

Sexual harassment is program's target

ANN ARBOR, Mich. (AP) — The videotape begins midway through a medical school lecture. A slide of a textbook drawing of a male body is projected on a screen. A professor discusses reproduction in detached, clinical terms.

The slide behind the professor changes — not to another textbook drawing — but a close-up color photograph of a nude woman. The videotape pans to show a female student storming out of the classroom.

The scenario, dramatized by actors, "happens all the time" in real life at colleges across the United States, said Susan Kaufmann, who heads the Tell Someone program at the University of Michigan.

The program is a three-year-old, first-of-its-kind attempt to encourage recipients of unwelcome advances and other kinds of sexual harassment to complain to school authorities. It was developed by a University of Michigan affirmative action task force.

The videotapes dramatize a dozen examples of sexual harassment, from a woman laborer discovering a condom in her equipment manual to the rape of a woman who wore revealing clothes to work.

"Some of them are very painful to look at," Kaufmann said, "but one reason the tapes work is they don't pull punches."

They serve as the starting point for discussions about sexual harassment, she said.

Scripts for the 60-second vignettes were written by university women

Gregoire beaten in prison

QUEBEC (CP) — Gilles Gregoire, a member of the national assembly serving two years less a day for sexual offences with juvenile girls, has complained about being beaten in his prison cell this month by two fellow inmates.

Gregoire told his lawyer, Pierre Gaudrault, he was punched in the face several times by two masked men who entered his cell at nearby Orsainville prison Nov. 4.

But his lawyer said Gregoire was not seriously injured.

Gregoire, a former Creditiste member of Parliament and a founder of the Parti Quebecois, is listed as an independent after being drummed out of the PQ caucus following his conviction.

LETHBRIDGE PAPER BATTLE Press council blames both

EDMONTON (CP) — Both sides must share responsibility for a dispute between the Committee for Quality Journalism and the Lethbridge Herald over committee criticisms of the newspaper, the Alberta Press Council said this week.

The council made the statement after a closed meeting called to review an earlier public hearing into the committee's complaints against The Herald.

The committee represents a group upset with changes to the newspaper — which has a circulation of 27,500 — since it was bought by Thomson Newspapers Ltd., Canada's largest newspaper chain, in 1980.

Actions by both sides led to a deterioration and polarization of the dispute, the council said.

Events that drove the two parties apart included a Herald decision to stop reporting on the committee's activities and the committee's refusal to hold meetings with Herald editors when finally offered the opportunity, the council said.

The council, at an Oct. 14 meeting, studied a committee complaint that the quality of the daily newspaper has gone downhill since the Thomson takeover.

The council, sponsored by the province's major newspapers, considers complaints from individuals about the conduct of the press in the gathering and publication of news and advertising.

The 85-member committee said The Herald restricted the news in not covering committee activities and The Herald refused to recognize the committee as a legitimate organization. The Herald said the committee should share the blame for an act of vandalism against the newspaper in late April.

The council said The Herald erred in a decision not to cover a series of committee events designed to highlight its protest.

A newspaper, when dealing with a dispute involving its own editorial performance, has a special obligation to "go the extra mile" in giving exposure to the opinions of those who disagree, the council said.

To do otherwise leads to the charge the press is not prepared to accept the same degree of scrutiny of its own performance as it adopts toward other public institutions.

The council sided with the committee on its complaint that The Herald had refused to publish a letter in which the committee dissociated itself from a vandalism incident, which included graffiti slurring managing editor John Farrington's Mormon religion.

At a time of high emotions and suspicions and a time in which The Herald broke its own editorial silence on the dispute with a front-page statement from the publisher, failure to publish the letter was an inexcusable lapse in the principle that both sides should be allowed fairly to have their say, the council said.

The council criticized the committee for its behavior last June. At that time, Herald editorial staff and the committee set an agenda for a series of meetings aimed at exploring committee concerns about Herald editorial format.

At the second meeting the committee presented The Herald with an ultimatum to publish a statement, which insisted among other things that The Herald recognize the committee as a "legitimate organization." When The Herald refused, the committee refused to take part in further meetings.

TORY MP Tax evasion denied

TORONTO (CP) — A Progressive Conservative member of Parliament, his wife, son and company have pleaded not guilty to several counts of evading income tax and making false statements under the Income Tax Act.

The Crown alleged this week during the first day of the trial that Gordon Gilchrist, who represents the Toronto riding of Scarborough East, evaded a total of \$7,714 in income tax between 1977 and 1979.

Gilchrist also is charged with not declaring about \$24,000 in income.

A Canadian Tire branch run by Gilchrist is charged with evading \$11,394 in income tax and his wife, Patricia, faces charges of evading \$2,314 in income tax and not declaring about \$7,000.

His son, James, is charged with evading \$5,525 in income tax and not declaring about \$19,000 in income.

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