

BLOOD & THUNDER

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Thanks for coming out

I would like to respond to Anthony Norman's letter in last week's Blood and Thunder, which accused me of "living in a cave." or some such thing.

What little sense I could make of his somewhat rambling letter seemed to suggest that he disagreed with me. That's fine. I was, however, a little disappointed to find that he had completely missed the point of both my letter and the article which it concerned. Let's go over it once more for the slow kids.

In the article "A Joke From God", the author told how she eavesdropped on a conversation between two men as she walked through Head Hall. Believing they were joking nastily about a sexual encounter (Heaven forbid!), she turned to attack, only to find that they were really discussing childbirth. Well, golly, what a shock. The "joke" that God has played on her, she believes, is that these two men are different from most, apparently in that they are not pigs. The intended irony suggest that this is an exception which proves a rule.

My letter sought to express only

a single thought; that prejudice against men is just as bad as prejudice against blacks, women, or gays. In this time of "Political Correctness" it seems to be perfectly acceptable to hate men, and to blame all of us for the actions of a few, and I simply don't believe that this view holds moral water.

Mr. Norman seemed to feel that my opposition to such bigotry was indicative of Neanderthal tendencies. He felt that the article showed that men and women are moving closer to a time when men can fully share the joy and pain women experience. I don't know what article he had read, but it wasn't the same one that angered me. I can't say that I really understood his letter after that, but I am pretty sure that it contained a direct insult to me.

How can you, Mr. Norman, presume to know what kind of person I am? How dare you insult me so totally, having never met me? I have a girlfriend, six sisters, and many women friends, and none have ever accused me of disliking females. You, a stranger, have, and I find your ignorance and vindictiveness disgusting.

Thanks for coming out.

Bill MacGillivray

Love to all

John Valk is a genius. His articles (weekly) in the Spectrum of the Bruns are a "MUST" on your reading list.

How can you not take notice of his clear insights, dissertations and unbiased interpretations?

I can only strongly hope that the entire student body read "We have met the enemy" in February 28 Bruns. Otherwise please reprint. As a matter of fact, most or all of the other stuff is great too. And please, leave out all the p... f... d h... words. UNB does not need them. Love to all.

Nicolaas DeVries

Dear Allan

I would just like to clarify the UNB Student Women's Collective's position on the Morgentaler clinic. You stated in your last column that you found it

surprising that the women's collective had no comment on abortion when approached by the Bruns and you implied that maybe the issue wasn't as cut and dry as feminists would like it to be.

Well, you are right and wrong. You are right that it is not a cut and dry issue. But you are wrong on your assumptions that feminists don't want that part of the issue debated. Quite frankly we think the abortion debate is too narrow. It is not about simply when a fetus becomes a human being. Abortion is much more complicated than that. It is about a long history of male control over women's bodies. It is about 65 percent of single women with children living in poverty. It is about the men's standard of living increasing 75 percent after a divorce and women's decreasing by 40 percent. It is about inadequate daycare. It is about women who choose to stay home being seen as doing nothing but watching the soaps and eating bon bons all day. It is about the denigration

of the role of women as mothers. It is about women only being paid 65 cents for every dollar a man makes and not being able to afford to feed her children. It is about the 30,000 children in this province who don't get enough to eat.

The debate should not just be about when does a fetus become a human. It should be about what happens after that fetus is born.

As a Collective we are all pro-choice. As for Morgentaler, some members support him and others have questions about his motives and statements he's (sic) made in the past. As a result, the Collective decided that we would take a pro-choice stance but not comment on Morgentaler himself. The Collective also took the stance that whoever in the Collective wanted to speak on the issue from a personal perspective was free to do so.

Valerie Kilfoil
UNB Student Women's
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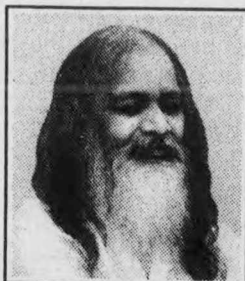
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