

NEWS

Controversial article reprinted

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The Gazette

University newspapers across the country are facing threats of censorship and legal action after publishing what some student councils are calling obscene material.

Several papers are in hot water for reprinting an article that originally appeared in *The Muse*, the student paper at Memorial University in Newfoundland.

The article, "A gay man's guide to erotic safer sex," contained explicit sexual descriptions and a photo depicting two men implicitly engaging in oral sex.

The papers say they reprinted the story to demonstrate their support for *The Muse*, which has received negative media attention and is currently under police investigation on obscenity charges.

The Uiter at the University of Winnipeg printed the full *Muse* article without the photo.

"We did it to show solidarity with *The Muse*," advertising manager Kim Hope said. She added that *The Muse* was giving a "media voice to a group that is traditionally ignored" in the press.

Hope said their paper has not been shut down. The student council met to discuss the article and hold a "public lynching," but no motions were made.

One UofW student has collected 180 names on a petition opposing the explicit language used in the article.

Hope said one copy has been given to the Winnipeg police, but the newspaper's editors have yet to hear from them.

Dalhousie University's Phi Kappa Pi fraternity held a "Nuke the

Gazette" party after the Dalhousie *Gazette* ran "the whole thing, photo and all," Ryan Stanley said. Stanley is the reporter covering the *The Muse* controversy for the Dalhousie *Gazette*.

He added that all copies of the *Gazette* disappeared only days after being distributed, "obviously taken en masse."

The Dalhousie student union tried to cap funding for the paper, "ostensibly" because of financial irresponsibility, Stanley said. The motion was defeated when approximately 60 students attended the meeting in support of the *Gazette*.

"An awful lot of students out there are angry, but there's been a lot of support from the gay community," Stanley said.

The Cord at Wilfrid Laurier University was indefinitely shut down after it printed an excerpt of the article.

Chris St. Croix, *The Muse's* production manager, said he does not expect anything to come of the police investigation. He added one local newspaper is still writing about the article, but "everyone else has pretty much calmed down again."

St. Croix said he is very pleased with the other schools' actions. "It's a show of support for us and freedom of the press. It's also possibly helping us legally."

Obscenity charges are judged according to community standards, and if the story is being printed across the country, national standards may apply.

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From 2pm to 5pm and 7pm to 9pm

SecurityBeat

Thursday Mar. 07

Theft (University)— Stong College

A DIAR staff member reported that audio visual equipment was missing. A television and a video cassette recorder were bolted to a cart and last seen in the hallway by an employee. A search of the college found nothing.

Friday Mar. 08

Theft (Personal)— Metro Track and Field Centre

Two members reported that the locks to their lockers were forcibly removed. Both peoples wallets were stolen. The wallets contained credit cards, personal papers and a small amount of money.

Monday Mar. 11

Vandalism (University)— Vanier College Area

The windshield of a parked security vehicle was found broken. The vehicle was parked while security investigated an incident in Vanier college. The incident seems to have been done on purpose. Estimated damage \$300.

Thursday Mar. 14

Disturbance— Glendon Campus

A complaint was received from a Hilliard Residence student that two males had attempted to enter his room during the night. The two males were identified as non-students and follow-up action is being pursued.

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