

## Blood and Thunder ... continued and continued

### Yaqzan 33 cont.

In residences, many males spend many hours talking about the conquest of females. Residences do create an opportunity for sex because parents are no longer a hinderance and many young males (and many young females) will capitalize on the freedom and the opportunity.

AIDS is a reality so now we practice caution by wearing condoms, limiting sexual partners and using sterile needles (for those who use needles!). If date rape is such a common occurrence then why don't females practice some caution?

A "respectable" girl would probably not put herself in the position where she might be date raped. It may have been crass for Dr. Yaqzan to suggest a promiscuous girl request payment for "unwanted" intercourse. But I think he was showing his outrage for the way the world has become. Things held in high regard are now obstacles to having fun and freedom. As long as personal freedom is the pinnacle of social thought, morality will continue to decline and society will follow suit. Many will argue that this line of

thinking is from the dark ages. The only thing that I can see coming from the dark ages is the mob mentality and the cries for a witch hunt because of a person's opinion.

Bobby Majid

### Yaqzan 34

Dear Editor:

In my opinion Prof. Matin Yaqzan of the University of New Brunswick, who spoke his mind about date rape, does not deserve chastisement.

Even though I might disagree with his view, I champion his right to speak out on what he believes. At least he had the courage to stand up for his beliefs even though he probably knew that in this new-age affliction called "political correctness", he would (sic) be attacked by the small-minded followers (and they are followers because they don't have the savvy to lead) of this cult. I quote Supreme Court of Canada Justice John Sopinka in a speech to Concordia University students in late October of this year: "We must rely on the common sense of public

opinion to stand up for the right to say things, no matter how unpalatable they may seem... The greatest threat to free speech no longer comes from the state, but from within ourselves."

He also expounded on a truth that should be obvious to any free-thinking person, that some special interest groups and visible minorities are no longer content to express their ideas but "demand that the contrary views be suppressed."

If students and professors at our universities can no longer express themselves freely without fear of chastisement we are corroding the heart of our freedoms, the institutions where our educated youth, our future leaders, learn to become either fascists or free-thinkers.

It's getting so that more and more people are reluctant to stand up for their beliefs for fear of criticism by these "thought police."

Dave Pickard.

### Yaqzan 35

Dear Editor:

Many years ago I had the good fortune to live and work for a Canadian mining company for several years in various areas of the southern United States. In this region were many small-mainly agricultural-colleges that were often affectionately referred to as "cow colleges". The existing social views at these "cow colleges" were generally controlled by fundamentalist groups that prevailed in the region. The staff and students (God bless them) at these institutions were secure in their parochial views, and although the term did not exist then, they were wise enough to be politically correct. Since they were seldom exposed to different or foreign ideas, it was easy for them to go along with the established rules.

The recent response of the administration and some of the students (God bless them) of UNB to Mr.

Yaqzan's views, brings back fond memories of my association with people of the southern cow colleges. It also confirms how little human nature changes, except in the Yaqzan affair the messianic forces at play may include Judy Rebick. Respectfully and affectionately yours,  
Sewell Millett

### Yaqzan 36

To the Editor:

Freedom of Speech?

If a police officer publicly said and meant, "I believe anyone who lies should be shot," would we want this officer to serve and protect our society?

If the prime minister publicly said and meant, "I believe cocaine and heroin should be legalized," would we want this prime minister to run our country?

These people are free to say these things and will not be criminally charged.

However, having these opinions, should they be in the position of society that they are in?

If they are in a position of influence in our society, they must take responsibility for stating, or even having opinions which go against the morality of our society.

This is not a question of freedom of speech. Let's be realistic.

Chris Hanson

### Yaqzan 37

To the Editor,

I was going to wait for the current hubbub to die down before sending this letter, however, because I will graduate long before then I will send it now and risk no-one seeing it through the reams of Yaqzanalia filling Blood and Thunder. My point ties in anyway. Since I'm taking the

time to write, I might as well add my two cents worth. In a nutshell, I dislike every side in this issue.

I would express my heartfelt opinions about Mr. Yaqzan and President Armstrong however, the Brunswickan lawyer has advised them that my particular opinions on the two are potentially slanderous.

I am disturbed by the hero-worship of Camille Paglia. If anyone reads her work objectively they will find it riddled with poor writing, faulty logic, repetition and contradictions.

I believe the student union to be the self-righteous fascists Camille says they are.

And, I'm disgusted by the self-worship of the Bruns staff. Gee, how many important people have I spoken to today?

Perhaps the editorial board of the Bruns can bring their collective heads out of the clouds and return to the UNB campus. This is still a STUDENT newspaper and I find it irresponsible that so many pages are devoted to a single issue. Case in point: At Play, Nov. 3-6, UNB's first Theatre Fringe Festival, a FESTIVAL of plays organized by students, written by students, directed by students and performed by students. Is there a review or even a MENTION in the Bruns? NO, just an apology to Theatre UNB. (At Play was a Stage Left production.) What has appeared, record reviews, concert reviews, and TWO articles on a book launch at Goose Lane, hardly reflect student life. What does it take to get a little recognition here? Please, if student life isn't interesting enough, write for the Gleaner.  
Jon Jurmain

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