

Hoffman lecture well received

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He's wild, he's outrageous, he's Abbie Hoffman, and he was here on campus last Wednesday as part of the Academic Commission's Lecture Series initiated by Micheal Bennett VP Academic.

Abby, as he prefers to be called, was in Fredericton to deliver 2 lectures on Wednesday: the first on Free Speech and the second on Student Activism. An energetic and truly entertaining man, Abby Hoffman kept his audience on the edge of their seats throughout his two lectures, and was applauded loudly at the finish of his evening lecture with a resounding standing ovation.

Currently a spokesman for various environmental groups in the US, Hoffman is famous among the youth radicals of the 60's as leader of a student demonstration held during the Democratic National Convention in Chicago in 1968. His actions there and in later years as a fugitive from justice motivated Newsweek to write this about him "Abbie has emerged from 2 decades of activism with his Grouch Marxist humour and personality intact." It is this biting humour and overwhelming personality which are an integral part of his success and which have had him ranked as one of North America's top University lecturers. Never short on anything to say, these are but few of Abbie's remarks on topics ranging from Student Activism and Central America to Acid Rain and Canada-US relations.

On Canada:

"I've been kicked out of Canada twice, my books have been banned in Canada, and I have the distinction of having

the only "non-pornographic" book that isn't allowed in this country."

"Canada's national sport is rowing - where else can you race to row backwards to victory?"

"Canada is a nice country - it put a marijuana leaf on its flag."

"I know you Canadians are white, I'll remind them the next time I'm in Washington."

"Canada is independent isn't it? Or do you still worship the Queen, Chuck and Di, and King Ronnie and Queen Nancy?"

"Mulgooney's down there talking Acid Rain with Ronnie...I'm sure Canada believes it all, Mulgooney goes down there and comes home with a pat on his head."

"Canada and France are the biggest whores in the world."

"Canada is cozy cozy playing footsie with Ronnie."

"We like to believe Canada and the US are partners in peace, but you're not. The US uses Alberta as a battering ram for Cruise Missiles, Canada is exploited and used as a garbage dump."

"Canada's enemy is the US. Where is social justice without economic justice? (I'll probably get kicked out again for this.)"

On Russia:

"What do we know about Russia? They stand there and watch f-n boring parades in the snow. You know they don't have unemployment? Of course not! They're slaves!" sarcasm added.

"In the US we have the most free speech in the world-not one is pro-Russian or pro-labour."

On his days as a fugitive:

"You know, the Naval intelligence followed me, they must have thought that I went underwater."

"I ran into the government psycho-analyst who had been paid to analyze me, and he told me "Abbie, you're a show off, an exhibitionist."

On Central America:

"We shouldn't be giving AID to the Contras, we should be giving AIDS to the Contras."

"The US test for Latin American co-operation is whether or not the leaders speak English."

"The US is lying about what is going on in Central America. It is part of a deliberate disinformation campaign, and echoes back to the days of Vietnam...Everything that Reagan dishes out I can say, 'This is a lie, that is a lie, this is a fake...'"

"I'm a Sandinista tour guide."

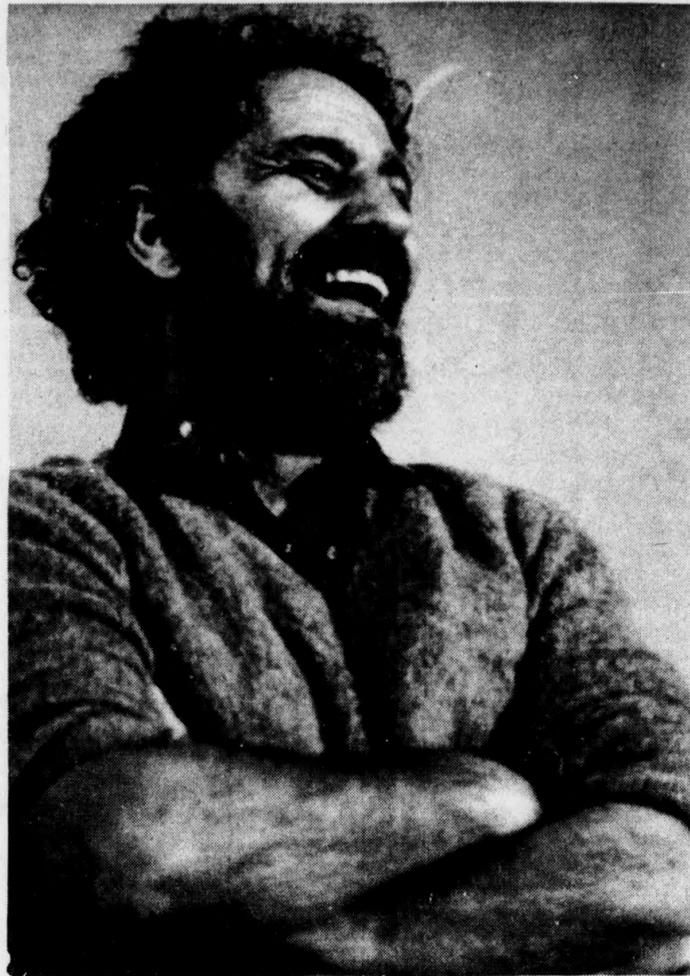
"The next thing you know, the US government will be blaming Nicaragua for the space-shuttle."

"Are we headed for another Vietnam War? Well, we're already in Nicaragua."

"In Nicaragua, they're not listening to Russian folk-songs on the radio-The Nicaraguans say that the Russians don't want to boogie-instead they are listening to Madonna-I'm a material girl, in a material world' and Cindy Lauper 'Money changes everything...'"

On Student Activism today:

"Campus' are marriage



Abbie Hoffman entertains

training camps."

"Student Activism is an oxymoron, like the Free Press and Military Intelligence."

"Campus' today are the hotbeds of social rest, let's go out and go bowling."

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South Africa Day Today

by SOUTH AFRICAN STUDENT UNION

The University of New Brunswick has an investment of about \$0.5 million in firms that do business with or in South Africa. The Board of Governors of the University is studying this issue through a committee.

"Foreign investments support the present economic system of injustice. We Blacks are perfectly willing to suffer the consequences of corporate withdrawal."

—Steve Biko

"Foreign investors, faced with a need to square within their own conscience, argue that they are a force of change and find support for this from liberal economists. Records show, however, that racism, state oppressions and economic deterioration in the reserves have coincided with their entry into the South African market. The post World War Two infrastructure which

boasted the country's manufacturing industry was substantially financed by the United Kingdom and the West. It has bloated Afrikanerdom and apartheid, and brought practically no improvement in the conditions of the workers who continue to be exploited miserably whether working in foreign or local firms. Reform measures, as expressed by special codes, such as the American "Sullivan principles," bring insignificant amelioration precisely because they touch an insignificant sector of the population. Foreign companies are usually capital-intensive and have the effect of increasing unemployment among the unskilled and semi-skilled ranks."

—Fatima Meer
Professor of Sociology
University of Natal

"After the Sharpeville massacre...the African National Congress raised the question of sanctions against the South African regime..."

we appeal to every section of the international community to join in a determined effort to win the co-operation of all... in the enforcement of sanctions against South Africa... for those determined to see the liberation of Namibia and South Africa, the sacrifices they have to make in the event of the imposition of sanctions against the Pretoria racist regime must be seen as an inevitable part of the struggle for peace, stability and progress."

—Oliver Tambo
President
African National Congress

"If the international community is serious in its call for a relatively peaceful solution to the liberation struggle in apartheid South Africa, then it must immediately impose comprehensive mandatory military and economic sanctions against the Pretoria regime. It must not be duped by the apologists for the racist regime

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Hunger strike continues

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Today is the start of WEEK TWO of Ken Quigley's hunger strike for the preservation of youth programs. Quigley, Editor-in-Chief of the Brunswickan, began his own strike on Friday, March 14th to show his support for Senator Jacques Hébert's which began on Monday, March 10th.

Quigley's strike has received support from some members of the community. The SUB Director Kim Norris has given him permission to sleep in the

Blue Lounge of the Student Union Building, and Oasis Waterbeds has donated the use of a waterbed for the duration of the strike. Others, having taken the opposing point of view, have been responsible for vandalism of Quigley's posters and have taunted him with invitations to dinner. Nevertheless, Quigley, whose normally 235-pound body weighed 216 as of Thursday, March 20th, will continue his hunger strike until he feels that he has done "everything possible to publicize the issue."