

## MAGIC MUSHROOMS ILLEGALIZED

Recently the Supreme Court of Canada ruled that the mushrooms, more commonly known as "magic mushrooms," are now illegal in Canada. "It came about as the result of an appeal by the Crown of the acquittal of a British Columbia man of trafficking in psilocybin after he had sold a quantity of mushrooms to undercover RCMP officers in Courtenay B.C." (Guardian November 23, 1982) Under the Food and Drug Act of Canada, the hallucinogen found in mushrooms, psilocybin, is a restricted drug.

Prince Edward Island, a haven for mushroom pickers, will see many changes in the future as a result of the new law. Each fall a number of individuals, both residents of P.E.I. and outsiders, venture out to the farmlands where the mushrooms are plentiful. In the past, the law could not interfere legally with people picking mushrooms. However, with the passing of the new law which makes

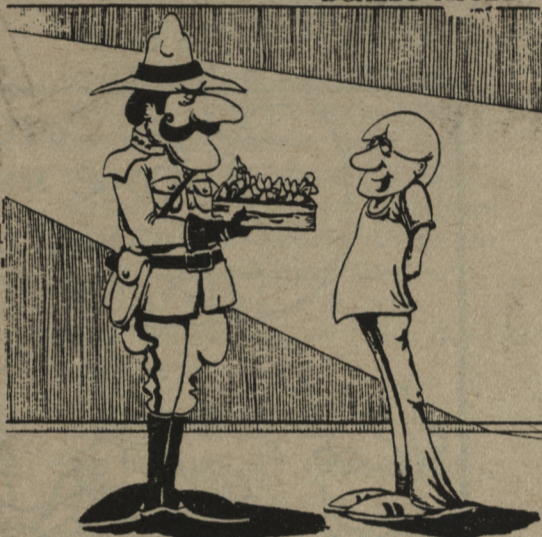
mushrooms illegal, people should think twice about picking and or selling mushrooms. Under the new law, fines for possession could reach as high as \$3,000 depending on how the case is prosecuted and perhaps even a jail term. An individual caught trafficking mushrooms could face up to ten years imprisonment.

Magic mushrooms are found in British Columbia, Quebec, and all four of the Atlantic Provinces. Police across Canada welcome the new law however there are differences among many provinces. In P.E.I., Sgt. Saulnier, a member of the RCMP drug squad in Charlottetown, had this view; "This will give us some teeth. We will be enforcing it... Anyone caught with possession of the mushrooms will be charged. We have been waiting for this decision for two years." A differing view was expressed by an unidentified RCMP officer in Newfoundland; "I guarantee we won't be rushing out and hassling magic mushroom pickers. We won't be out chasing people around the fields." However,

the RCMP in Newfoundland will get involved if they suspect a drug dealer is drying the mushrooms for the purpose of trafficking.

So to all you "shroom" pickers--think twice before you stoop to pick the little brown fungus which grows so plentiful on the fertile soil of P.E.I.

Denise Moore



"Um, would you believe those mushrooms are for my biology class?"

## FILM SOCIETY MOVIES

**Rude Boy.** Great Britain, 1980. Dir. Jack Hazen. Starring Ray Gange and The Clash. A mixture of documentary, drama and musical, but mostly a searching analysis of British working class conditions that lead to the popularity of new wave music.

### BOXING; THE MODERN DAY BARBARISM

Boxing, modern day gladiators are being used and abused in the name of sport. Being a one-time boxer myself, this may sound a little bit indictive but I feel that any sport which promotes the senseless beating, Tex Cobb, in his recent bout against Larry Holmes deserves any and all garbage, that is dumped upon it.

Granted Cobb refused to quit but we must look behind the man and into the sport that spawned such a self-destructive individual. Boxing at one time

was a sport of gentlemen in which they used their skills to prove their superiority over their opponents. But their actions were bridled by the **MARCUS OF QUEENSBERRY RULES** But today with the enormous crowds and profitable market for the sport it has turned into little more than a bloodletting and gory way to entertain an unbalanced population.

Why do people watch such a primitive sport if not to electify their own otherwise subdued lust for blood? This frantic need to please the populous has even manifested itself in the officiating. It seems that the officials refuse to stop a fight until there is nothing left of one of the opponents as seen in the recent death of one Duk Koo Kim a Korean boxer.

This sport if it can be called a sport, is repugnant to any modern intelligent individual, for intelligence is in trying to understand our primitive nature and opposed to any vessel that promotes the unleashing of our unbridled lust.

George Fisher.

## Restaurant That Lacked Taste.

THE MANAGER of a fast-food restaurant has been given the boot because his staff offered a little bit more than the standard fare.

A 62 year-old customer at MacDonald's in Twickenham, England, complained that she was served fries mixed with cigarette butts, fish garnished with pencil shavings and a mustard milkshake.

The manager claimed that he didn't serve the woman, but an industrial tribunal upheld the right of the hamburger chain to fire him because he should have known exactly what his hired hands were dishing out.

## Test Takers Excell In Morning.

YOU are likely to score higher on a job test or school exam if you take it in the morning. Dr. Aaron Hughes of Western Kentucky University said that when he gave two groups of students the same quiz, the morning group scored an average of four points higher than the afternoon group.

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