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Staff this issue: Well folks, this is the last time we greet you as staffers of a tri-weekly. We have come to the end of an era, sniff. Those watching the old go out in favor of the new day(ly) included Dennis F. who keeps the purse strings, Dan J., Ginny, Beth, Campbell the old salt, SFU'S PSA Komix, Janice, and yours truly, Harvey Thomgirt, for auld lang syne.

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Editorial

No justice off campus either

This is an editorial which first appeared this fall in The Chevron, student newspaper at the University of Waterloo. It has a lot to say. It has a lot to say about the Casserole cover quote: "In brief, our schools can only be as free as our society".

The myth of justice in our society is that all are equal before the law and physical acts are to be abhorred.

In Vancouver, Pierre just society Trudeau "strikes hippie, grabs placard" to quote the Liberal-party-backing Toronto Star. Seems he was provoked by words.

Later in the courts, the hippie gets a hearing on an assault complaint he registered against Trudeau.

The hippie has two witnesses other than the bourgeois press's reporters who say Trudeau hit him. The law produces two officers who can only say Trudeau could have hit the hippie, but they didn't see it.

End result: case dismissed, no charge.

That much made the front pages of the bourgeois press. Buried elsewhere (if at all), one discovers the police brought a charge of creating a disturbance by swearing against another participant in the demonstration.

What happens to him? Conviction and a two-month jail term, a very physical act.

The two judgments together make a slightly frightening but rather commonplace commentary on the actual justice and consistency evident in the enforcement of law 'n' order and the limitation of physical acts.

This peculiar bias of the courts is rather frequently applied.

Not long ago, a youth in St. Catharines was put in reformatory for three months because he walked around the streets with F-U-C-K written on his jeans.

Back in Vancouver, the local underground (hippie) newspaper, the Georgia Straight, has encountered a conspiracy in the courts to protect freedom of the press by limiting that freedom to just capitalists who own presses.

The Straight, which is non-profit, has been hit with numerous minor and obscure charges over the years, and usually has been assessed large fines.

Most recently the paper was fined \$1,500 and its editor \$500 on charges of "counselling to commit a criminal offence." They had simply run an article on how to cultivate marijuana at home. Not only is your favorite encyclopedia probably just as guilty, but any newspaper can now report the contents of the trial perfectly within the law.

The physical act of the fines may finish the Straight.

Just for added justice, the judge put the Straight's editor on three years probation.

The existence of charges of conspiracy to commit a criminal offence or counselling to commit a criminal offence constitutes a mockery of justice. They allow so much leeway for selective harassment that there can be no such thing as democracy.

Shall we say rather that we live in a free enterprise system; where the ruling class's political parties are free to make the rules, and free to pick the judges (with the correct political background), and the judges are free to interpret the law as they please to cover the particular cases the ruling-class legislators missed.



I THINK LEADBEATER'S
A RADICAL...



HE'S A CONSERVATIVE, MAN

HE'S TOO LEFT WING...

HE'S TOO RIGHT WING, MAN

HE'S TOO "GORE VIDAL"...

HE'S TOO "WILLIAM BUCKLEY," MAN

HE'S A BLOODY COMMUNIST...

HE'S A CAPITALIST DOG, MAN

WELL, HE DOESN'T REPRESENT ME...

ME NEITHER, MAN.

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See the Sociology Prof.
See how happy he is.
Why is he so happy?
Look where his office is.
Look where his students are.
In Ashdown Hall.
Sometimes, daring students have attempted the trip.
But none have ever been heard from again.
So the Sociology Prof. never sees his students.
Now do you ask why he is happy?
See the History Prof.
See the look of frustration on his face.
Why is the History Prof. angry?
Because he has just found out That because he is not Canadian Some people think he is not Qualified
To teach Russian, German, French or British history.
Here is a Political Science Prof.
He's trying to smuggle a text into his classroom.
Why must he smuggle?
Is it Communist propaganda?
Is it a sex manual?
Much more dangerous than that.
It was written in the United States.
Dig the Geography Prof.
See the glint in his eye and the froth around his mouth.
He's talking about the cool things he's going to do in his brand new labs.
Who knows?
When the glint and the froth have weathered away, Students may get to use the labs too.
This is a lecturer.
It is easy to tell him from the real prof.
His classes start at 8:30.
He returns his marking on time.
He thinks up ways to help you enjoy your courses.
Give the lecturer a year or so.
Then he'll act like the real profs.

