

## Blood & Thunder ... continued and continued and continued

### Yaqzan 26 cont.

live in freedom. The freedoms which they defend so bravely are now, in Mr. Yaqzan's case, being trampled upon, and sadly with very few voices being raised in protest.

In case there is any possibility of misunderstanding, let us emphasize a couple of points:

-this is not an issue of private friendship or concern for the personal circumstances of a colleague. What is at stake here is a very important matter of principle.

-In no way do we endorse the views which Yaqzan expressed in his article. The point we wish to make is that freedom of speech consists in the right to express views regardless of how ridiculous or unacceptable they may be. Freedom to express only views which are acceptable is no freedom at all.

We urge everyone who values freedom and the principle of free expression to expand all possible effort in working against this terrible contravention of that fundamentally important principle. The academy ought to be a repository of idealism and the first bastion in the defence of high principles. A university which does not uphold the principle of academic freedom is not worthy of the name. Anyone who retains a modicum of idealism and who believes in the importance of high principle should state loudly and clearly that they condemn the University's actions. Letters condemning these actions should be sent to Dr. Robin Armstrong, Presi-

dent, UNB, PO Box 4400, Fredericton, NB, E3B 5A3. Faxes may be sent to Dr. Armstrong at 453-4599.

Let us conclude by reminding you of that old saying about the events in Germany prior to World War II:

"When they came for the Communists I did not speak out because I was not a Communist. And when they came for the trade unionists I did not speak out because I was not a trade unionist. And when they came for the Jews I did not speak out because I was not a Jew. And when they came for me, there was no one left to speak out."

Yours sincerely,  
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### Yaqzan 27

Dear Editor:

"The male's drive for sex has not changed in the last few thousand years." True. But then, neither has women's. However, the truth in Matin Yaqzan's abhorrent discourse on rape ends there.

It appears that Mr. Yaqzan fully underestimates cultures of years

gone by. Does he truly believe that pre-marital intercourse results from the introduction of the "pill", or that abortions are a modern convenience? Perhaps he is not aware that both have been performed for a great many centuries. Furthermore, abortions are not the guilt free procedure he professes them to be, often requiring lengthy counselling, and a lifetime of healing.

Statistically, one in ten men will be raped during their lifetimes, yet, Mr. Yaqzan's article explicitly maintains it is a female experience. His misrepresentation of men as sex craving beasts who are incapable of affectionate relationships, interpreting a hug as a promise of sex, is revolting. Furthermore, the idea that men once consented to marriage solely to enable them to have intercourse is laughable.

He also writes that it would be difficult to "visualize the trauma, the suffering and the pain associated with the word 'rape'" even for "strangers." Yet, a woman who is not a virgin before being raped should only require "some monetary compensation for her inconvenience." I find it difficult to believe that a stranger can be more traumatized by the word rape than can a victim of rape.

Finally, Mr. Yaqzan seems unclear on the definition of rape. He does not understand why, when a woman is "subjected" to intercourse, it is called date rape. Well, this is the definition of the word, and it is not a new one formulated in the last "30-40 years," it is its age old meaning. Look it up.

Once again, Matin Yaqzan's work is littered with falsehoods and inaccuracies, and though for now he

has been silenced, our deliverance will likely be short lived. I am both pleased and amazed that this action was taken by the administration. However, it saddens me that it was not likely out of concern for the students on campus, but to save their own butts nationwide.

Heather Brander

### Yaqzan 28

Dear Editor:

After reading Prof. Yaqzan's article in the Brunswickian of Nov. 5, I was enraged. For me it was one more installment to the world according to Yaqzan. A recap of this other world to date is one with a conspiracy of Jews, gays, feminists and now women in general who don't know their station in his world. After each installment I would hope for some articulate member from the general congregation to respond to this man's litany with a passionate voice of reality. Each time there was that response, but none so unified thorough and uplifting as the Brunswickian of Nov.12.

From President Armstrong to Wimmin's Room writer L. Lautard including A. Day and the II respondents in Blood and Thunder all gave voice to what most of us feel even if we can't find the words. If angels give council I believe they held a convention in Fredericton last week. The world in which we believe or hope for is far removed from the hormone-driven hymen-dependant one that Yaqzan wrote of. The groundswell of protest to his article can only be interpreted

as a collective will to move even farther away from his other world.

Now I must give my opinion. My only council is a homely nagging muse that keeps repeating "freedom of speech". Don't let this small victory of enlightened solidarity get away.

He insulted our collective intelligence. He was told! Our world has no easy paths - dismissal for one's opinion. Our world is protective and tolerant.

That other world is never so far away that it disappears no matter how well meaning our efforts. In fact, today Nov. 12, a man, with the power to do so, stated his intention to change tenure for professors at UNB. When politicians make opportunistic statements about the outcome of a process that has yet to proceed, you can exchange the term 'review' for 'witch hunt'.

If this momentum is not redirected to where it can do good; that is down the hard roads of 'victim support' and 'awareness', this small victory becomes a vehicle for some one else's 'easy path' agenda.

Then UNB will not be known for its unified stand against intolerant ideas, but for its intolerance. We must not forcibly exile Prof. Yaqzan from our world, or in the end we will only join him in his.

Concerned Student

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