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The GLOW Pages

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This Month's Spotlight

Safe Sex Gets Hard to Swallow

WARNING: These guidelines contain explicit language. If you can't cope with reality, don't read on. (as it appeared in The Muse)

The gay men's safe sex guide that appeared in the February 15th issue of The Muse, Memorial University in Newfoundland, sent shockwaves through the country that are still being felt to this very day.

Readers of this article that was found in the Gay and Lesbian Supplement of The Muse were shocked to find explicit recounts of gay sex and strong language. The administration is in an uproar over the highly controversial nature of the article. The president of Memorial has been quoted as saying that the article is "pornographic" and is fearful that alumni donations could be hurt. (Later he retracted these statements....)

The local detachment of the RCMP went as far as stating that there will be a full investigation of the newspaper. The Muse is currently being held under suspicion with obscenity charges.

The staff and supporters of The Muse were furious. They realize the importance of direct and honest education about safe sex. It has been proven in many cities that direct (explicit) discussion about safe sex is the most effective and powerful way to educate the public. They feel that the general public is using them as an object to publicly gay bash and exploit. They argue that their work was not coercive about sex as compared to "... [the] avalanche of movies that are graphic, explicit and full of coercive sex...".

Supporters feel that the issue has been totally blown out of proportion and have discovered that reporters are more interested in the shock value and people's reaction rather than the AIDS education value.

In support of The Muse many other campus newspapers across the country have reprinted the article, or at least portions of it. The Muse has a significant amount of support from the collective of the Canadian Universities Presses (CUP). CUP has facilitated the distribution of the article to other papers with blazing speed.

The Cord at Wilfrid Laurier University reprinted a portion of the safe sex guide. The

reaction to their article was strong, swift and deliberate -- the staff was locked out of their own office. The student administration and "ethics committee" felt that this type of material was not suitable for WLU students' eyes. Judge for your self:

(An excerpt from The Muse)

Anal intercourse with a condom (a lower risk activity)

As I woke up I could feel Mark's hard cock pressing into my ass and was immediately reminded of last night. My first move was to reach down beside the bed and grab the last remaining condom. Opening the package as I could feel mark smearing my ass with K-W. I could only think of the ecstasy I would feel within minutes. I put the rubber on the tip of his beautiful cock and squeezed the tip and rolled it down to the base. Squirting more K-W onto his cock he slipped into my already lubricated ass.

This explicit depiction of safe sex was enough to have The Cord closed for several days, and they risked being shut down. Now, The Cord

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GLOW Zaps Fed Hall?

On March 27, several members of GLOW attempted organize a bit of an invasion of Fed Hall at the University of Waterloo. At first it looked like there might be enough people to pull off a good publicity stunt, but in the end only eight people managed to make it to the bar.

If there were about 20 or 30 people that came it would be very realistic to expect a bit of fun, but as it turned out, the short notice prevented many people from attending the "Bunny Pub" that was being held.

In the future, GLOW members hope to stage stronger displays at places such as the bars on the U of W campus. We only hope that there is enough people that will feel comfortable with it.

Editorial

Well! (*Snap*) I got my first issue of the GLOW pages out and it appears to be a success! Most of the feedback that I have received has been very positive. [If you do have any comments, feel free to contact me, or GLOW.] Now the most difficult task is going to be keeping things up and running.

Over the past couple of months I have learned quite a bit about what is involved with publishing a newsletter. There is copy that needs to be found, printing to be done, lay-out, stuffing envelopes, phoning, and more! Lucky for me, I have found a number of people here at the U of W and from the K-W area that are proving to be very helpful with the calendar. I would like to take this moment to thank everyone that has been so supportive, and thank-you to Lisa and Karen for getting everything going!

If you, the reader, have any comments, suggestions, or submissions, feel free to contact us!

- Jay

anguish of 20 continuous years of support for Kitchener-Waterloo's lesbian and gay community. Who could forget the Bridgeport Dances, the Victoria Weekend Conference and the battles with K-W's municipal governments? These remain only a few of GLOW's many cherished accomplishments.

How has the atmosphere changed for lesbians and gays in the past twenty years? We all have specific views but GLOW has seen the changes in a broader sense. Coming out has become an easier, less painful ordeal; gays and lesbians have built a strong foundation of support; and fighting for rights and acceptance has become much more powerful. Together, these changes add value to GLOW'S continued existence.

The success of GLOW's 20th anniversary celebration has imposed a desire to honour GLOW's 25th in 1996. New events will unfold, paths will be built and nostalgia will flourish. But remember ... time passes quickly. Savour the present while you can!

- Geoff



**GLOW's 20th ANNIVERSARY
A GREAT SUCCESS**

Time flies when you are promoting a healthy attitude towards sexuality! GLOW's 20th anniversary has come and gone too suddenly for its members to believe. But the celebration provided a chance for all to catch up with GLOW's eventful past.

Fifty current and former GLOW members gathered in Hagey Hall room 280 (a famous GLOW dance location from the 80's) to reunite and share memories on March 22nd. Surrounded by pink and purple streamers and balloons, the room filled with smiles, warmth and laughter while long-time friends reminisced and new acquaintances discussed perspectives.

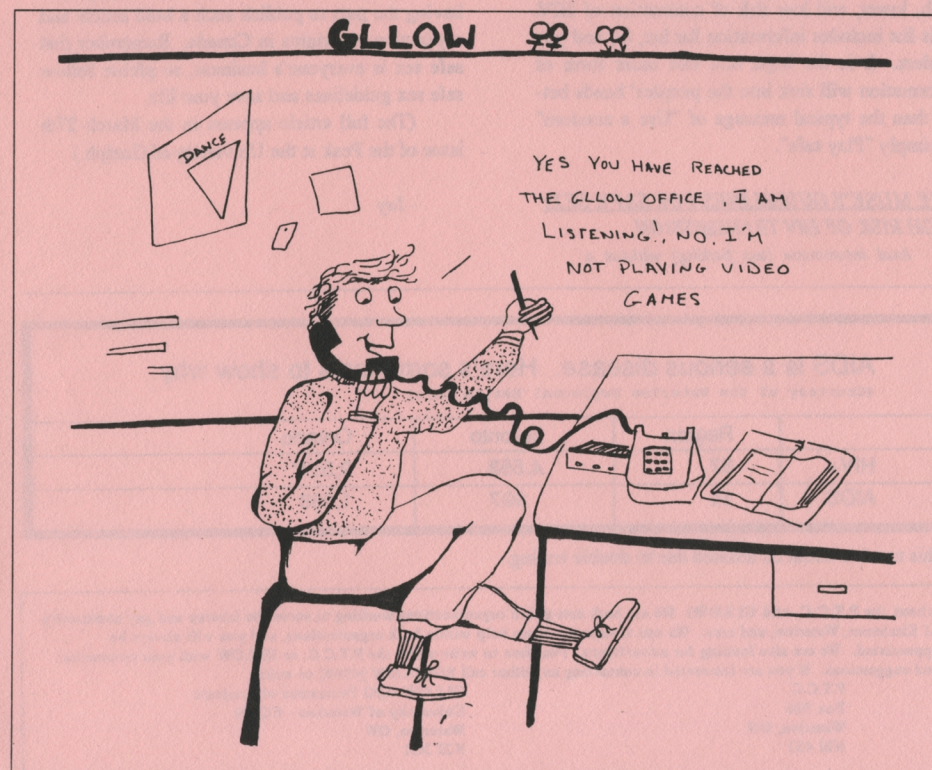
To give all participants the chance to experience the nostalgia, seven members -- each representing different GLOW eras -- formed a discussion panel later in the evening. While the panel revealed personal memories of GLOW's past, the audience shared the laughter, triumph and



GLOW is forming a WOMYN'S group:
This group is for:

- Establishment of Womyn space
- Socializing
- Discussion
- Activism

If you are interested in working with this group please call GLOW on Monday nights or drop by the office between 7 and 10 on Mondays.



GLOW Coffeehouses - Every Wednesday at ML104 - UofW
Come out and meet us! *Note: Coffeehouses resume beginning of May

is allowed to exist under the close and careful watch of the student's union.

What does this all mean? As you can see, the het community is overly sensitive to the concept of gay sex. I think that we will see more of this style of writing in the future and until people get used to the idea of men having sex with men, and women having sex with women, it will continue to be a big issue. The biggest issue is that it is rather explicit about sexual acts that have been laddled by modern society as 'taboo'. This explicitness is necessary for educating men about having sex with other men. All too often men figure that safe sex = boring sex. The other problem is trying to educate the many men that have sex with men, but do not readily identify themselves as being gay, and therefore do not feel that they have to worry about contracting this 'gay disease'. This type of depiction is useful in demonstrating to all men that might have sex with other men, in a straightforward manner, how to do it safely.

Later on in the article is a quite comprehensive, and blunt, list of sexual practices that are high, lower, and low risk of contraction of HIV. This list includes information for het, bi, and gay readers. It is the hope that this blunt form of information will sink into the peoples' heads better than the typical message of "Use a condom" or simply "Play safe".

THE MUSE'S GUIDELINES FOR SAFE SEX:
HIGH RISK OF HIV TRANSMISSION

Anal intercourse (ass fucking) without a

condom

Vaginal intercourse without a condom

Sharing sex toys (dildos, etc.) without thorough cleaning or condoms

Any activities where there is contact from one bloodstream to another

LOWER RISK OF HIV TRANSMISSION

Anal or vaginal intercourse with a condom

Unprotected oral sex on a woman during her period

Unprotected oral sex on a man (cocksucking) with or without swallowing cum

LOW RISK OF HIV TRANSMISSION

French kissing

Drinking pee

Oral anal contact (rimming)

Eating shit

Giving or getting head (cocksucking) with a condom

Getting head without a condom

Giving head without a condom, no ejaculation

Oral sex on a woman without a dental dam outside her period

Oral sex with a dental dam

Congratulations to the staff of The Muse for having the guts to publish such a bold article and supporting gay rights in Canada. Remember that safe sex is everyone's business, so please follow safe sex guidelines and save your life.

(The full article appears in the March 27th issue of the Peak at the University of Guelph.)

- Jay

AIDS is a serious disease. Here's some facts to show why:

(Courtesy of the Waterloo Regional Health Unit)

	Region	Toronto	Ontario
HIV+	67	4,553	9,551*
AIDS	14	997	1,888

* This number could be inflated due to double testing.

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