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tude which has let far too many cases of sexual assault go unpunished.

Yaqzan goes on to say that, for boys who are provided with condoms in high school and who have intercourse on a regular basis, sex becomes a "necessity." He refers to co-ed residences as being "helpful" in this respect, but "they do not provide an opportunity for sexual gratification for all the male students, and therefore the reason and the NEED FOR THE SO-CALLED date-rape [my capitalization]." I am shocked at this man's defense of sexual assault. He has reduced the horror and humiliation of physical violation to a "necessity" for horny, young men.

Matin Yaqzan's article does not end here, unfortunately. He continues the offensive, stale argument for three more paragraphs. Yaqzan makes the moral judgment that a girl who has had sex with a "large number of boys" would not suffer from a rape as much as would a virgin: "True, she MIGHT NOT BE IN A MOOD, or might find the act LESS THAN SATISFYING [my capitalization], but it would have to be far less traumatic than for a girl in the past who was a virgin." What's your point, Mr. Yaqzan? That a girl who has had several sexual liaisons "has it coming?" Who has the right to make

that kind of a moral judgment? Yaqzan goes on to say that "rape" [his quotation marks] remains a terrifying prospect for the girls who believe in traditional religions. He continues: "Therefore, the girls who use the word 'rape' [his quotation marks] to describe their dislike of a particular encounter in

their endless sexual experiences, do a disservice to those who abide by the old traditions."

Yaqzan espouses the rational concept of education for both boys and girls, yet he ruins this by cheapening and degrading victims: "And, if a promiscuous girl becomes a victim of an unwanted sexual experience, it would be more reasonable for her to demand some MON-ETARY COMPENSATION for her INCONVENIENCE or DISCOM-

Mr. Yaqzan, I think if there is any person in this article who needs to reevaluate his or her morals, it is yourself. Come out of your antiquated world.

Jane Simpson

YAQZAN 7

Dear Editor:

In accordance to the article written by Mr. Martin (sic) Yaqzan on November 5, I would personally like to express my outrage and disgust. I feel that, since Mr. Yaqzan did not lose his job for expressing his opinion, then I'd like to assume that I will not be persecuted for expressing mine.

I could not believe that any human being, particularly one who seems to be very well educated, could think of rape as something to be talked about in this way.

I probably would not have read Mr. Yaqzan's article if one of my friends sitting beside me hadn't burst into tears upon reading it. She told me that she had never read anything so sickening in her life. I, myself, am almost sorry that I even read it at all. Mr. Yaqzan has the most incredible narrow-minded point of view. I have never been more outraged about anything in

my whole life.

Mr. Yaqzan has this ridiculous idea that a promiscuous girl would not be as severely affected by rape than a virgin would. Where does he get off commenting on an experience that he will never go through and will apparently never understand? He obviously does NOT know how traumatic it is for a victim of rape whether she be a virgin or a prostitute.

He looks upon rape in a cold and shallow manner which is wrong, not to say that he is not entitled to his opinion, but that he went way too far while expressing it. Name withheld by request

YAQZAN 8

Dear Editor:

First, let me introduce myself. Concerning the "alleged" sexual assault that occurred October 15th, I'm the victim, a student violated by one of her peers. Second, I feel violated again by a math professor, Mr. Yaqzan. And finally, I am wondering deeply about your reasons for publishing his disturbing article, since you did not fully explain why-only that you did not follow his opinion. However, did you ever take a minute to think about the effects it would have on so many people in this university? I'm hoping that you published the degrading article so that people would realize what type of person Mr.

Mr. Yaqzan, I'm directing this part especially to you. Imagine that a 17 year old boy forces your daughter into a confined room, tears her clothing off, and attacks her sexually. Take a couple of minutes. Now, what are you going to tell her: "Honey, it's his regular need to

have sexual intercourse. Let's sue him for 20 000\$ and forget about the entire thing." In your article, you referred to rape as a sexual act. Rape is an act of violence and nothing else. You have insulted every male and female student and staff member of this university. Yes, you do have the right to express your opinion. However, you should have kept your extremely bias, discriminating and pathetic opinion to yourself.

Fellow students, do you really want such a teacher on your campus? Do you feel proud that this man represents UNB? Males, do you want to be known as sex driven maniacs who cannot control their wild urges, which leads to the acceptation of date-rape? Females, do you want to be treated as a male's sex toy who must accept whatever he does and just consider it a mere "inconvenience"? I honestly believe and hope that something should and will be done about this, don't you?

I felt that Mr. Yaqzan's article was directed to me because of what I am presently going through. In his eyes, he would want a girl to take money and shut-up; well, that's what a prostitute does, the mental torment that I've been undergoing in the past three weeks is not anything that I would want another person to experience. Yes, it was a "discomfort" when I was violently sexually assaulted, going into shock, telling my family and friends, being seen in the public eye as the victim, and then dealing with attitudes like Yaqzan's." Yes, it's a discomfort..."

A "promiscuous" girl

YAQZAN 9

Dear Editor: To Mr. Yaqzan,

In response to your article in the November 5 issue of the Brunswickan. I respect your right to have an opinion even if it is not acceptable to myself or the majority of

occurred to you how expressing your opinion in such a public forum at this particular time might affect other people? People whom you were indirectly writing about? In my admittedly short lifetime I have met two women who have been raped and I find it unimaginable that they were in any way responsible for what happened to them. Rape violates everything we hold dear in this country. Our personal freedoms, our free will, it reduces us to objects.

I found your reasoning no (sic) only faulty but deeply disturbing. As a nineteen year old male I will admit that there are very strong drives at this age, but I have been able to control myself without a chaperon. I find your explanation that ...young men cannot be held responsible for their sex drives' offensive and incorrect. You almost make it sound like it is just something that happens and that the man

One final point. A woman's history should have no bearing upon the severity of the crime. It doesn't matter if the women is a virgin or not, it is the same act of violation and it has the same effect on her emotional well-being.

is not to blame.

I do not wish to condemn your viewpoint but when you tried to make rape sound like an unfortunate occurrence instead of the vicious crime that it is, I felt that it was my time to express my opinion.

A concerned male student

YAQZAN 10

Dear Editor:

In response to Matin Yaqzan:

Let me describe to you what RAPE is, past and present, since you seem to be having so much trouble (and yes - you're having trouble) defining it.

RAPE is when any female is subjected to the experience of having a male shove himself forcefully and often violently INSIDE of her - into what she is, into the only part of her body which is truly hers, into her psyche, her spirit, her very self. Consider what it is to be a woman for five seconds. If you think it is hard to control a 17 or 18 year old male from having sex (forcefully, if need be), consider how difficult it has been for women to not only have controlled her own sexual desires, but to have had her very humanity denied by these very male-oriented "traditional" values. We have not only been disallowed sex and sexual freedom, we have been denied life. This ridiculous. frightful 'thing' you have written is exactly the king of chauvinistic, self-satisfying crap that has kept women as OBJECT to man's pleasure and desire (as he rightfully deserves, according to you).

What you are condoning, sir is SICK. You are defending the so-called 'nature' of the 'oh-so-sexual' male who will rape when he is not welcomely getting laid. You are saying that unless society restricts this hot-blooded male, unless women keep themselves covered, virginal and "qualified" for marriage, that male has no choice but to rape. He can't help

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