

Student paper censored

by Martin Cohn

Two student newspapers were censored by their printers last month on the question of "sarcastic" references to the sexual activity of Margaret Trudeau.

The printers, Dartmouth Free Press Ltd., and Kentville Publishing Co. Ltd., overruled the editorial decisions of the St. Mary's Journal and the Dalhousie Gazette, claiming that the references to Ms. Trudeau were libelous.

The Journal originally published a photograph of Joe Clark and Premier John Bu-

chanan in conversation, with a caption below attributing fictitious 'quotes' to them. The fictitious remarks made disparaging reference to the sexual activity of Ms. Trudeau.

The Free Press refused to publish the captions on the advice of its legal department.

According to Professor John Yogis of the Dalhousie Law School, a printer is liable, under Canadian law, for material published in its establishment, along with the newspaper, editor, and writer concerned.

A subsequent news story by the Journal about the censorship incident, intended for the next edition, was rejected by the printers. The article repeated the controversial caption.

The Dalhousie Gazette attempted to print the same news story on its front page, but was censored by its printer in Kentville.

The two newspapers are the official publications of the Student Councils of St. Mary's and Dalhousie Universities, though they are both editorially independent.

Dalhousie Open House

by Sylvia Kaptein

This weekend brings Dalhousie University's eighth Open House and the event promises to be exciting and informative for everyone in the community, not least the students of Dalhousie themselves.

The first Open House was organized by a student, with the emphasis on increasing enrollment. While the recruiting angle is still stressed, opening Dalhousie's doors to the public is just as important, according to Joan Astle, Community Affairs Secretary and Director of Dal Open House. She said by allowing the public to see how a university works, some of the curiosity and even suspicion may be lessened.

The Open House involves all of the faculties, clubs, and societies on campus. These groups were first contacted in June and July and have since come up with such varied displays as Chemistry's "How Passionate are You", Psychology's Siamese fighting fish, Medicine's film "Birth of a Baby Baboon", and samples

of international cuisine by several of the language departments.

In addition to the many displays, information booths have been set up and guided tours through the various departments have been arranged.

Bus tours of the university will be running every half hour, both to familiarize people with the general layout of Dalhousie as well as to transport them to buildings somewhat removed from the main campus, such as the Tupper Building and Fenwick Place. In the past, these out of the way buildings did not receive their share of visitors because most people concentrated on the main campus.

In order to recruit students to Dalhousie, all high schools have been notified, and some schools will be busing students down. The main 'sales pitch' made to these students was the disco being held for them Friday night and the tours of the new Dalplex.

According to Astle, the job of organizing the Open House is "frustrating yet satisfying". The major problem in putting

together this year's Open House was that it was virtually impossible to get people to volunteer to help. She said a lot of people are concerned with their studies at present. However, Science Rep. Rod Brittain and the university administration did provide invaluable help and support, said Astle.

Another reason why people were a bit dubious about committing themselves to help was the fear of labour problems disrupting the event. Due to a cleaner's strike, last year's Open House was cancelled one week before it was to have taken place, after many people had invested so much time, money, and effort in it.

The 1979 Open House will take place Friday, November 16 from 2 p.m. until 5 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday from 1-5 p.m. For more information on what to see and where to see it, check the supplement University News is publishing this week or contact Joan Astle at 424-3527. Anyone wishing to help at the event can also call the same number.



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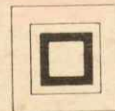
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