

## Leary sells out

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SIXTIES FLOWERCHILD DR. Timothy is now a software salesman from Silicon Valley.

Dr. Leary was the first man to experiment clinically with LSD. He is best known as psychologist, but he has also been a politician, an actor, a social activist, and a prisoner who served time for marijuana possession. He exerted a tremendous influence over the North Americans of his day.

As Leary talked in the McInnis Room last Wednesday night, Silicon Valley, where he is president of a software house, seemed light-years away from the Harvard lab where his famous LSD experiments took place.

"Things have changed more in the past three generations than in any other time in history," Leary said. "We're embarked on a rocketship trip into the future." One wonders where Leary's rocket is taking him. It seems to

have plummeted into the heartland of corporate America. At one point Leary even said, "I'm here to represent the company."

"Nobody believes in the industrial society anymore. They've seen their world crumble," Leary said. At the same time Leary pushed the high-tech trappings of advanced industrialization. He spoke at length of his company's new software developments, and of computer advances in the future. Is Leary a futurist? Maybe. He certainly is an industrialist.

Leary compromised everything he ever stood for in the '60s. He even said, "The '60s didn't start until '66, when electronic thought technology came along." He did not dwell on drugs or the massive social changes he witnessed over those ten years.

"Think for yourself and question authority," Leary repeatedly urged the audience. And the audience did. One person present told Leary, "It seems to me you're just a computer salesman," and asked, "How can you expect us to believe that it's more fulfilling to interact with a computer than with another human being?" Leary responded, "Computers are better tools for oral communication."

The audience didn't altogether like the software that Leary was pushing, or the fact that he was pushing anything at all. Dal student Mark MacDonald commented, "I'm badly deflated. I think he concentrated on computers too much." Another student, Philipp Graves, said, "I don't know about the computer stuff, but questioning authority makes a lot of sense." Judging from Leary's remarks, the authority of the future may well be the computer industry. Hail to the new chief.

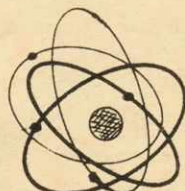


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