

Drinks, Drugs, and Do-Gooders. By CHARLES E. GOSHEN. The Free Press, a division of Macmillan, 866 Third Ave., New York, NY 10022, 1973. 256 pp. 14 × 21.5 cm. Price \$6.95.

An objective appraisal of how the nation has reacted to laws attempting to curb "pleasure seeking" through chemical means is attempted in this book. A cultural and historical perspective is essential to satisfactory solutions of the problems of drug abuse.

The author delineates common factors that lead to drug and alcohol addiction and states: "The current issue of drug abuse is essentially indistinguishable from the problem of alcohol. The only significant difference is the fact that the drug problem is insignificant in size compared with the alcohol problem."

Recent recommendations by the American Bar Association and a presidential commission on crime to eliminate or downgrade penalties for victimless crimes such as marijuana use tend to support the author's claim that such laws have been ineffective.

Staff Review

SI Units. By G. S. RAMASWAMY and V. V. L. RAO. McGraw-Hill, 1221 Avenue of the Americas, New York, NY 10020, 1971. 109 pp. 18.5 × 24.5 cm. Price \$8.95.

SI units, an international system of units, is the latest version of the metric system for weights and measures. It has been adopted or is under consideration by a number of countries. This book presents an introduction to the system, develops the units used, and gives the guidelines for development of SI units as well as their correct usage.

At the time this book was published, six basic units were utilized: meter, kilogram, second, ampere, candela, and kelvin. A seventh, mole, was under consideration.

As indicated in the Preface, SI has a distinct edge over other versions of the metric system now in use. It is intended to be comprehensive, coherent, and rational. By using the seven base units, there is hardly any discipline that is not covered.

Considering the decision of the United States to go metric and the growing number of scientists in other countries using the SI system, the information contained in this book may well be in demand.

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Advances in Biochemical Engineering 2. Edited by T. K. GHOSE, A. FIECHTER, and N. BLAKEBROUGH. Springer-Verlag, 175 Fifth Ave., New York, NY 10010, 1972. 215 pp. 15 × 23.5 cm. Price \$19.10.

Six state-of-the-art reviews make up this book. Included are Enzyme Engineering, Applications of Computers in Biochemical Engineering, Mixed Microbial Populations, Scale-Up of Biological Wastewater Treatment Reactors, Cellulose as a Novel Energy Source, and The Culture of Plant Cells.

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Drugs and Society (Symposium). University of Waterloo, Department of Chemistry, Waterloo, Ontario, N2L 3G1, Canada, 1972. 39 pp. 21 × 28 cm. Price \$1.00.

Youth and Drugs, Report of a WHO Study Group. World Health Organization, 1211 Geneva 27, Switzerland, 1973. 44 pp. 16 × 24 cm. Price \$1.00.

Identifizierung Von Arzneistoffen. By HARRY AUTERHOFF and KARL-ARTUR KOVAR. Wissenschaftliche Verlagsgesellschaft mbH., Stuttgart, 7000 Stuttgart 1, P.O. Box 40, Germany, 1973. 148 pp. 21 × 29.5 cm. Price DM 27,50.

Cancer: Experiments and Concepts. By R. SUSS, V. KINZEL, and J. D. SCRIBNER. Springer-Verlag, 175 Fifth Ave., New York, NY 10010, 1973. 15 × 22.5 cm. Price \$9.80.

Hard Tissue Growth, Repair and Remineralization. Ciba Foundation Symposium 11, Associated Scientific Publishers, P.O. Box 1270, Amsterdam, The Netherlands, 1973. 455 pp. 17 × 25 cm.

Atherogenesis: Initiating Factors. Ciba Foundation Symposium 12, Associated Scientific Publishers, P.O. Box 1270, Amsterdam, The Netherlands, 1973. 288 pp. 17 × 25 cm.

Index-Handbook of Ototoxic Agents 1966-1971. By E. L. WORTHINGTON, L. F. LUNIN, M. HEATH, and F. I. CATLIN. Johns Hopkins University Press, Baltimore, MD 21218, 1973. 18.5 × 26 cm. Price \$22.50.

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Particulate Information. Particle Sciences and Technology Information Service, Department of Chemical Engineering, University of Technology, Loughborough, Leics, LE11 3TU, England, January 1973. 20.5 × 29.5 cm. Price £16 (monthly).