

LETTERS

Is Blair a man?

To the editor:

Is Tiffany Blair a man?

As a rapist, batterer, abuser and murderer I found great pleasure in reading the letter of Tiffany Blair (Gazette, Nov. 8). This clear definition of man is not the only achievement of T. Blair. She polemizes in remarkable style ("sickening, wishy-washy, liberal bullshit") with Bruce D. Gilchrist, who, unwisely, wanted to join the women-only Take Back the Night March. The next time he should think twice before risking ridicule by trying to express his concern about injustices against women.

I understand Tiffany Blair's anger. Nobody is more repulsive to a true fighter than the moderate. We, radicals, love the black and white divisions, and hate all the shadows in between. Guys like Gilchrist only blur the divisions, make the picture of "Evil Male" less convincing and, therefore, they dissipate emotions. For us, radicals, emotions are the main tool in the fight for Truth and Justice.

Following T. Blair's analogies — the blacks in South Africa must be stupid as they allowed the whites to participate in the anti-apartheid rallies. The only excuse they may have is the poor circulation of the Gazette in South Africa.

The international students at Dal (another of T. Blair's examples) do not have even such an excuse. They did not kick out Canadians from the International Students Party in November. Oh the irony, the party took place in the Green Room — the room commemorated in the history of women's liberation by the throwing out of Joe Morrison (on duty Student Union Building staff) for being a man (Gazette).

The tactic of Tiffany Blair has an advantage of being a self-fulfilling prophecy. The more you offend the sympathizing men, the lower chance that they will speak out against real and disturbing injustices towards women. The less they protest — the more Blair is right in condemning men for their hatred, or, at least, indifference, and the bigger support she gets.

There is only one small problem in this logic. The more radical you are, the more difficult it is to find any solutions other than the complete reversing of roles. Communists truly hated capitalism for its injustice and oppressiveness. Yet, they ended up in a system far more unjust and oppressive.

Therefore, I wish to know how the brave new world according to Tiffany Blair would look. Or, even more important, how she would like to achieve it? The right to kill for every woman — mass castrations?

But perhaps the solution of the problem is not so important. Maybe the fight is for the sake of the fight itself. Maybe it is enough to provoke, to kindle emotions, to be in the centre of attention, to be a star. Then, Tiffany Blair, you got it. Congratulations.

Finally, there is an even more radical hypothesis. Maybe Tiffany Blair is a man? Another sexist male, who, pretending to be a feminist, tries, by being intolerant and offensive, to discredit feminism! Shame on you, men. Not only rapists, batterers, etc., but liars as well!

Piotr Trela



Gulf War

To the editor:

At the time I am writing this letter, the Gulf Crisis has not yet come to a war situation. There are many groups out there protesting the presence of American and Canadian troops (as well as others) in the Gulf. I agree that other solutions should be tried (for example sanctions) before succumbing to actual combat. (As an aside, the troops would still have to be there to enforce the sanctions properly.) And I applaud those people for standing in the cold, even up to the last minute, trying to achieve these ends.

My concern is about what will happen after a war comes, if it comes. Will these same people stand out in the cold to welcome our troops home again (when they come home again), will they stay out in the cold to yell at the troops for going to the Gulf, or will these people ignore the troops altogether? I pray that these same people protesting the situation will support our troops in the event of a war. It is not those men and women's fault their government can not find a peaceful solution. They are just doing their jobs. Please do not turn this situation into a Vietnam for our fighting citizens.

Tracy Hennigar

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