

Maclean's prints phony list

OTTAWA (CUP) — When they submitted a phony list of what's hot and what's not on campus to Maclean's magazine as part of its university survey, the staff at York University's newspaper, the Excalibur, didn't think it would actually make it to print.

Maclean's sent a fax to student newspapers at 51 universities across the country and asked them to make a list of "what's hot and what's not" on their respective campuses.

The staff of the Excalibur thought the request was just a "token offering" to appease those who had criticized Maclean's in the past for not getting enough student input on the issue.

Soukeroff said the newspaper's staff wanted to "send a message" about what they thought of the request. She said she "definitely" didn't think the bogus list would make it to print.

Seven things were published in Maclean's as "what's hot" at York University. Five are false.

For example, there are no virtual-reality seminars at York, no breastfeeding facilities for student moms and no master's degree in creative writing.

In the "what's not" section, the list says York's radio station "plays too much classic rock." It actually plays only hip hop and airs talk shows.

One excalibur staff member said Maclean's did call to fact-check some items, but obviously didn't do a thorough job.

College newspaper shut down

MONTREAL (CUP) — Dawson College bigwigs shut down the student newspaper November 10, after editors of The Plant refused to allow school representatives to check the newspaper before going to print.

The decision came a week after The Plant ran a cover photo of a naked man with an erect penis holding a condom. Michelle Clabrough, Dawson's head of student services, pulled the issue for fear of being sued, later allowing editors to paint over the offending phallus.

Last week, the student association's media council ordered the paper's editorial board to allow an advisor from the administration and a media council representative to look over the entire paper before going to the printer.

The Plant refused to comply with this ultimatum. In response, the media council voted 2-1, with three abstentions, to close down the paper.

Lauren Kisilevsky, a media council member, said that a Board of Governors representative — the college's highest decision-making body — advised them that the board was already considering action.

Clabrough commented that the authority of the media council to shut down the paper is "questionable," and that its constitution does not make a direct reference to it.

In the end, they agreed that representatives of the council, the Board of Governors and The Plant will meet to review the final four issues of the paper this semester after they are printed, but before distribution.

A spokesperson from The Plant said that he wants to incorporate the paper by the beginning of next semester, and become autonomous from the administration.

Immigration policy protested

TORONTO (CUP) — More than 200 people congregated in front of the Toronto Immigration Canada office recently to protest the Liberal government's new immigration policy.

The demonstrators, representing 20 different activist groups, said the proposed policy prevents equal access to the country on the basis of class. The demonstration was organized by the Toronto Coalition Against Racism.

Immigration Minister Sergio Marchi's proposed bill C-44 recommends cutting immigration levels considerably. Under the current policy, Canada should let in at least 230,000 people into the country for 1994. The overall total next year is expected to be between 190,000 and 210,000.

University of Toronto alumnus Richard Norman, who was at the protest, said the immigration policy is a total outrage. "It's against all of the principles of Canada, because most of us are immigrants," said Norman.

Other protesters agreed.

Winnie Ng from the National Action Committee on the Status of Women said Marchi needs to be reminded that, with the exception of aboriginal people, all Canadians are immigrants and refugees or their descendants.

Maclean's survey causes stir at Acadia

WOLFVILLE, N.S. (CUP) — Maclean's magazine's decision to add student input into its annual ranking of the best and worst universities caused a stir at Acadia University when a group on campus was offended by that input.

The Halifax Daily News picked up comments made by fourth-year student and editor-in-chief of The Athenaeum, Tracy Lightfoot, setting off a controversy about Eaton House, an Acadia all-male residence.

The remarks referred to long-term plans for Eaton House to be converted to co-ed. Maclean's quoted Lightfoot as saying, "The boys don't want women at Eaton unless they're invited as overnight guests."

Lightfoot was also quoted in the issue as saying that Eaton House residents "want to be able to walk around naked and do other male bonding things."

The comments were included in

a section called "Hot Issues."

The comments caused a furore in Eaton House when the Daily News article was published. While some students laughed it off, saying, "It doesn't bother us because we know the truth," many were bitter and worried about their reputation.

House Treasurer John Anthony said, "A lot of parents are going to see that and say, 'OK, what's my son living in?'"

Eaton external vice-president Matthew Maclean said, "It was just a big misunderstanding and most people realize that."

But he added, "The damage has been done. You're not going to be able to pull out the knife without leaving a wound."

Other residents, including Eaton House president Noel Redmond said that Maclean's should not have printed the statement without contacting or visiting the residence.

Redmond also said this was not a "hot issue" since there will be no changes to Eaton House before 1996.

Lightfoot said she was sorry Maclean's had printed the comments and that she felt bad for the residents of Eaton House. "I certainly didn't mean to offend them in any way."

According to Lightfoot, she told Maclean's, "Guys' residences have a togetherness and they want to keep that. I don't believe that the residence wants to go co-ed."

When asked if many girls spend time at Eaton, she replied, "There are women who hang out there, and there are certainly women who stay overnight, but there are no girls living there right now."

Some people think Eaton House residents overreacted to the comments. But Tom Hamza, Acadia student union president, said it was "good to see that the Eaton boys are taking it in good stride."

Group plans anti-Domino's campaign

by Jill Mahoney

OTTAWA (CUP) — A Carleton University pro-choice group is planning a campaign against the Domino's Pizza counter at the university because the pizza chain's American owner has funded anti-abortion efforts.

Thomas Monaghan, the American founder and president of Domino's, is a born-again Christian and a vocal opponent of abortion. In the 1980s, he made a donation of \$50,000 to the Michigan State Committee to End Tax-Funded Abortions.

Louis Glemon, Domino's Canadian vice-president of real estate development, says the donation was a personal action of Monaghan and does not represent the views of Domino's Pizza.

He says Canadian Domino's are independent of the American branch. He added that Monaghan apologized to all franchises for the damage his support for anti-abortion

groups may have caused.

But Vera Hrebacka of the Pro-Choice Network says it's important that people know what Domino's stands for.

"We're seeing an increasing amount of backlash against women, and the right is organizing. They are putting a lot of money into their anti-choice movement and we want to stop it where we can," she says.

Part of the planned action, which has not been finalized, is an education campaign that could include passing out leaflets in front of Domino's, a demonstration and a boycott.

"We want to mobilize people on campus. Campus is where people do get politicized and it's where people get educated," Hrebacka says.

Carleton student council president Richard Stanton, who negotiated Domino's opening along with former finance commissioner René Faucher, says he had heard "grumbings" about Domino's link to anti-abortion groups, but that it

wasn't something they took into consideration.

"We're just trying to get a good-quality pizza with a good name for the students here. We try to leave the political affiliations out of the consideration."

He says a student boycott would not be productive. "They're just basically throwing their own money out the door because proceeds from that go towards student services."

"It's not like it's a huge amount of money that's going back to some big conglomerate down in the States. The proceeds from this, except for five per cent, come right back into the pockets of Carleton student services. Now if people want to boycott that, I think they have a few problems."

The Domino's at the university is owned by the student council, but is run by Capital Foods, the residence cafeteria. Stanton says Domino's will boost the profitability of Rooster's, the pub where Domino's is located.

Students unite to protest social reform

by Gavin Kerr

OTTAWA (CUP) — Look out, Lloyd Axworthy. Students are pushing aside their personal and political differences as they rally behind a November 16 student protest on Parliament Hill.

National and provincial student organizations, as well as individual universities, associations of professors, colleges, unions and even high schools will be protesting against the human resources minister's social reform proposals.

Guy Caron, national chairperson of the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS), committed the group to the protest, which was originally organized by the Students' Federation of the University of Ottawa (SFUO).

"We see it as an important step in what must be continued pressure on the government," Caron said.

SFUO president Jean-François Venne was also happy to have the head of the CFS support the protest. "What's important right now is unity," Venne said.

"The more support we have for this protest, the more seriously the

government will take our proposals," he said.

Jean-Michel Picard, a SFUO vice-president, returning from a two-week tour of eastern Canada campuses to create support, noted a growing enthusiasm for the protest.

"So far I've had commitments from over 20 universities in Quebec and another 20 in Ontario," he said. "Concordia is sending five buses. Toronto is sending 10."

Venne felt they would "easily achieve the original goal of 10,000 students."

Several colleges and high schools have also pledged their support. Local protests have been encouraged for institutions too far to make a road trip to Ottawa.

Venne took care to note the significance of the participation of the Quebec institutions.

"Quebec universities have never participated in a national protest before; this will be a first, showing just how strongly students feel about the proposed cuts."

Generating national exposure for the event, MuchMusic has agreed to cover the event, which may even

lead to a few good bands.

"Spirit of the West, Bare Naked Ladies and 54-40 have been approached," Venne said. "I have high hopes."

To provide sleeping arrangements for students coming from as far away as Moncton, N. B., the SFUO has rented the three gyms on campus, with the Carleton University gyms available as backup.

Volunteers at the SFUO have prepared a document — entitled "The X Report," or "Gen X" — in response to the Axworthy proposals. In the document, they state that the proposed cuts, potentially increasing tuition by \$8,000 per year are unacceptable, and ask the government to withdraw the proposals.

Caron noted that the protest could not be the only event if it is to be successful. He plans on continuing lobbying MPs and is planning a proposed strike in January.

Venne also said that lobbying and activism will continue in the future to ensure student voices are heard.

A CFS committee will look at determining specific guidelines for a proposed national strike in January.

Canadian University Press (CUP) is a national organization made up of over 40 student papers from St. John's to Victoria. CUP enables student papers to exchange stories and ideas through the wire service, regional and national conferences. As a founding member of CUP, the Dalhousie Gazette makes sure that our university news becomes national news.