

Frank AIDS pamphlets target 1st, 2nd year students

HALIFAX (CUP) — Nova Scotia's student federation has produced an AIDS awareness pamphlet using frank sexual language including phrases such as, giving head, eating shit and swallowing cum.

The Federal Centre for AIDS gave the Students' Union of Nova Scotia (SUNS) a grant for \$240,000 to establish an education program with the objective of creating awareness and changing the behaviour of post-secondary students. Included in this is an AIDS pamphlet entitled "SEX."

"The pamphlet is a frank discussion of the issue at hand," said Lara Morris, chair of SUNS. "It hasn't been received as negatively as last year's pamphlet was because I think students have become sensitized with this type of language."

SUNS produced their first

AIDS awareness pamphlet last year, but used language such as "allowing semen to enter the mouth, intercourse and fellatio."

"We tried to use common language that students use every day in an attempt to get the message across to all students," said Sidney Tobias, the executive director of the project.

The pamphlet has already been distributed to several campuses in the Atlantic region.

"Many students have praised the narrative of the pamphlet," said Tobias.

When the pamphlet was distributed at Acadia University some students called the pamphlet overly explicit.

"I think if people are upset, they are at least talking about it and maybe they'll change their behaviour," said Morris.

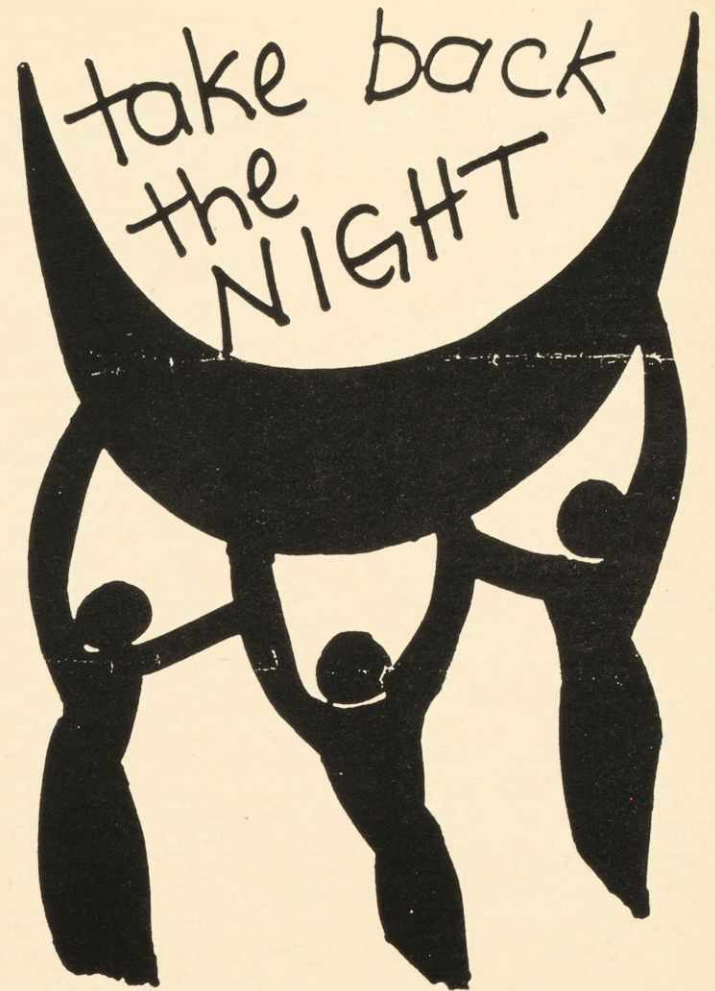
The pamphlet was reviewed by the People With AIDS Coalition of Nova Scotia, the Halifax Metro Area Committee on AIDS and the Federal Centre for AIDS, among other groups, before it was distributed on university campuses.

"In total, the pamphlet went through 17 revisions," said Tobias.

SUNS also plans to produce a peer education manual and video on AIDS awareness by the end of this year for distribution on universities in the Atlantic region.

"The whole campaign is targeted at first and second year students because they are the most sexually active, and are the group that will experiment the most," said Morris.

The grant from the Federal Centre for AIDS is a pilot project for the Atlantic region. If the campaign is a success it will be expanded to the rest of the country.



Women and children of Metro took back the night last Friday in a march marking women's "right to walk at night."

The march followed a route down Spring Garden Road starting at 8 pm and ending at Point Pleasant Park, a place where many women are assaulted. Approximately 100 women shouted out chants and sang songs of peace, empowerment and self-determination.

At a rally before the march, a woman from Service for Sexual Assault Victims (SSAV) gave a very personal and emotional testimonial of rape.

The march was an all-round success and the only improvement for next year would be to get even more women and children to take part and "demand the right to walk at night."

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