

No sex for saints

by Padraic Brake

HALIFAX (CUP) — Three Maritime university student councils won't be distributing an AIDS pamphlet because it uses 'bad language.'

The Students' Union of Nova Scotia (SUNS) produced the pamphlet entitled 'SEX' that uses terms like as "giving and getting head," "eating shit" and "swallowing cum" to discuss safe sex.

Student councils at St Thomas University in Fredericton, N.B., St Francis Xavier University in Antigonish, N.S. and St Mary's University in Halifax decided not to distribute the pamphlet.

"We want the pamphlet cleaned up, and then we will circulate it without a doubt," said St Thomas student council president Irma Ferlatte. "The risks have to be printed, but not with that language."

The St Thomas council voted unanimously last week not to distribute the pamphlet.

"I'm beginning to believe that any AIDS awareness pamphlet that is produced will not be acceptable by everyone," said Royden Trainor, Chair of the SUNS AIDS Education Committee.

Ferlatte said the council objected to the pamphlet's "gutter language" saying it was "beneath the level of university students."

This is the second year that SUNS has produced an AIDS awareness pamphlet.

Trainor said this year's pamphlet is more blunt because that's what the people working with, and for people with AIDS suggested.

"Everything else that we have done to make students aware of AIDS has failed completely," said Trainor. "The success of this year's pamphlet has yet to be seen ... but we have had a lot of free publicity."

The St Francis student council decided at the end of August to use a Health and Welfare Canada pamphlet instead of SUNS' pamphlet.

"We thought that the government pamphlet would be more suitable for our campus," said St Francis council president Bill Mahody.

Mahody said some of the information in the SUNS pamphlet was not "medically accurate."

Trainor said the pamphlet was checked with the Federal Centre for AIDS, People With AIDS Coalition of Halifax and local doctors among others.

Two of the student councils have turned to other sources for AIDS awareness education.

"We asked the People With AIDS Coalition of Halifax and a local doctor to speak on campus

about AIDS," said Mahody. "The Board of Governors established a standing committee on AIDS two weeks ago which we supported as well."

St Thomas student council is distributing a pamphlet produced by the New Brunswick government.

"AIDS awareness and education was on my platform when I ran for student council two years ago, and it's still a major focus for me," said Ferlatte. "We have had speakers in to talk about how AIDS is spread and how it is not spread."

The St Mary's student council withheld the pamphlet until an insert was produced which said that "abstinence and monogamy are highly recommended ways of preventing AIDS."

The Federal Centre for AIDS gave SUNS a \$240,000 grant to establish a program to create awareness and change the behaviour of post-secondary students.

The pamphlet was distributed without changes at Dalhousie University. Dalhousie Student Union president Dave Shannon said he's heard a "mix of reactions."

"Many are ambivalent. Others wish it were more intellectually sophisticated. But no one has come in and said 'I am angry about this leaflet,'" he said.

Crawley said "people are getting excited over nothing."

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Anonymous tests

by Charmaine Pope

HALIFAX (CUP) — The Nova Scotia Persons With AIDS Coalition will begin anonymous testing for the human immuno-deficiency virus (HIV, or AIDS virus) in November.

"There's a number of people, probably at very high risk, who would like to be tested but simply will not run the risk of being tested if that risk involves being exposed in any way," coalition chair Peter Wood said last week.

People will be given a number to serve as their only means of identification throughout the testing.

Blood samples must be sent out of the province for analysis because of the provincial government's opposition to anonymous testing.

The Nova Scotia government requires doctors to report the names of any HIV-positive patient to the Department of Health. The coalition has been trying to get the government to change this policy.

"Most people who want to be tested probably believe they are at high risk, and it's important that these people who test negative modify their behaviour so they don't find themselves back in six months looking for the same test," Wood said.

"It is hoped that anonymous AIDS testing will encourage more individuals to be tested and this could help reduce the number of cases of AIDS."

The coalition says 44 people have died of AIDS in Nova Scotia since 1984. Nineteen of these deaths have been in the past year.

Wood predicted the number of people inflicted with HIV to increase greatly in the near future, and many of these cases are expected to be in the heterosexual population.

Just one coincidence too many

by Chris Lawson

OTTAWA (CUP) — Yesterday was National Student Day — and by "happy coincidence" it's also National Universities Week.

Association of Universities and Colleges (AUCC) official Michelle Albagli called it a "happy coincidence", because the two events have almost nothing to do with each other.

The AUCC sponsors National Universities Week every two years as a public awareness exercise. The Canadian Federation of Students sponsors National Student Day as a day of protest, with optional celebratory overtones.

"Some campuses have cake-cutting, balloons and other celebrations" to commemorate more than 60 years of student organizing, said CFS chair Jane Arnold, "but in other areas it's very political."

Some student unions will be marching on their provincial legislature to protest the sorry state of post-secondary education funding.

Meanwhile, at Trent University in Peterborough, Ontario, they're giving away free tuition for life. In conjunction with its anniversary celebrations and National Universities Week, the university will give anyone born in Peterborough County on October 17th free tuition for life.

Trent's anniversary celebration is a special case, but most universities will be offering open houses, public speaking contests, career counselling sessions and lectures.

Memorial University will be giving away a free semester of tuition to the high school student who wins an essay contest.

Albagli described National Universities Weeks as "totally apolitical".

"It's not seen as a lobby week — it's a celebration of universities and a means of getting people to know just what goes on in universities, because a lot of people don't know what's going on."

CFS members will be kicking off a postcard campaign to protest Bill C-33, which would see a further cut to federal funding for education. The federation calculates the bill will mean \$900 million in cuts to post-secondary education funding over the next five years.

"The timing for the week worked out very well for us," Albagli said. She said Prime Minister Brian Mulroney's new enthusiasm and commitment to post-secondary education have generated a lot of political interest in the week.

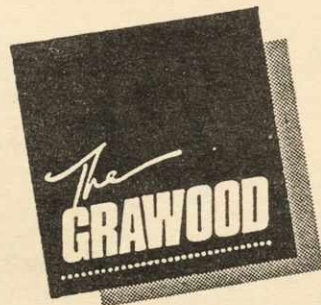
"It's about time the government's interest focused on education," she said.

CFS information officer Catherine Louli said National Student Day is well-timed. "Bill C-33 will be getting its second reading soon, so the campaign will fit in, with Mulroney having slapped on this extra \$900 million cut to education."

Mike Woods is a sure bet at the Grawood this Friday!

Mike Woods is a one-man party! Past winner of the **Entertainer of the Year Award** by the Canadian Organization of Campus Activities, Woods' combination of musicianship and bright sense of humour makes him a must see at the Grawood. Just take the word of our friends at McMaster University in Hamilton: *"We couldn't understand why we hadn't heard of this guy before 'cause he's one of the best guys we've seen at the Rat, which is sayin' a lot 'cause we usually only come for the beer. So next time he's around, don't be a stranger. C'mon out and see this guy!"*

- The Silhouette



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Saturday, Oct. 21

11:30 am - 2:30 pm - **Brunch special!** All you can eat \$6.95

12 Noon - 4 pm - **Open Mic!** Society Night! (Amnesty International)



Mike Woods, Past Campus Entertainer of the Year, performs in the Grawood Friday night!

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