

Blood & Thunder

Let's live in harmony

Dear Editor,

Isn't it funny how this feminist movement is going? Now it seems that only WOMEN should be respected and every member of the male population should be thrown to the crocodiles! Excuse me, but I see a bit of a problem, here.

In Liz Lautard's article in "Wimmin's Room" in the January 14th issue of "The Bruns", I couldn't help but laugh at the things she had to say!

Sure, it isn't a nice thing to call a woman a bitch, but what about calling a man an asshole? Is that a good thing? I'm sorry but I think that a true feminist should be after equality and not superiority of females.

The word "feminist" to me means that, hey, it's a good thing to stand up for guys, too! They're not all bad! Why not be equal with them?

Now, the thing about dykes—well, I smell another double standard, here also! What about calling homosexual males "pretty" or "fag"? Don't these names also, like bitch etc., force homosexual men into their "place" that society has set forth for them? Why not stand up for them? Or do we have to have a special group for this cause?

I really think that Liz should think about what she's saying. You can't possibly be a feminist if you bash the opposite sex into oblivion! Who ever said that women were "so perfect or the guardian of morale human behaviour"? Hello! The coffee's brewing! I think that maybe sweet lil' Liz is the one who should grow up and take a good long, realistic look around her. A bitch will be a bitch, a dyke will be a dyke, a dick even will be a dick, men will be men and women will always be women.

Yes, I think that feminists are desperately needed in today's world, but so are environmentalists! I really

believe that everybody should be educated so that we can work together and live in harmony without having to use names like "bitch" and "asshole". I think that Liz should upgrade her ideas to more 21st-century-like ones, and forget about "reclaiming" words. Give me a break!

I think this feminist crap is sometimes too much about changing men and too little about everybody working together for a better world. Whatever happened to equality?

A female for equality

A big cub scout salute

The Editor,

In Oct. 93 I asked Dr. D. Hurley of the Faculty of Law for his assistance. As a cub leader of the 1st New Maryland Cub Pack I wanted to set up a mock court to help the cubs earn their Law Awareness Badge. He posted a notice for me and within the week I received a call from Stephanie Hickman who said there were several interested law students willing to help us. They arrived at our Sunday meeting two weeks later as an informative and organized group. Each individual covered a different aspect of law, making their talk informative yet entertaining for the group of 8-10 year olds. Not an easy task I might add. They broke the pack into jury members, lawyers for the defence and prosecution, witnesses, judge and accused. The responsibilities and function of everyone involved was discussed. The following week the students again arrived, helped us turn the recreation center into a courtroom and the trial began. The accused was charged with the theft of the cub dues. The witnesses, lawyers and the accused were coached as needed as were the jury members when it was time for them to decide the fate of the accused. Even though all the boys wanted to see the accused thrown in jail or hung for his crime, they realized that his guilt was not proven beyond a shadow of a doubt and they reluctantly, found him not guilty.

The cubs had a great deal of fun with this project and we realize how fortunate we were to have such willing and competent instructors. Thank you and a big cub salute goes to all of you.

Sincerely
"Sugeema"
Peggy Rudolf White

In memory of a friend and co-worker

To the Editor:

In memory of Gerald Wood
Friend and Co-worker
A few words about him and shedding a tear of respect for him after his death

Mr. G. Wood worked for UNB for about 31 years. He made many friends and they will always remember him as an inexhaustible source of real kindness and inspiration.

Where there was confusion, he was able to understand, to forgive where there was fault, to heal where there was bitterness, to be steadfast where there was doubt.

At every step he directed his thoughts towards man's highest and noblest aspirations, and finally he brought his life to the highest level of the Classical Idea.

He ennobled his soul by fixing his gaze on higher ideals and warmed his heart with faith and love of grandeur and beauty.

He became to us the visible incarnation of that unseen ideal whose memory haunts men like an exquisite dream.

For his co-workers he brought a fresh spirit to UNB, creating and building a new environment.

He gave us his thoughts, his time, his toil to advance UNB as a stronger institution, not only in this great country of ours, but also in the International Spiritual Arena.

When we leave this life what remains behind is a remembrance of ourselves among those who loved us and this is enough for a mortal.

From my knowledge in *Classics and Poetry*, I dedicate to Gerald the following lines:

Your personality and deeds, have raised a monument on the UNB Campus more enduring than one of brass and loftier than the Pyramids of Kings; a monument which shall not be destroyed by the consuming acid rain, nor by the mad rage of the north wind, nor by the countless years and flight of ages. [Paraphrased from Horace]

Our tears shall keep your memory green and make it flourish like a basil tree. [Oscar Wilde on John Keats]

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An open letter to President Armstrong

To the Editor:

An open letter to Dr. Robin Armstrong
President, UNB

I was disappointed to read your opinion column on Rape, in which you make certain general observations with which I agree, but you also make accusations against me, by implication and directly, with which I do not. I am disappointed because I thought of you as a scientist, capable of distinguishing facts from fiction and not to be swayed by emotions in scrutinizing any intellectual argument. As I wrote to Thomas Travis (sic), I challenge you to point out a single statement in my article which is irresponsible or not true.

You say that "Rape is not something to be measured by degree." I never said that it was. I did not say anything about the degrees of rape. You say that "It is simply wrong that men's urges cannot be controlled." I never said that either. My comments were in the context of a boy meeting a girl, especially for the first time, and after drinking and dancing through the evening, the boy inviting her to his bedroom. It is under those circumstances that it is difficult for a boy to control his urges, and it would be wise for a girl to refuse a visit, if she is not interested in an intercourse, and is really concerned about being raped.

As for monetary compensation for a girl or a woman who is promiscuous, that is, she is accustomed to having sexual intercourse with different individuals, it may be a matter of opinion. However, the very fact that a girl has had multiple sexual partners, is the reason to believe that she is not against the act itself, rather she detests the imposition against her will. It would therefore be to her advantage to gain some financial reward rather than make moral protestations. As far as the society is concerned, its reaction would depend upon its values. For example, if a society insists upon monogamous relationships among men and women, then a promiscuous girl or a woman is herself a criminal and would deserve punishment.

You say that "Professor Yaqzan presented his personal views in professional guise." No more than you have done. If the mention of my being a fac-

ulty member, gives my views some importance, it should, as should yours as the President of the university, a title mentioned with your article. However, in any intellectual debate, particularly at an institution of higher learning, authority should not be a major factor under all circumstances. While as a rule, a student must give some deference to a faculty member's point of view, there is no reason why a student should not be right if he can point out a flaw in a teacher's argument. Of course, as you know, in general, the student must eat the humble pie, because of lack of knowledge and experience. But it is no disgrace for a student to be in that situation, because if it was not so, there wouldn't be any point for his coming to a university to learn. As for my being an authority figure and thus misleading the students, I have two questions. If it were true, why such a chorus of hateful outpouring on the part of some students and their leaders, and why has someone of greater (sic) "authority" on sex and human relations not undone the damage by simply pointing out the flaws in my article?

You say: "Professor Yaqzan has abused his position by excusing and encouraging behaviour that is not only unacceptable by the standards of human decency but also subject to criminal charges under the laws of Canada." This accusation is false and cannot be justified. Nowhere have I suggested that the boys should invite girls to their bedrooms and rape them. I have suggested a possible solution for the prevalent problem of date-rape. The "standards of human decency" are not well defined, and are relative to a given society and its values. There was a time not too long ago, when it was debated whether it was decent for a boy to give a good night kiss to a girl after the first date. Now if a girl is willing, there is apparently nothing indecent about having an intercourse. It was only a few years ago that no liquor was allowed on our campus, and, of course, it would have been unthinkable for the boys and girls to live in the same residence.

As for the criminal code of Canada, it is also relative to the times. What is a crime today, could become a "right" tomorrow, as in the case of abortions. Henry Morgentaler's success in establishing his clinics across Canada, and making the politicians change the Criminal Code itself, is a perfect example.

You express concern about "betraying our humanitarian and philosophical roots", which must refer primarily to Christian values (that are shared by Judaism, Islam and some other religions). However, the fact is that much of "contemporary life" and sexual mores are in complete contradiction of those values. According to them, there should be no illicit sex outside marriage, no abortion except in life threatening situations, no homosexuality, etc. My comments could only help maintain some of those values if the society wished to do so.

Matin Yaqzan

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