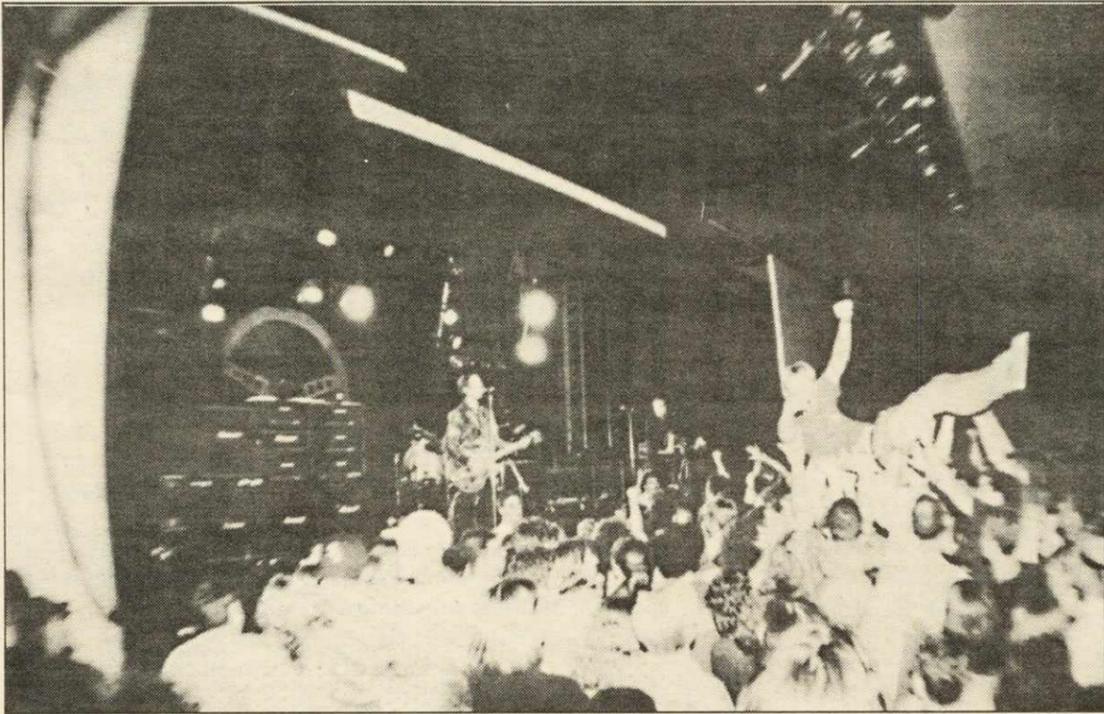


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"You paid \$16 to see rock n' roll, motherfucker, not to have someone kick you in the head," — Gordie Johnson, Big Sugar. See story page 13. Photo by Ian McAskill.

No sex, no drugs, no welcome

BY SHELLEY ROBINSON

A guide welcoming new students to Halifax — including pieces on sex and drugs — didn't make it into frosh packs at Dalhousie due to what the Student Union considers inappropriate and inaccurate information.

The Dalhousie Student Union (DSU) pulled the pamphlet, produced by local magazine *The Coast*, because of the articles titled "Savage Love-In" and "How to get High".

"Savage Love-In" was based on the weekly column "Savage Love" written by syndicated columnist Dan Savage in *The Coast*.

"The flyers, with the sections on sex and drugs, were not distributed because the DSU believes this information was produced for shock value rather than for informational purposes," said DSU president Chris Adams in a letter to *The Coast*.

"This was most prevalent in the 'Savage Love-In' section which not only contained mis-information but was unnecessarily crude."

DSU vice-president Bridgette McCaig echoed these concerns. In particular, she was worried that the pamphlet, by claiming that lesbian sex doesn't require sexual protection and is at no risk for HIV, mis-represented facts about the spread of HIV.

"If this is censorship then so be it — I'd rather have people

healthy than practicing in unsafe sex," said McCaig.

McCaig also had concerns about what she saw as the pamphlet's irresponsible attitude towards drug use.

"There are risks to drug use," she said. "[Taking the pamphlets out] might make the student union look uptight or anal-retentive, but I'd rather be uptight than push drugs on first-year students."

The pamphlet was pulled after fall orientation chair Andy Doyle read the articles and consulted with the director of advertising and promotions Andrea Gagliardi.

Doyle said it was the articles' biases, and the DSU's responsibility to their students — not the tone of the articles — that concerned him.

"By putting this in the frosh packs you're saying, 'I support this, I condone this.'"

"I would have no problem whatsoever with an article called 'How to get High' if it listed the positives and negatives of using different substances — if it were balanced," said Doyle.

"Students should be responsible enough to handle these decisions on their own, but it would be irresponsible of me to provide this to them without also providing information on the negative effects of drug use."

Kyle Shaw, editor of *The Coast*, says the pieces are neither misinformed, nor biased.

"I think 'How to get High' is totally realistic...especially if it's a

16-year-old kid from the country. They come to the city and someone says, 'Oh do you want some heroin?' If they have absolutely no idea what heroin is, or crack...or pot — this is a way to give them that information," he said.

Shaw wrote an editorial in *The Coast* criticizing the student union's decision to not include the pamphlets, but also contended that Dalhousie's Board of Governors was to blame.

"The [Board of Governors] has encouraged a very timid culture, which has filtered down throughout the school...[a] guide to illicit drugs was censored — by the [DSU], fearing reprisals from the university," Shaw wrote.

Since the editorial's printing, DSU President Chris Adams wrote *The Coast* a letter claiming full responsibility for the pamphlet's removal from the frosh packs.

Adam's letter has not changed Shaw's views.

"I believe what I was saying in my editorial, that Dal doesn't push the boundaries much as a school," said Shaw.

"Assuming that because these people are frosh, they're younger, they're inexperienced...that they're still being protected from four letter words and the fact that pot exists...just strikes me as so the reverse of everything a university is supposed to be."

Shaw also defended the accuracy of the information

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Dalhousie raises record funds for Cystic Fibrosis

BY NATALIE BROMEHED & PAUL PARTINGTON

While Dalhousie's spirited frosh cheered their way through Shinerama, records shattered like glass in a hurricane. Surpassing all previous fund-raisers, Dalhousie raised an estimated \$25,000 for Cystic Fibrosis this year.

For over 30 years, Dalhousie University has participated in the Shinerama fund raiser for Cystic Fibrosis (CF). Past efforts have brought in up to \$20,000 a year, but this year's campaign set a new record. The blitz crew (frosh leaders) and first year students

easily surpassed their target to raise at least \$20,001.

Dalhousie's Vice-President Communications and Community Affairs and Director of Shinerama, Terence Tam, agreed to sport a bleached mohawk if \$25,000 was raised. Undaunted in spirit, Tam remained devoted to the cause.

"Shinerama is the best thing this University does," he said. "Everyone who took part should be proud of themselves."

Although all figures at this time are estimates, co-directors of Shinerama, Catherine Craig and

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The following is a list of some of the more controversial excerpts from 'Savage Love-In' and 'How to get High', with comments from Andy Doyle, of the DSU, and Kyle Shaw, Editor of *The Coast*.

SAVAGE LOVE-IN

Queers, Boys: Straight boys have to worry about birth control (babies), while gay boys have to worry about death control (HIV). But the answer in both cases is the same: condoms. Use 'em.

Queers, Girls: Dental dams are a joke, girls that sleep exclusively with other girls are simply not at risk for HIV.

Straight Girls: Men are pigs. If he's asked you out, he wants to fuck you. He'll wheedle, plead, cajole, and eventually work his way into your puss — cuz he wants to have an orgasm.

ANDY DOYLE, DSU

"To talk as if all that women are wanted for, or sought after for, is orgasms — I find that rather offensive."

KYLE SHAW, *The Coast*

"I know some straight men — I am one, and especially when I was starting university — that's a very accurate description of straight men...me and all the straight friends I knew. I was on the varsity volleyball team so I know an awful lot of jocks and we didn't use to talk about...great meaningful conversations with women. It's a fact."

HOW TO GET HIGH

Mushrooms: (Fungus among us) nature's version of acid. Remember the smurfs? Remember the pretty colours, the giggling?

Ecstasy: the 'love drug'. Very expensive, but happiness and horniness ensue.

Crack: crude, freebased version of coke. Say goodbye to your friends, possessions and dignity.

Heroin: an expensive habit but very fashionable at the moment. Must enjoy vomiting and immobility. Have trouble with needles or the toilet scene in *Trainspotting*? move on.

ANDY DOYLE, DSU

"The Coast tried to convince us that it was educational but I looked through it — there was no mention of side effects or withdrawal. It seemed to almost be glorifying it."

KYLE SHAW, *The Coast*

"Our philosophy is 'Hey kids, these [drugs] are bound to cross your path, so whether you are a drug user or whether you don't want to use drugs, whether you know all about drugs or whether you've never heard of drugs — just be aware.'"

Pre-packaged ponderance

"You know what our newspaper is? Bloody patriotic as long as it helps our circulation, all the dirt we can get, and a high moral tone."

— Somerset Maugham

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