

Professor concerned about student behavior

By Allan Carter

Professor Matin Yaqzan of the Mathematics department at UNB wrote a letter to the Dean of students, Dean Austin, concerning students' behavior on the UNB campus. The letter was written at the end of January.

With in this letter, Yaqzan states that after a publication of an opinion he wrote in the *Brunswickan* in September, Thomas Kuttner of the law school accused Yaqzan "of sophism and of using innuendos, invectives and half truths."

He further claimed that students, "possibly under his (Kuttner's) influence, started a campaign of insults and insinuations against" himself.

In his letter to Austin, Yaqzan names several students who he feels have "confined themselves to abusive language and expressions." Such students are James Gill, a law student and VP of University Affairs for the Student Union; Karen Braun of the English department; Luis Cardosa, a past graduate of UNB; Patrick Clement a law student; and Melanie Hawkes, managing editor of the *Brunswickan*.

In the letter Yaqzan points out "the fact that the *Brunswickan* only printed three letters of his as "against at least six write-ups against" him.

He also expressed his concern to know whether or not Austin found this kind of student behavior in bad taste or not. If Austin does Yaqzan would like to know if Austin could do anything to "let these students know that insulting

faculty members is neither in good taste nor a welcome trait for UNB students". In addition he wonders about what recourse there is for a faculty member in such a situation.

Austin has not taken any action on the matter as of yet because he was away for most of last week. But he believes the letter is "important enough" to take "into consideration".

Gill, in a letter to Yaqzan states that Yaqzan's "statements demonstrate an ignorance, or worse yet, an ignoring, of the ideals of open-mindedness and tolerance which ought properly to be found in the university community."

He further says "some people are going to dislike what you (Yaqzan) say, and it is their right as members of a free and democratic society to respond."

Gill congratulates his colleagues in speaking up and says "the university does not exist to spawn erudite magpies who will speak when spoken to and be seen and not heard. The university is here to develop independent thought, belief and opinion, and encourage expression thereof."

In conclusion Gill expresses an openness to a mature dialogue with Yaqzan on the matter.

When questioned about Yaqzan's letter, Gill said that Yaqzan's actions in going to the Dean of students was ludicrous. Gill questioned what the Dean could do.

Yaqzan himself would not make a comment about his letter. The woman on the phone at Yaqzan's home told the *Brunswickan* that Yaqzan's time is "very valuable" and said

that Yaqzan was not really interested in commenting.

Clement felt that Yaqzan's letter was an example preventing freedom of thought. He also found it disturbing that Yaqzan "would use his academic position to suppress students' thought. Clement still leaves "it open" if Yaqzan wishes to refute his arguments. But Clement does not think

Yaqzan presents any logical arguments.

Cardosa argued that Yaqzan's position was absurd. He said that students could not be expected to be silent in response to Yaqzan's comments in the *Brunswickan*.

He does not find anyone's language insulting when addressing Yaqzan, at least it is not anymore insulting than what Yaqzan himself has written.

Cardosa believes that Gill's

letter to Yaqzan "says it as well as anybody could."

Karen Braun has not seen the letter that Yaqzan sent to Austin, thus she would not comment on the matter.

When contacted Melanie Hawkes also chose not to comment on the matter.

The letter that Yaqzan wrote was also sent to Dr. Robert Burrige, Vice President (Academic). In the letter it says that Burrige "has suggested that I (Yaqzan) contact you (Austin) about the student behavior on the campus."

When questioned about this statement Burrige said that Yaqzan had written to him "about a number of things" a while ago; and in quite a "general context" Yaqzan had asked who he should contact about student behavior.

Burrige was rather surprised to see the statement in the

letter. Though he believes it does not exactly say anything he feels there is "a bit of implication."

Dean Kent of the Arts faculty had no comment whatsoever regarding the letter.

Other individuals who received copies of the letter were President James Downey; Dr Ploude, chairman of the English Department; and Dean Dore of the law faculty. The *Brunswickan* was unable to reach these individuals for comment.

Nor was Professor Kuttner able to be reached for comment.



New Security System at Tibbits/Dunn

By Allan Carter

Residents of Lady Dunn have recently received front door keys to their house.

In addition to this new feature, the security officer who usually is stationed at the front door of Tibbits looking after the "sign in book" will spend more time checking lobbies, hallways, and walking around the outside parameters of the two adjoining buildings.

Mary Lou Stirling, Dean of Residence, claims that this strategy is not new and has been done in the past.

She also states that the two houses are the only ones where residents do not have front door

keys and to her understanding, the residents at Tibbits and Lady Dunn have been asking for front door keys for several years.

She feels the new idea is an "attempt to provide more security" and said it has been expressed by security that the security officer at the houses should be "mobile and visible".

Rick Peacock, Director of security at UNB feels if "men have keys why shouldn't they

(women) have keys?" He feels there is no "major change in the security aspect."

Yet there is "more responsibility on house members" with men being signed in. Overall he thinks that with the change "security will be better."

As of now residents from Lady Dunn or Tibbits have made no comments pertaining to the new security plan.

Intercession in Greece and Rome - Financially viable operation

Press Release

Dean of Arts, Peter Kent, says that, "There are now sufficient registrations for the Intercession in Greece and Rome to make it a financially viable operation. I can, therefore, confirm that the Intercession will take place as planned in both Greece and Rome."

Detailed information about the Intercession will be sent to applicants in the very near future and a preliminary meeting will be

held for all travelers on the evening of March 6.

There are a number of spaces still available in courses in both Greece and Rome for interested students. Registrations will still be accepted though the Department of Extension.

Information on the Intercession may be obtained from Dean Kent's office, from Professor Jim Murray in the Department of Classics or from Professor Stuart Smith in the Department of History.

Lecture to be held

(UNB PRI) The department of anthropology at the University of New Brunswick in Fredericton will present a special lecture by anthropologist David Sanger of the University of Maine, on Thursday, February 15, at 8 p.m. in Room 5 of Tilley Hall.

Dr. Sanger's illustrated lecture, *Gulf of Maine Prehistory: Planning and Implications for Regional Research*, draws on his recent archaeological work digging shell middens in northern Maine and

southern New Brunswick.

Organized as part of the UNB and University of Maine Exchange Program, the lecture is open to the public and free of charge. It will also provide the occasion for the fifth gathering by members of the newly-formed New Brunswick Archaeology Society.

For further information, call Frances Stewart at the UNB anthropology department in Fredericton, 453-4975.

English conference in Fredericton

Press Release

The Tenth Annual Atlantic Undergraduate English Conference was held in Fredericton over the weekend, and was a great success.

There were a good number of delegates, representing universities from all over the Atlantic provinces, and a great many papers were presented, as well as a small dose of poetry and short fiction.

Among the universities in attendance were: Dalhousie, PEI, Machias Maine, I. of New Brunswick, Acadia, St. Vincent, St. Thomas, and St. Mary's. The University of New Brunswick, as well as, was also well represented. Of the three general categories, poetry, prose and drama, one hour was taken up by each of Poetry and Fiction, while (in effect, as many

readings were simultaneous) sixteen hours were taken up by critical papers.

Poetry was presented by only two people: UNB's Diane Reid, and UPEI's Laurie Murphy. Both read from their own works, and were well received. These two readings were covered by CHSR's "Arts Weekly" Program

While these readings were taking place, prose readings were under way around the corner.

The first reader, Jennifer Coffey from UPEI, presented a witty excerpt from a novel in progress. If the pages she read at Machias (who presented a lively children's story with pen-and-ink visual aids, supplied entertainment for those of all ages).

Critical papers were presented on a range of topics including poetry, prose drama, children's stories, women's

issues, and film.

Papers presented during the conference explored such diverse topics as: feminist poets and poetry, *The Last Temptation of Christ*, and of course various studies in Chaucer and Shakespeare.

Naturally enough, Canadian writers were often focused on, but there was no lack of energetic enquiry into American, British, and French poetry and prose.

Students from UNB who read their work at the conference were: Wayne Egers, Scott Gamble, Bob Lockhart, Diane Reid, and Heather Richards.

In general, a great number of fine papers were presented on a wide range of topics, and a good time was had by all. Next year, the conference will be at Acadia U., and Albert Ross will be sending a delegation as usual.

Press Release

The Student Society group of co-actives members of tough environment. The organization at both UNB

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