Drug Abuse.

By 1977, 58 per cent of the high school seniors had at least tried mari-huma, an increase of about rine per cent over the three years. In addition, about one in 11 were daily or near-daily users, also an increasing proportion. ISR researchers say overall use of other illicit drugs did not increase over the comparable time interval.

They believe this finding may have important policy implications because it apears to refute the argument that an increase in mariphane consumption



O'Malley—the majority of high school seniors claim their use of marijuana would be unaffected by decriminalization.

Only 22 per cent of the high school seniors believe marijuana use still

same proportion as the regular use of alcohol and cigarettes.
Fewer than 10 per cent of the young people in the study believe experimenting with marijuana is very risky. Only 35 per cent believe regular use involves much risk.

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Generally, young people consider
regular smoking to be more harmful
than regular marijuans use, and regular drinking to be about as harmful.

The study found daily alcohol consumption, which stands at about six
per cent among seniors, has remained
relatively steady, and that males continue to outnumber females in daily
usage.

usage.
Regular smoking, on the other hand, has increased somewhat among females, nearly eliminating a sex difference which has existed for decades. ference which has existed for decades. About 20 per cent of both sexes are active daily smokers by the end of high school. The majority of seniors (60 per cent), however, still feel that smaking carries a great risk; and over 40 per cent believe smoking in public places should be prohibited by law. About 36 per cent of the seniors report having used a drug other than marijuana without medical supervision. Of these drugs, stimulants (primarily amphetamines, which have been used by one in four seniors) were most popular.

been used by one in four seniors) were most popular. Illicit drug use, daily drinking, and particularly daily smoking were found to be considerably more common among students not planning to attend college tiflan among those planning to attend.

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OCC names new head for police academy day to-day operation of the police academy.

Joseph Macri, director of the University of Detroit's Center for Criminal Justice Study, has been named director of Human Protection Services for Oakland Community College

As part of his job, Macri will As part of his job, Macri will become the new superintendent of the Oakland Police Academy. He replaces Cakland County Commissioner and former Birmingham Police Chief Ralph Moxdey, who headed the academy for the past three months on an interim basis. Moxdey also headed the readomy for the 1981 to 1981.

academy from 1846 to 1974.

Macri will be in charge of planning the expansion of the police academy and will coordinate the public safety operations at OCC's four campuses, the will take over May 1.

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lege to vastly expanded offerings in police, criminal justice and human safety services. Plans call for construction of a new facility in Madison Heighst to house the police academy. Macri said be was interested in expanding the academy's offerings to include training for probation and corrections officers.

"To show you how new the field is," Macri said. "The Wayne County Sheriff's Department began the first regularly scheduled classes in corrections training April 2."

"The board of trustees has made an institutional commitment to this kind of training," he said.

He added the extensive commitment would require the college to hire additional staff.

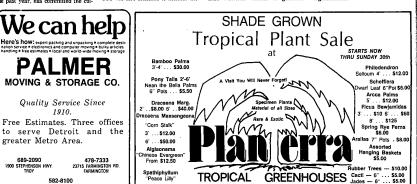
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"He can't be out getting grants. He can't be developing new programs if he's tied up coordinating classes," Maxley said, "He's going to need some

he said.
"I can't see the board of trustees "I can't see the board of trustees saying 'We're not going to give you the people.' You gotta have the people if you're going to do the job," Moxley said.

Human rights violations in Northern Ireland is the topic of a regional conference at 9 Am Samrday at Local 58 IS.E.W. Hall, 1389 Abbott in Detroit, just west of Mos Trinity Curren. The free conference is sponsored by the Metropolitan Detroil chapter of the Irish National Caucus to generate

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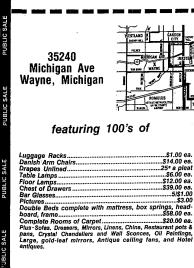


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