

in defence of a certain four letter word

On Friday, July 25, a long-haired, seventeen-year old named Kevin Hoare was arrested in downtown St. Catherines. He had been selling an underground newspaper called Harbinger.

Monday morning following, he was brought to trial, waived the right of a defense lawyer, and was sentenced to three months in jail (because of his age, to the Guelph Reformatory). The charge was that he "did knowingly expose in a public place, indecent words without legal justification or excuse." The main evidence was "fuck" penned in inch high, upside-down letters on the thigh of his jeans.

This is a clear case of perversion — not of "justice" in the abstract, but perversion of the system values that "justice" is based on. "Greed" is not an obscene word; "pollution" is not obscene; "napalm" is scientific; "starvation" is acceptable; "genocide" is not obscene; nc — but "fuck" is obscene.

And "fuck" IS obscene. But is obscene because as a word it expresses a rotten way of life. Like most words used to describe the sex act, its connotations are particularly loveless. And sex without love epitomizes the meaninglessness of proclaimed ideals which are contradicted everyday by their advocates.

It is acceptable for the final intimacy of making love by degraded by advertisers for profit but when some kid displays the profiteer's cynicism, and combines it with contempt for the profiteer, the machinery for "justice" then grinds into action, and the hypocrisy of the system lies exposed.

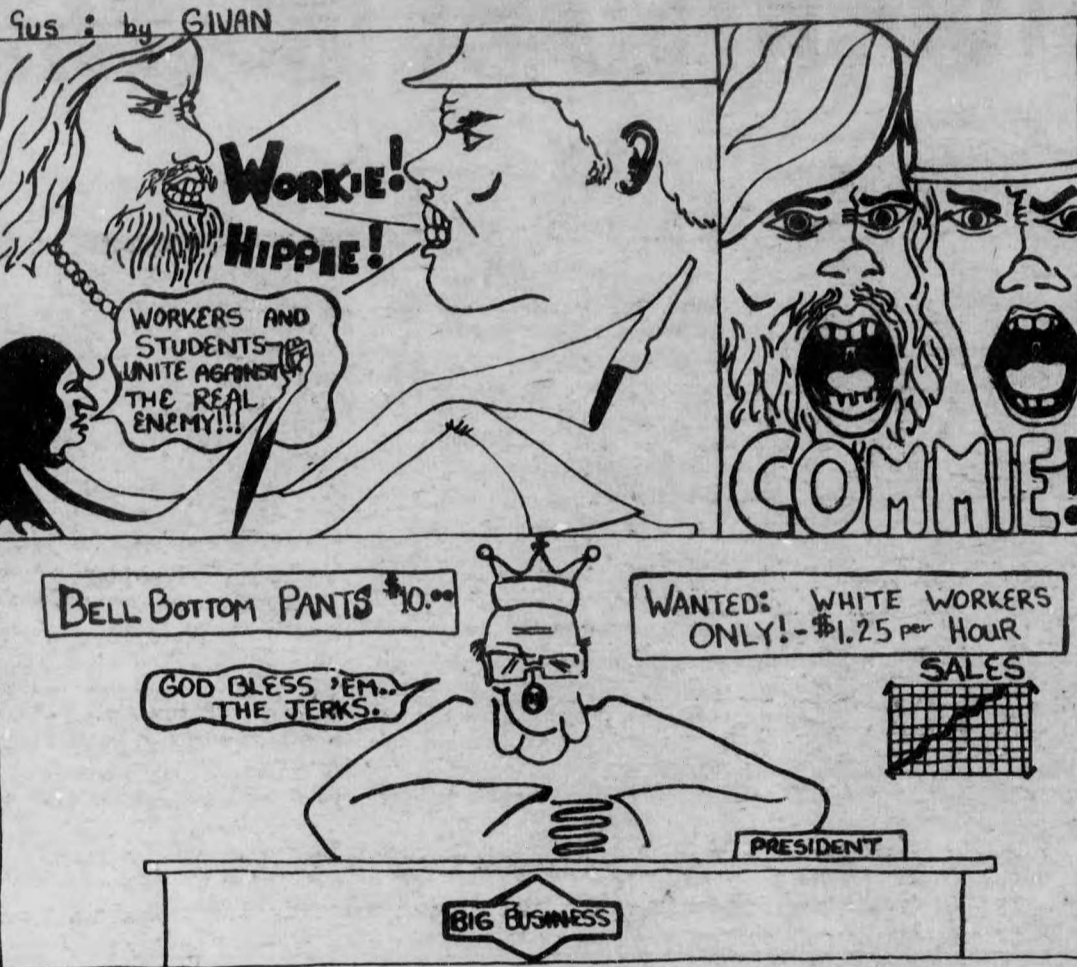
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feedback

NASTY FOUR LETTER WORDS ARE STILL NO-NOS

I am writing this in reference to your report, "A Night To Remember" in the last issue of the Brunswickan. It was shocking to note a certain four letter word starting with "eff" and ending with "kay" being used in the above report. The report could have used some alternate way of mentioning the use of obscene language by drunken people. The only time I remember to have noted such a usage in the Brunswickan was during the obscene leaflet incidence last fall.

I am sure many enthusiastic off campus and on campus readers would agree that such words should not be used in a news medium.

Yours truly,
V.S.V. Rajan
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WELL SOMEBODY LOVES US

I would like to congratulate you on your coverage of "The Sub as Pig Pen" printed in the Oct. 3 issue of the Bruns. I have noticed that as a result of this article, the catering staff are working twice as hard, picking up twice as much garbage, creating an illusion of cleanliness on the premises.

I have also noticed that the alcoholic offenders are consuming their various beverages in the parking lots instead of inside the building and are managing to restrain their aggressive tendencies while in the view of our supervisory staff.

I would like also to extend congratulations to the student

body on a marked improvement.

Sincerely
Groovy R.
Student Supervisor

WARNING TO HUNTER, LAMBERT, AND ROBERTSON — GENTLEMEN BE PREPARED FOR SOME 'HIGH' THINKING

It is high time for Mr. Lambert and his associates to resign from the Montgomery Street Co-operative housing project. They have failed to achieve the goal and let it be tried by someone else.

It is also ridiculous to note that they have fixed \$125.00 rent per month (only rent) — the same for students as well as for staff members who obviously get higher salaries and not only \$2,000.00 scholarship per year.

In all parts of the world, students' housing is much cheaper and why on earth, there is discrimination among students. Single students' houses will be completely furnished, why? When the single student can easily afford a bed or a chair. Married students with children (with a scholarship of about \$2,000.00 a year) can't afford to buy any furniture. The co-operative should have thought of furnishing first the married students' apartments. I have been told that the co-operative is run by students — then why students engaged in this task demand such a high rent (\$125 per month — only rent) from their own community — students. The students' rent should not exceed \$50-\$80 per month. Some students (especially married) can't afford to pay \$1,500 per year while their scholarship is only \$2,500.00 per year. It is time

for high thinking. The co-operative should help students, and not run a business like a real estate dealer (demanding \$125.00 per month) from students.

One affected

MOMMY,

PLEASE FIND ME

Regarding the article published in the Brunswickan October 3, concerning the unclear situation of the SUB:

It seems the topic of discussion was the appalling mess of the SUB; but the article seemed to have its main emphasis on the disregarding attitudes of the "superfluous" amount of drunks found in the SUB, and a play by play description of their actions.

I think you laboured the point about drunks, and forgot about the serious problem: "The SUB — It's a Pig Pen". I also think your presentation could be summed up in one paragraph; of course not to take anything away from your literary talent.

Certainly the condition of the SUB is often a disgrace, due not only to drunks, but also to its sober patrons. Why doesn't the Student Council draw up a set of rules, implement them, and sanction their disregard?

Oh yes, I must also add a little tip for the writer of the article. I think possibly, you will get your point across a little better if you did not publish vulgarity (majority of responses to supervisor when asking persons to leave SUB) in the Brunswickan, for I'm sure he would not reiterate this phrase to his mother or girlfriend.

Sincerely,
John Harper
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