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men, instead of having those differences used against us to make us out to be the "weaker sex" and the whole other shitload of stereotypes that have been created by men, is the day I'll return it.

Valerie Kilfoil

Remarks in letter offensive

To the Editor [Attention: Marc Duschene]:

Just a quick summarization of your most offensive remarks you spewed out in your recent and pompous "speech" to the editor, (meant for those people who fortunately missed it).

1. E.R.T.W. is a farce, 2. S.U. is a sick joke, 3. welfare, medicare, and unemployment services have all been unduly exploited by the selfish and ignorant, 4. irresponsible students have been milking the bursary system dry, 5. silly petitions.

Marc, I wonder if your mother or father ever told you NOT TO POINT? I wonder how a person like yourself gets so angry and self-righteous that he feels the need to sit around and make huge sweeping judgements about people?

You are the kind of person I find truly frightening. Okay, so you've got your act together - you are good with finances. THUMBS UP TO YOU, ECONOMY-MAN! Maybe, however, you might consider working a little on your personality. I feel badly that the government has "discriminated" against you by not feeling you 'deserved' a loan or bursary. Maybe you should have told them your life-story of scrimping, saving, and working your pure little butt off. Speaking of discrimination though Marc, I wonder why you didn't bother to censor your self a little ("some of you little old ladies wake up and smelt the coffee" ring a bell)?

On behalf of the student body Marc, I'd like to give you a big pat on the back (which you seem to be so desperately screaming out for), for being such a model student and for buying only necessities. But listen friend, the next time you feel the need to make a speech and tell us all off, why don't you keep it to yourself? That'll teach us! Keep your amazing, earth-shattering "shape-up" plans to yourself and watch us all go down in flames as you climb that ladder to success ALL BY YOURSELF.

I have good news for you though Buddy. I don't think you have to worry about ANYONE crying on your shoulder about ANYTHING! Generally people turn to people who have some sensitivity and who are not quick to judge when they need someone to talk to.

Being that you like offering advice and pat-answers to others so well, here are a few for you:

- BUY SOME SOOTHING TAPES (lapping waves, seagulls or something)
- TRY MEDITATION
- TAKE TEN DEEP BREATHS, TAP YOUR HEELS THREE TIMES AND SAY "There's no place like home, there's no place like home, there's no place like home"

Chill out, Big-Guy.

I'll see you at Frenchies
Wanda Baxter

Resent being called irresponsible

Dear Editor,

I am writing this letter as a reply to Mr. Duschene's letter in the February 26th issue of the Brunswickan. Mr. Duschene said "irresponsible students have been milking the bursary system dry." He also goes on to say that all students with loans are materialistic, they drink, smoke, party and go to Florida on the March break.

My husband and I are both students and we resent being called irresponsible. My husband spent every day of the past summer looking for work. He went to the Unemployment office every day looking for jobs to apply for. He checked the want ads every day for employment opportunities. I also looked for work, but since I was very pregnant it was difficult to find work. Since no work was available, we could not save money for the school year. My husband applied for a student loan and bursary. He received the full loan and partial bursary. We live modestly - we share a one bedroom with our 4 month old son. Everything we used to furnish our apartment was given to us by relatives because we could not afford to buy any of it. We shop only for necessities for our son - we don't shop for ourselves. We haven't been to a party in well over a year. We rarely ever drink, and when we do it is only one or two drinks. We also scrimp and save - we have to or we won't be able to pay the rent. We certainly can't afford to go to Florida for the March Break.

I think Mr. Duschene should stop feeling bitter towards people who did get student loans just because he didn't qualify for one. He should also find out a little more about the people he claims are all materialistic, irresponsible drunks. Should we all assume that Mr. Duschene is a French man who has trouble speaking English just because his name is of French descent. Mr. Duschene has a very important lesson to learn - DON'T JUDGE A BOOK BY ITS COVER!!!

Sincerely,
Kerri Sorenson
Student, Wife & Mother

P.S. It is never a waste of time or money to attempt to change what you believe is wrong, Mr. Duschene. That is what this country is all about!

Editorial lacks journalistic integrity

Dear Editor,

In response to your editorial of February 26, "Spending the Dough Frivolously", you have once again demonstrated your [sic] lack of journalistic integrity. If you believe you are scoring points for your attempts at hard hitting journalism you are wrong. Responsible editors use the facts, all of the facts. Your attack on UNB's Board of Governors is missing important information.

Speaking as one who has experience serving students on the Board of Governors, I am fully aware of how the body operates. UNB's Board is composed of prominent figures from across the province,

including businessmen, lawyers, philanthropists and scholars, who contribute their valuable time towards steering our university on a productive course. By giving up five to six full days to attend Board meetings plus additional time to serve on Board Committees, these people benefit each and every student at UNB. For this you begrudge them a theatre ticket or beverage at Board lunches. How do you wish to thank them?

What I find most ironic is your comments regarding "frivolous" uses of money when you yourself allowed the Brunswickan to run up a deficit last year which cost UNB students \$14,000. Yes, you Al overspent the Brunswickan budget to such a degree that you owe every undergraduate student at UNB \$1.75. And you were questioning how qualified individuals on the Board spend money?

Finally, I understand that you didn't come up with this idea on you [sic] own. This editorial was nothing more than a replay of the comments made by Tammy Yates, one of our present Student Governors. How convenient it is that Ms. Yates fails to mention her own generous honoraria which is paid to her for attending BOG meetings. For that matter, both you and Ms. Yates will be drawing salaries for representing UNB students to the tune of \$6,000 plus this year. Neither of you are in a position to complain about how people are compensated for their work on behalf of UNB students. People in glass houses should not throw stones.

Steve Williams

Think before you act!

Dear Editor,

To Mr. Morton,
Your campaigning technique of spray painting the snow with your name was a good idea. However you seem to have forgotten what happens to snow. Let me refresh your memory: IT MELTS! What do you think happens to the ground underneath this snow which melts? Are you not aware that the environment has become an important issue in today's society? What about all the small animals that receive their nourishment from the ground? I hope you realize that you may have made the coming of spring a disaster in their lives. When small animals inject [sic] paint, they may have serious respiratory [sic] problems, may become paralyzed, but if they are lucky, they may die!

You have definitely lost my vote, and I am sure you have lost the votes of anyone on campus who is environmentally conscious! A little bit of advice: Think before you act!

Sincerely,
A concerned student

Concerned over Kilfoil's remarks

Dear Editor,

We would like to respond to Valerie Kilfoil's comments in the article "Are safe-walks safe?" in the March 12th issue.

We agree with Ms. Kilfoil's point that men's attitudes should change

so that the need for protection is eventually eliminated. What Ms. Kilfoil fails to address is that the participants in the Knights of Neill House Escort service are acting as agents of that very change in attitude. They are both acknowledging that violence toward women is a problem and that they will no longer tolerate it. We are concerned that Ms. Kilfoil's condemnation of their actions will inhibit [sic] further change, rather than encourage it.

She stated, "if any of them were really serious they'd form a men's group to deal with the attitudes of men about violence against women." What exactly does she think that the Knights of Neill House Escort service is?

She recognizes that no complaints have been filed against the service and therefore, we question the source of the "Pick your rapist" jokes. If there is a problem with the service, it is that more girls still are not using it. Perhaps they are unnecessarily [sic] discouraged by these, and other, unjustified statements.

Ms. Kilfoil states that ONLY 15% of attacks are by strangers. We feel that this is 15% too much, and applaud the Knights of Neill for acting to reduce this number!

Christine Deschenes, Kris Reynolds, Lisa Lane, Krista MacFarlane

Not all men are rapist or disgusting people

Dear Editor,

Last week-end, I was visiting Fredericton when I picked up your student publication at the entrance of a shopping mall. I would like to give you a feed back of an article of the Wimmin section, page 1.

Being a woman myself, I share the pain, the suffering and (at a certain point) the disgust of the author. I sympathise with every human being who went through such a degrading [sic] experience. But, where I do not agree on, is when the author does not seem to acknowledge the fact that not all men are rapists or disgusting people. There are out there good sensitive [sic], loving men who care and share your disgust. Rape is also performed by women on boys and sometimes men, believe it or not. In many cases, they are raped by their own mothers, sometimes by their baby sitters or relatives. I do hope that you are aware of this, because even though we do not hear about it, it is there. You see, rape is not a matter of women or men, it is a matter of human disgrace of any human being. When a woman talks about rape, people listen and sympathise; but when a man talks about him being raped, people make jokes and don't believe him most of the time. Not only don't they get sympathy but they are ridiculised [sic] and not

believed. The pain and disgrace stops them from talking about it. Maybe that is why most of the time, silence is kept.

When we concentrate on anger and pity [sic], it only binds us from the rest of reality, which makes us unfare [sic] and unrespectfull [sic] as much as the bad and low experience we might have gone through. I can assure you for a fact that there are wonderful [sic], loving, sensitive [sic], caring men out there. We often don't look for them in the right places.

Since this article is about women, it made me ashamed of being a woman, treating all men as disgusting munters (sic). I wish to apologize to the men in my life who do not deserve that kind of treatment, starting with my deceased father, my wonderful (sic) husband to whom I am married for nearly 25 years, my son who is 21, my daughter's boy friend who is 23, and all the other men I know who are great human beings and who deserve respect because they breed respect.

Yes there are male showvenist [sic] pigs out there, there are also disgusting women, but not all men are like that, neither are all women. And yes, there are little boys, teenage boys and even men who get raped also. Just like there are battered women, there are also battered men. Maybe one day it won't be Women's Day, but Human's Day (for both, women and men).

If changes should be made, it is not only by men, but also by women. A lot of women are also a disgrace. It all starts by respecting ourselves, then you get to respect others, and then, only then, you will be respected.

Just a coment [sic] on "The WIMMIN'S SUPPLEMENT" page 3 (Quotable quotes)

Date Rape

I do not know Ted Bhumberg, but this is what I would like to say to him: "It is time you learn the wright [sic] word about a certain part of a man's anatomy. A weiner is a penis, and remember even good taste is important in jokes. Respect can even make you more successful as a comic or comedian and that's a fact. It's not what you say, but how you say it and the words you use that makes all the difference."

In this world, we fight against pollution in many areas (the air, the water...) but what about the mind? There is still a lot of pollutants of it out there. Are we aware of it and if so, what do we do about it?

Call me a depollutor of the mind.
Sincerely,
Jocelyne Leblond Fortien

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