

# General *opinion*

portrait of General Leary stared for a few seconds, and then imitated the General's pose. A little too much LSD? Perhaps.

On April 30, the Washington and Lee community witnessed a debate between 60's guru Dr. Timothy Leary and former Drug Enforcement Agency head, Mr. Peter Bensinger. On one side appeared a relic of the psychedelic age who coined the phrase, "Turn on, tune in, drop out." On the other side stood a Washington bureaucrat who has spent his life's work in drug enforcement and education. The stage was set for a battle of individual's rights versus the public good, yet the evening proved to be little of a debate at all. The two men mostly talked in circles about the effects of airplane pilots getting high.

Mr. Bensinger lectured as if he were addressing second graders and carefully avoided any shocking facts. His main objective is to spend money on drug education, which he feels will consequently lower our nation's enormous demand for drugs. Dr. Leary, on the other hand, rambled from one unrelated topic to the next and did everything in his power to act and appear exactly the opposite of "Mr. DEA." Not sufficiently

armed with many facts, Leary allowed the debate to turn into somewhat of a farce. He ended his "speech" by requesting that every time we look at the Capitol remember that all the top scum in the world is congregated under that one dome.

Bensinger is now the president of a consulting firm providing information on drug abuse. Leary continues to be a chief spokesman for the "cultural revolution" and is in the process of simulating LSD and other mind experiences with the aid of his computer software company, Futique, Inc. Although the expectations of a heated debate were never met, the evening was entertaining and the ramblings and contrasting appearances proved to be educational, if not in the anticipated way.

## PC Security

*With rising crime rates on our nation's campuses, some trendy schools are combatting the problem with PC re-education.*

Ever wonder how the folks in New Haven, Connecticut are doing? (yes, home to *that* university)

Doesn't look too good. This year the city of New Haven has clocked in with some pretty impressive crime statistics: 31 murders, 168 rapes, 1,784 robberies, 2,008 aggravated assaults, 4,476 burglaries, and 3,459 auto thefts. This obviously has the students at Yale a little nervous (and parents, too; why pay \$25,000+ a year to have your son or daughter mugged coming back from English class?). So what does the school do? More security guards and better exterior lighting perhaps? Come on, this is Yale, and that would be a fascist response typical of an imperialistic aggressor more concerned with punishing criminals than alleviating social injustices.

While increased security efforts are in the works (hey, they have pocketbooks...I mean parents to keep happy), University President Benno Schmidt has announced that he will lobby "for an absolutely rigorous and effective form of handgun control." Maybe he will succeed in making the laws as strict as they are in New York City, where there are four murders committed with guns every day. Yale junior Joshua Wallack, who works with several campus social-service groups, has said he "choose[s] to view

this problem as a call to Yale students to get more involved in the community." Another student has: "New Haven and Yale co-exist right next to each other, but they are isolated. That's the core of the problem." One can just see the town-gown goodwill cookout now: all the drug gangs and thieves will come to discover just how concerned Yalies are over their problems and will cease their criminal actions against these innocent and right-thinking students. Alumni magazine editor Karen Kaylin has said that "crime on the campus won't truly be eradicated until Yale spends more of its resources tackling the root causes of crime such as drugs, poverty, homelessness, and unemployment. University Secretary Sheila Wellington advises us that Yale's next responsibility after the safety of the students is to help the surrounding neighborhoods alleviate their social ills. Gee, I suppose teaching the students something would be out of the question (though, at Yale they probably learn by reading the diaries of drug dealers and studying gang graffiti, anyway). After all, does one not attend Yale (and pay dearly for it) in order to improve the lives of New Ha-