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**GUELPH
GAY
EQUALITY**

NEWSLETTER FOR FEBRUARY 1990

Lesbian wants household called a family for benefits

homophobic language

We Love Women

HUMAN RIGHTS The GGE has invited Karen Andrews, a Toronto library employee, to Guelph to tell us her story of the fight she continues for family and spousal benefits. Karen, her lover Mary of more than ten years and Mary's two teenage children are at the centre of an on-going battle between Karen and the government of Ontario. Karen has been fighting for family OHIP coverage and pension benefits.

Cumba, the underwriter of the library board's benefits package, agreed a few years ago to cover non-traditional families. As a result of the Ontario government's move to eliminate OHIP premiums at least half of the remainder of Karen's fight is over — or is it?

We welcome Karen to Guelph and look forward to an update on her important ground-breaking case.

Please Note: Karen will be in Guelph on February 27 at 8:00 p.m. in room UC 442.

AIDS: NEW DRUG A new drug developed by the UpJohn Company is called U81749 and is found to stop HIV infection in its tracks. Further development of the new experimental drug is required before it is approved for use on humans.

IN MEMORY: This month's newsletter is dedicated to the memory of Sheldon.

MISCELLANEOUS AFFAIRS/EVENTS

PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

Article II: Preamble

(original): In so doing, we claim the right to our own feelings, the right to love whom we choose and the right to express this love to be the bearers of legal rights grounded in the laws of Canada and the fact of our common humanity.

1 (proposed): In so doing, we claim the right to express ourselves completely and to be the bearers of legal rights grounded in the laws of Canada and the fact of our common humanity.

Article III: Objectives

(original): (b) to explore the common basis of oppression of women and the oppression of homosexuals, and to actively strive for the elimination of both.

2 (proposed): (b) to actively strive for the elimination of the oppression of lesbians and gays.

(original): (c) to foster a sense of community among the lesbians and gay men of the University of Guelph, and surrounding area ...

3 (proposed): (c) to foster a sense of community among the lesbians and gay men of Guelph, and surrounding area ...



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DEBORAH AZIM, SUPPORT CO-ORDINATOR

AID
PLAY

Article IV: Membership (b)

(original): Annual dues shall be decided upon, and altered when warranted, by a vote of a simple majority of members present at a General Meeting, based on financial information presented to the members by the Executive.

4 (proposed): Annual membership fees shall be decided upon, and altered when warranted, by a vote of a simple majority of members present at a Regular Meeting, based on financial information presented to the members by the Executive.

Article V: Structure

(original): The Executive Committee shall consist of six members. Within the Executive Committee, the following positions will be assigned by mutual agreement of the six members:

(4) Activities Director

5 (proposed): The Executive Committee shall consist of seven members. The Executive Committee shall be comprised of the following elected positions:

(4) Two Co-Activities Directors

Article VI: Responsibilities

6 (proposed): Forward: The following responsibilities are to be carried out by all of the Executive Members with respect to their own portfolio:

- (a) shall prepare a budget,
- (b) shall enlist the aid of volunteers; co-ordinating and overseeing their activities,
- (c) shall set and review policies, with the approval of at least two other Executive Members,
- (d) shall set expenditures, with the approval of at least two other Executive Members,
- (e) shall aid and support other Executive Members and their portfolios.

7 (proposed): Executive Director:

- (f) shall obtain and distribute the appropriate Executive Member mail,
- (g) shall maintain contact and encourage communication between the Executive Members.

(original): Financial Director:

- (b) shall prepare a budget and financial statement annually or as required by funding agencies,

8 (proposed): Financial Director:

- (b) shall prepare a budget and financial statement annually,

(original): Educational Director:

- (a) shall direct the various Educational Committees, such as the Gayline Committee, Public Speaking Committee etc., and initiate other educational projects,

9 (proposed): Educational Director:

- (a) shall direct the various educational groups; such as the Gayline, Public Speaking, etc.,

(original): Activities Director:

- (a) shall coordinate the planning and operation of activities of a social, educational or political nature,
- (e) shall initiate a program of regular parties, dinners, outings, trips, film nights, etc., in consultation with the other Directors,

10 (proposed): Co-Activities Directors:

- (a) shall coordinate the planning and operation of activities of a social, educational or political nature based upon the input and requests of the membership,

(original): Dance Director:

- (b) shall coordinate the preparations for dances ensuring that halls are booked, liquor licences are applied for, dance supplies purchased, transportation arranged and staff engaged,

11 (proposed): Dance Director:

- (b) shall coordinate the preparations for dances ensuring that halls are booked, liquor licences are applied for, dance supplies purchased, transportation arranged, volunteers engaged, and security measures engaged,

(original): Publicity Director:

- (a) shall coordinate the publicizing of events,
- (b) shall coordinate the Newsletter Committee, to prepare and distribute advertising material,
- (c) shall coordinate a poster committee, to prepare and distribute advertising materials,
- (d) shall coordinate radio, television and newspaper publicity,

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The Executive Committee & Members
Guelph Gay Equality
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December 13, 1989

Dear Executive Committee & Members:

On December 1, 1989, the AIDS Committee of Guelph and Wellington County held a very successful Official Opening to commemorate World AIDS Day.

The terrific response to the event was due in large part to your support and participation!

On behalf of the Board of Directors, the Staff, Volunteers and Clients, thank you so much for the direct contribution that you made to the favourable outcome of this event.

Your special consideration has helped us raise the awareness of the general public in Guelph and Wellington County to the existence of the Committee and the programs and services we offer.

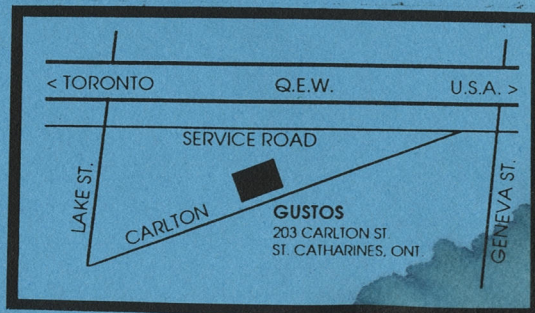
We encourage your continued support and look forward to a continued liaison in the future.

Once again from all of us, thank you!

Sincerely,

Dave Grant
Fundraiser/Volunteer Co-ordinator

/rsl



FRIENDLY PLACES A recent trip out east to the hustle and bustle of Halifax allowed me to experience a different gay scene which we may take for granted living so close to T.O.

The gay scene in Halifax, (which is about the same size as K-W), is very much alive and active. For the past few years the city, (in fact the entire province), had only one gay and lesbian bar - Rumors. Located on the north end of the city, it is a dance bar which is similar to the Komrades in Toronto.

Late last year, a second gay and lesbian bar - Zzhivago's - opened in the downtown region amongst the other straight bars. Much smaller than Rumors, it finally allowed the gays and lesbians of the city an alternative bar. (Imagine the 'Half' being the only bar in Ontario to be able to go to.)

In both bars, the people were extremely friendly and willing to talk to strangers like myself. Yes, they even buy strangers drinks. Anyone who visits Halifax, N.S. should end up enjoying themselves at these bars. In fact, you should enjoy yourself if you go to any bar, gay or straight. The people of Halifax really know how to party!! Other recommended bars (these are straight) are Alexanders, Rosa's, The 5 Fishermen and The Seashore Tavern.

— Alan

GAY CARE MEETINGS The gay care group will begin meeting early March. It consists of a small group of people informally discussing life topics. If anyone is interested, please see Jim Dougan or Stefan Bussmann at the GGE meetings or phone 822- [redacted] and ask for Stefan.

LESBIAN/GAY CHALLENGE TO OHIP

Since March 1985, Karen Andrews has been fighting for family OHIP coverage for her partner of ten years and their two children by Mary's former marriage. Karen's employer, the Toronto Public Libraries, is willing to pay the family premium but OHIP refuses to accept it.

The labour movement has financially supported this effort, first through labour arbitration and then through the challenge to the Supreme Court of Ontario. It opened Mr. Justice McRoe's March 4 decision will cost \$10,000. The law firm of Sock, Chamey, Goldblatt and Mitchell have committed themselves to fighting the decision and the Karen Andrews/Local 1996 Access to OHIP Committee has pledged that the money will be raised. The case will be back in court sometime in the early summer.

The March 4 decision denying lesbian and gay couples the right to family OHIP coverage was an affront to two years of legal preparation that demanded a reasoned and lengthy response. The March 4 decision raised arguments not even presented by the opposing side and it was an attack on the increasing majority of households in Ontario that do not fall within the narrow scope of traditional definitions of family. The March 4 decision did not talk about Ontario's mandate for universal health care that should be accessible and available to all people, equally. Please help.

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NIK TURK'S ALTERNATIVE TOP FIVE

1. GET UP! (Before the Night is Over) - Technotronic (-)
2. GETTING AWAY WITH IT - Electronic (-)
3. RIGHT ON TIME - Black Box (-)
4. PUMP UP THE JAM - Technotronic (2)
5. DRAMA! - Erasure (3)

(-): indicates chart position last month

AVAILABLE EXECUTIVE POSITIONS

1. one opening for Co-Activities Director
2. one opening for Publicity Director
3. one opening for Educational Director

Nominations are being accepted now until March 6.

GGE MEMBERSHIP A GGE membership entitles you to a free GGE dance admission, voting privileges, discounts at GEM, GLOW and CLGRO affiliated activities and GGE newsletter free in the mail. Get yours today, only \$12.00. Help support the GGE!

GGE T—SHIRTS Would you like your very own GGE T—Shirt? They cost \$10.00. See Marty and get your GGE T—shirt.

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