

A THREE-RING CIRCUS OF THE MIND

When Juel Cook, the last remaining Black Panther field worker was here, he did something that to my knowledge hasn't been done before at UPEI. He laid a rap on us.

As is usual with anyone who speaks to the student body with passionate conviction, he was very well applauded. And as is usual with anyone who wanted more response than the collision of one hand with the other, he didn't get it.

The role he was hoping that the 400 or so people in Duffy would fulfill would be to give a little money to what Rocky Jones called "The brothers on the front lines." Out of that crowd they got about \$25.00.

They're trying to raise \$6 million for bail. That wouldn't bail a guy out of city jail for jaywalking.

The reasons for the abrupt split between applause and response are interesting:

One was surely the fact that few if any students come from a cultural background of violence, hatred and oppression, and couldn't really get on the man's wavelength. Not that you have to be a poor black from Oakland or Watts to understand the reason for the Panthers emergence on the American scene. For example, magazines like Ramparts and the Guardian, (The Guardian — from New York), and books like *The Autobiography of Malcolm X*, Gene Marine's *The Black Panthers*, and the works of Franz Fanon and Eldridge Cleaver give some background to black ghetto experience.

The inability of a majority of middle-class whites to believe that policemen can kill people for little or no reason, and then escape prosecution because of the machinery of "justice" is definitely a stumbling block to comprehension.

A closer to home example of typical police mentality is found in the survey taken in Quebec where the police were found to dislike "hippies" more than they dislike criminals. And it is indisputable that many white cops have a similar if more violent prejudice to blacks.

Certainly no one pretends that black people are never violent, never let their rhetoric get carried away with itself—but they have been oppressed on the continent and especially in the United States of America for hundreds of years. They are a colonial people of the run-away monster USA.

There were the usual bright-eyed idealists who questioned Cooks philosophy of violence, who accused the Panthers of racism even though Cook tried to emphasize that "it is a class struggle not a race struggle." Many expounded the old bullshit SNCC passive resistance theory.

Of course the fact that the University community reduces every struggle big or little to an intellectual abstraction in which the catch phrases and superficial appearances are bandied about without any assimilation of their spirit and motives, dooms any effort before it starts.

The large crowd was obviously looking to be entertained. Juel would have been a bigger hit if he had come with a black beret, a submachine gun and a bandolier of bullets.

—Hornby

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martin deserted the forte for new york where he will practice his joe buck routine: dennis is ratso from afar (the best wa to take him we find) while in the office staffers come and go talking of michelangelo (i made that up: they dont really) the secret southport agent snuck in a few nights for quickies. wendy and gail typed one night whilst terry was ruthlessly efficient. captain bearheart walked around with its fly down to the delight of mcgaughey who just idolizes such cheap hypes. well thats showbiz fokes. keaveny was bilked for about \$6 by crafty hornby—better known as grafty protection money for the darling of the press. you do get rather tired of typing up your own crap for the fourth night in a row. next week we absolutely positively promise a new greate canadian novel, gross cartoons and (below all) the bear manifesto. cross our bearheart and hope to die!



"...and did you voluntarily accept a free, hot meal from known Black Panthers at nine a.m., February nine, nineteen hun'ert an' seventy?"

Down in black & white

There are two things which bother me about the Sir George Williams Computer affair which were pointed out by the speakers from Sir George who visited the Campus recently. They were never mentioned in the local press nor national news media, yet they are both very important. The first one is the make up of the jury by which the students are to be tried. The second one is the refusal of either the provincial or the federal government to allow a full scale government investigation into the matter.

It is a basic principle of Anglo-saxon justice that a man shall be tried by his peers. Yet of the candidates for jurymen in the trial not one of the candidates were black. Surely there are enough black people in Montreal to allow for having some of them on the jury. Also the jury in general were middle aged. Can it be said that these students are going to get a fair trial.

It is also interesting to note that the average bail for black students was \$4,000 and for the white students only \$1,500?

Because of the conflicting statements made by the police and members of the Sir George Williams administration it is quite clear that the fact have not all been brought out. While the black students are willing to accept their responsibility for certain events they have persistently called for a full scale investigation of the matter but have been refused this by both the federal and provincial government. Why? I personally believe that it is not merely the black students who are on trial here but Canadian society which is being charged with blatant racism. Canada is on trial also, and University and government officials want the whole thing swept under the rug as quickly as possible. And at what cost is "justice" passed on 42 black students.

February 26 is a national day of solidarity with the Sir George students. I would urge that the matter be discussed by council and if it seems fit, some form of action should be taken to show support for the demands being made by the Black students at Sir George.

A telegram of support — requesting an investigation — seems to be in order.

Reply and fugue

I do not like the editorial we reprinted for Carolyn Duffy on page 7. The reasons she quotes me as having given were somewhat rhetorical, although I think that they can be quite easily justified — except for "fascist," which was probably in reference to some things I have heard Miss Clancy (the author of the piece) say, and as such are not germane to this discussion.

Firstly, I felt that it was naive in its conception of the womens liberation movement. The movement, as I see it, consists of women redefining their role in society as something other than another instrument of man's gratification — a sexual object for man's use.

The image of a woman going to university mainly to catch a husband, or to get a job to support her until she can; of women being nurses but not doctors, teachers but not principals, etc. This image is largely the responsibility of women, and the women's liberation movement is trying to change it. These people are not a bunch of slightly butch, repressed potential old maid stereotypes, who have no sex appeal and are bitter about it: they merely want to define themselves as equal to men, instead of having equality a rare and (literally) remarkable occurrence.

Janiel Jolley, the SFU protest candidate in the Waterloo Lutheran Winter Carnival Queen pageant, is an example of the rebellion against the Playboy-image of women as cattle whose worth is judged by externals.

As far as snobbish goes, I think the reference to people being unwashed and "exuding a peculiar odor" needs no amplification.

Smugness is indicated in Miss Clancy's totally unfounded assumption that she presents a threat to the radical movement and would thus be "the first to face the firing squad." The statement that "We bourgeoisie pigs are safe as long as (the radical movement's) growth is numerical and not intellectual" also strikes me as smug.

Her opinion that radicals who call themselves Marxists don't really know what Marx was writing about, strikes me very funny, coming, as it does, from one who has told me that she is a "Trudeau phile". Her own knowledge of Marx or anything radical has never struck me as being anything out of the ordinary — which is to say, practically nothing. This opinion is certainly uninformed.

I call the article intellectually dishonest because it is so convinced of its righteousness, when it displays a frighteningly superficial view of the situation it is purporting to describe.

As I have indicated, I don't feel that the article is very important. What is important is that Miss Duffy took the time to express her views. The importance of the view one expresses is, at this early stage in the development of UPEI, secondary to the fact of the expression itself.

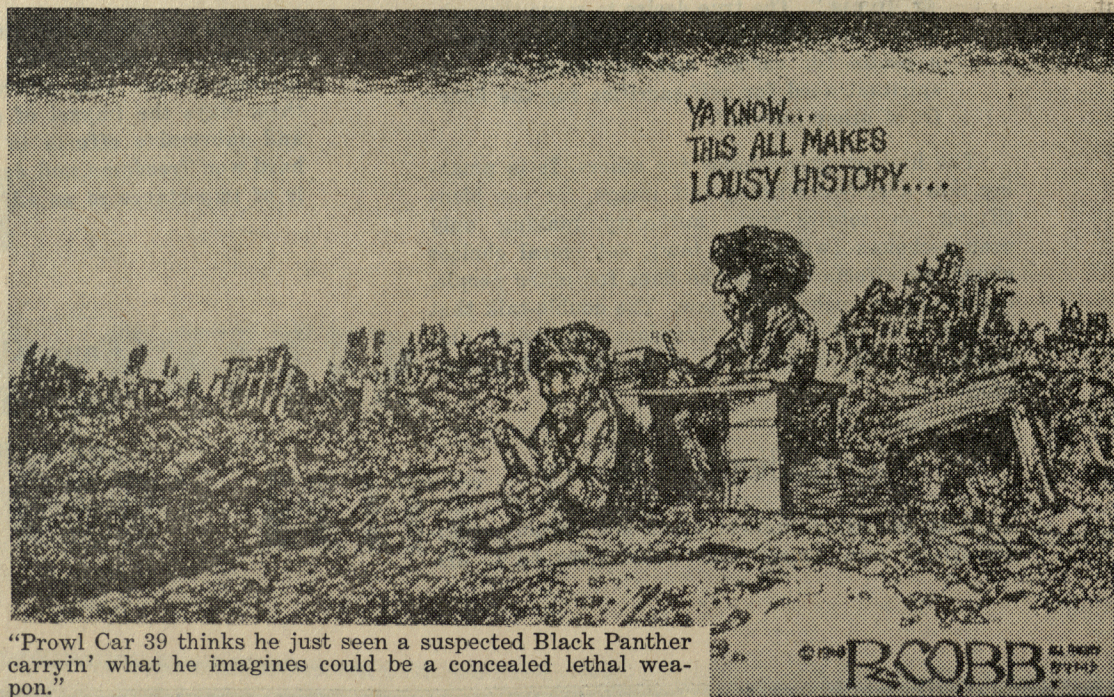
Dialogue is surely the thing we need most if we are ever going to develop.

COUNCIL QUOTE OF THE WEEK

Keaveny: "What's the motion?"

MacKay (acting chairman): "Well..."

Everyone knows what the motion is."



"Prowl Car 39 thinks he just seen a suspected Black Panther carryin' what he imagines could be a concealed lethal weapon."

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