

CENSORSHIP CAMPAIGN CONTINUES

Letters to the Editor

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issue of the Brunswickan (52) my name appeared in a letter written by Mr. on. Many of my friends are offended by some of the words in this letter. I realize that I demand a formal apology in the Brunswickan.

I have been drawn into this some-Upper Canadian controversy as narrow-minded as to express my views on the subject. This foolishness of a small minority on this taking a definite distinction between Quebec, Ontario and students from the West, and students from the provinces is utterly ridiculous. I am a small minority that I address.

with the education, and opportunities that we have are as narrow-minded as to new Sport's Editor's honest endeavour to satisfy a larger number of publishing the results of the local and Ontario hockey to not think these persons do much benefit from their date. It is a wonder Mr. permits World News to be local radio stations and local newspapers. I am sure that the student body Mr. Bickerstaff's efforts to suppress "comrades" of the "Indian's Maritime Invasion," quoting Mr. Bickerstaff).

with Mr. Thornton wholeheartedly criticizing Mr. Bickerstaff, I agree with the criticisms directed to the Maritimers. I have yet to hear a complaint that Upper Canadian things at UNB. I have been misled, Mr. some discouraged Upper that small minority commit a general lack of student "down here".

and forget this whole Instead let's throw our into attaining more school general student interest. I think we could all profit from the example set by this men Class.

—D. C. SHORTEN

NOTICES

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resignation of the former Colin Harrowing, the position on the Brunswickan masthead of course, impossible to print paper without a news staff, Brunswick asks that any period in taking over the job, Betty Lou Vincent, 7370, note in the Brunswickan

CORRECTION

issue of the Brunswickan, the editor was signed Don was a typographical error of the Brunswickan, and was actually signed Don regret any embarrassment caused Mr. Shorten, an timer, and trust the views the letter will be properly Mr. Thornton.

OWN A CANOE?

person owning the canoe in at Anderson Landing, please to have it removed being ice movement destroys person has asked our help. The owner of this valuable used it to hunt during the is willing to help remove it.

Censorship, admission regulation, news exchange, and presentation of prizes highlighted the fourteenth annual Canadian University Press Conference. The conference was held in Montreal, Dec. 29, 30, and 31 with the McGill Daily acting as host.

Representatives of twenty-one universities from every province except Newfoundland were present. U.N.B. delegates were Betty Lou Vincent, Jim Currie, and Colin Harrowing. The C.U.P. wire service, which provides nation wide communication of news between member papers was discussed and it was agreed that this very valuable service was not being used to full advantage. A commission, set up to study the service, stressed the importance of all member papers becoming thoroughly familiar with the system and of making full use of it.

A commission set up to study nationwide features suggested thirteen feature articles, each to be done by a different paper and then reprinted by other papers.

The Ontario, the student publication of the Ontario Agricultural College was admitted as a member of the C.U.P. The St. Mary's Journal of St. Mary's College, Halifax, and the Muse of Memorial University, St. John's, Newfoundland, were admitted as affiliate members.

Regulations governing eligibility for admission to the C.U.P. were revised and clarified.

A resolution deploring the existence of certain forms of censorship in member papers was passed.

The McGill Daily was elected to the position of official custodian of C.U.P. records and files.

The Western Gazette of the University of Western Ontario was elected executive paper for 1953. The Varsity of the University of Toronto was elected host paper for the next year's conference.

The following awards were made to member papers:

Southern Trophy—for general excellence, circulation less than 3,000, the McMaster Silhouette.

Bracken Trophy—for editorial distinction, the McGill daily for the work of Dave Grier, editor-in-chief.

Le Droit Trophy—for general excellence, French language papers, the University of Montreal's Le Quartier Latin.

Judges for the trophies were Jack Brayley, bureau chief for the Canadian Press for the Maritimes, W. H. Metcalf, managing editor of the Winnipeg Free Press, and T. Yocom, managing editor of the Saturday Night.

UNIVERSITY OF OTTAWA "CENSORS" EDITORIAL

London, Ont., Jan. 16—(CUP) An editorial written by a University of Ottawa student as part of nation wide editorial campaign against censorship was not printed today.

Publication of the editorial itself was forbidden by the faculty advisors to the Ottawa student newspaper early this week. The editorial deplored the existence of censorship and restriction on freedom of the press other than those of good taste and propriety. This was done in accordance with a policy resolution on censorship supported unanimously by the twenty-three member newspapers of the Canadian University Press.

The resolution was passed at the fifteenth annual Canadian University Press Conference held in Montreal, December twenty-ninth, thirty and thirty-one as a result of request by member papers for CUP aid in combating these restrictions on university newspapers.

A small minority of member papers are subjected to direct pre-censorship of all editorial contacts by faculty advisors.

A recommendation requesting member papers to publish editorials against this censorship was then passed unanimously.

Nine university papers have published editorials as set forth by this recommendation this week: The McGill Daily; The Carlton, Carleton College, Ottawa; The Georgian, Sir George Williams College, Montreal; The Sheaf, University of Saskatchewan; The Varsity, University of Toronto; The Queens Journal, Queens University, Kingston, Ont.; Le Carabin, Laval University, Quebec City; The Ontarian, Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph, Ont., and the Gazette, University of Western Ontario, London, Ont. The Ottawa student whose editorial was not published in the student newspaper of the University of Ottawa said that "Arbitrary censorship by an authority external to the staff (of the university newspaper) is opposed to freedom of thought and of expression—the nearby and inevitable presence of this pressure will limit it (the newspapers) field of expression and inevitably attenuate the normal development of spirit."

Dave Grier, editor-in-chief of the McGill Daily, who was recently awarded the Bracken Trophy by CUP for editorial writing charged that "to censor the college paper is to abort, to

some degree, the proper educational function of the university.

Said Grier "censorship of any newspaper has no place in a democratic society, it is immeasurably more reprehensible in a university."

Grier said that a university must not be an institution for the teaching of technique but a community for interchange of ideas; a community not of teachers and learners primarily but of speakers after greater knowledge.

"The university newspaper can and should play a great part in the free exchange of ideas within the university community and towards the search of truth."

Authorization control of the expression of ideas within a university is thus in clear opposition to the very purpose for which the university exists, Grier said.

The Western Gazette, CUP national executive also lashed out at the obvious restrictions on the press freedom of some university papers.

The Gazette adds however, that a form of "future censorship" existed saying "if the editors of a college newspaper print matter which is true but embarrassing to the administration or student government will the editors not be expelled, or fail the collective exams or be removed from their respective positions?"

That this form of indirect censorship should exist and that "at the recent Canadian University Press Conference in Montreal, there was not one delegate from the twenty odd member newspapers who would consider this "censorship" as "censorship" was noted.

The editorial closed with "there is no half right, there is no half duty, and there is no half measure of truth".

The Varsity editorial suggested: "Here then, is an issue for NFCUS (National Federation University Students) and stated as its own policy; the Varsity as does any newspaper in a democratic society, strongly condemn this unhealthy state."

Referring to the conference in Montreal, the Varsity said: "However there are other cases in which the editor denied censorship."

Their reasoning was that as the paper was a part of the university it would be quite impossible to imagine when that a paper could print other than what was good for the university. This brand of blindness is terrifying!

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Manitoban Suspended by Officials for "Indecencies"

Winnipeg, Jan. 19 (CUP) — The Manitoban, University of Manitoba student newspaper, has been suspended by university officials for "indecentities" in a special issue Friday.

Dr. A. H. A. Gillson, University President, said "if anyone wishes to read Friday's number, then reasons for the Manitoban being suspended is obvious."

The special issue, called "The Medicoban" was published by students of the medical faculty. It featured wide use of reference to human anatomy and bodily functions not seen in print outside of medical text books.

Suspension was ordered by Dr. Gillson, Victor Sifton, University Chancellor, and Mr. Justice Paul G. Duval, Chairman of the Board of Governors. Clare Irwin, Manitoban editor, and Conrad Wyrzkowski, student president, declined comment.

Mr. Sifton, President and publisher of the Winnipeg Free Press said the

paper was suspended because of the "indecent character" of the issue. A meeting of the board would be held to discuss what action would be taken.

Each year the medical faculty of the University publishes one issue. Last year's issue was criticized as "vulgar, lewd and obscene."

Morris Loffman, medical student, was editor of the special issue. An editorial signed with his initials, said "The Medicoban is produced with the intent to see things as they really are—it laughs at all who won't laugh at themselves and with those who do."

"As medical men—we recognize man as primarily preoccupied with basic human function—rather than obsessed with the higher things of life."

"To avoid reference to basic human functions is to ignore the essence of living, if such reference is obscene, the there is no such thing as basic human dignity."

—Fraser McGill Daily

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