

Student newspapers censored

—Dal Gazette, SMU Journal in centre of controversy

HALIFAX (CUP) - A mildly controversial photo outline has become the focal point of a major controversy on freedom of the press here after two student newspapers were forced to change their content or not be published.

Both papers, the Dalhousie Gazette and the Saint Mary's University Journal, were the victims of their printers who refused to publish copy which they claimed was libelous.

"We're not going to bend to pressure", said an angry Tom

Regan, editor of the Gazette, after the paper's printers told him the Gazette would not be published unless an offending article was removed. "We intend to do the paper as we normally do it".

But Regan was forced to drop the article from the October 25 edition in order for the paper to come out at all. Due to the lengthy battle with the printers, Kentville Publishers, which involved lawyers on both sides, The Gazette was forced to come out a day late.

Regan vowed to publicize the censorship incident, through other media in Halifax and by printing

a story on the incident on a gestetner or photocopier and distributing it on campus.

Ironically, the controversy started with a cutline written for a photo in the SMU Journal's October 3 edition and a similar comment in the Journal staff box.

Beneath a picture of Prime Minister Joe Clark and Nova Scotia premier John Buchanan conferring, the Journal wrote, "Er...yes, we had sex with Margaret Trudeau...er...hasn't everyone?" the photo was on the Journal's satire page and was a take-off of a Saturday Night Live

television skit. The staff box said "We confirm rumours that the Journal staff had sex with Margaret Trudeau."

The Journal's printers the Dartmouth Free Press, which publishes Halifax's two daily papers, refused to print the paper unless the two sentences were removed because they claimed the comments were libelous and as publishers they could be sued.

The Journal complied but discussed the incident with other Atlantic student newspapers.

The Dalhousie Gazette decided to report the story in their October 25 edition. Their story on the Journal included the comments judged libelous and a picture of the page in question. The Gazette headline read, "Free press is not so free".

At this point the Gazette's printers, Kentville Publishers got into the act, also refusing to print the paper as long as the story was in it. Kentville was upset about the Journal quotes which the Free Press had refused to print but was also angry with a statement made by the Free Press management which was in the Gazette story. The Free Press had told the Journal that if they wanted the offensive comments to remain they should have the paper

printed at Kentville, "because they'll print anything."

Regan disagreed with their opinion that the Trudeau comments were libelous and threatened to do another story on Kentville's censorship of the Gazette. Kentville's management responded by saying if a story was done on the incident involving them, they might refuse to print the Gazette again.

Kentville printers also refused Regan's second request that the paper be left blank where the story had been. They insisted the Gazette fill the spot because they did not want the censorship known, said Regan.

Regan said Canadian University Press (CUP) lawyer, Brian Iler advised him that the story was not libelous but Kentville still refused to run the story. CUP is a co-operative organization of 67 college and university newspaper to which the Gazette and the Journal belong.

Regan says the censorship fight has not ended and the Gazette will find some way to publish without interference from printers. But under Canadian law, Iler said printers can be sued for libel and have the right to refuse to publish articles they feel are libelous.

STU to hold language week

St. Thomas University will take on a cosmopolitan atmosphere November 26-29 as students, faculty, and members of the public celebrate the University's first "Language Week". The week is being sponsored by STU's department of romance languages.

Language week co-ordinator, Dr. Brinsley Stewart, spoke about the objectives of the week. "We hope that it will afford students, faculty, and the general public the opportunity to experience the cultural and linguistic flavor of the French, Spanish, and Italian speaking world," he said.

Dr. Stewart said he hoped the week's activities would draw visitors to the St. Thomas campus. "All of the events are free and we feel there will be something for everyone. We hope the public will use this opportunity to come to meet the St. Thomas community, have some fun, and enjoy a little slice of Italy, Spain, France, South America or French Canada," he said.

The week begins Monday, with Italian and French films. Featured will be *La Cabane* and *Au Boutte du Quai*. Show time is 8 p.m. in the Edmund Casey Hall Auditorium.

UNB student takes top honours

Fourth-year UNB student Margaret Leaman of Fredericton has won top honors in a national competition in Greek sight translation.

Miss Leaman is the daughter of Prof. and Mrs. Hayden Leaman of 447 Mansfield St. She was one of 32 students from high schools and universities across Canada taking part in the competition, which was sponsored by the Classical Association of Canada.

At Convocation in October, Ms. Leaman was the recipient of the Alumni Gold Medal for outstanding work in Latin and a \$250 Lingua Award for excellence in classical languages.



On Tuesday there will be displays of pedagogical and cultural material in the Foyer of Edmund Casey Hall from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Beginning at 12:30 p.m. in the Edmund Casey Hall Auditorium Professor Dexter Noel of UNB's Department of Romance Languages will speak on "The

Importance of Reading and Writing in Second Language Instruction." His talk will be followed by one given by Professor Ted Daigle, Chairman of STU's Romance Language Department entitled "Second Language Instruction and the St. Thomas Experience."

Tuesday evening in the STU dining hall will feature a display of cultural objects, songs, dances,

recorded music and slides of Quebec and French speaking New Brunswick, beginning at 7 p.m. Samples of Spanish, Italian and French cuisines will be served.

The cultural displays will continue on Wednesday. Spanish films have been scheduled for 7 p.m. in the ECH Auditorium. These will be followed in the Faculty Lounge by a slide show and poetry reading by Dr. Roger Moore, assistant professor of Spanish at STU. The presentation is based on Dr. Moore's travels in Spain. Refreshments will be served.

The week will close on Thursday evening with a series of skits, songs, instrumentals, and recorded music. Curtain time is 8 p.m. in the Edmund Casey Hall Auditorium.

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