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**NEWSLETTER FOR MARCH 1990** 



# Spousal rights AIDS discrimination EQUALI



AIDS: QUARANTINE - NO! The Premier of Ontario, David Peterson, stated last month that the government has no plans to quarantine people with AIDS as Dr. Richard Schabas, chief medical health officer for Ontario, has suggested. Schabas has suggested that AIDS be reclassified as a virulent disease, and allow public health officials to confine PWA's if they knowingly spread the virus. I think many would agree that, this is a reprhensible thought which smacks of not only Nazi death camps, but also of a time when the Canadian federal government violated Canadian Asian's civil rights by holding them in "camps", of a similar kind. When we see irrational fears, such as those expressed by Schabas, manifest themselves in modern post-war Canada, we can wonder if we have progressed at all from the lesson of 45 years ago.

# MISCELLANEOUS AFFAIRS/EVENTS

A WORD OF THANKS Here are some thoughts and feelings I'd like to share with the supporters of the G.G.E. Being a supporter, I'd like to send out a big "thank-you". For myself, I've received much more from the G.G.E. than I could ever give. There's always help and even a shoulder to cry on. It seems that when you've taken a fall, someone is there with an open hand, helping you up. Not only are there friends out there, but there are also some great men and womyn who need to be loved as much as anyone else.

Through the G.G.E., we meet other people and couples going through different stages in their lives. It was six months ago, at the August dance, where I first met my lover. Since then I have never felt happier than I have in the last few months.

Thanks G.G.E.! It's through your efforts and functions that I've met good friends and a person I love very much. Anonymous

#### ON THE GENTLE ART OF DIBBING This always seems to happen.

You walk into a bar with a friend. You find a place to base yourself for the evening. While you are busy getting a drink, or putting your coat somewhere, your friend yells out in an inconspicuous manner "Ocool Look at that one! I think I might just like him. I definitely have dibs on that body!" You turn around only to see your friend looking at the guy you had noticed when you first entered. With a sigh you relinquish any overt attempts to get that sizable someone. (But then again sabotage is always fun too! No, you dismiss this idea. A good friendship is not worth fighting over a possible night of passion. Isn't it?) There is an art to calling dibs on a perspective. Dibbing is a helpful way of indicating when you are interested in engaging with a specific person. It lets your friends know your intent so, not only will they not be trying for the same person, but they will also know to aid you in this attempt. Here are some simple dos and don'ts that will make life easier when sizing up the perspectives.

- 1: Establish the number of dibs one person may call at the place you are going. No Universal dibbing. (walking into a bar and saying dibs on everyone that is there!)
- 2: No Retractive to birth dibbing. (calling a dib on a person and saying this dib supercedes any previous dib made upon them)
- 3: Establish a time period with your friends as to the length a dib can be in force. No dibs for life. (stating that this dib is for etemity and that you are the only person in your group able to actively try for them)



AIDS COMMITTEE OF GUELPH AND WELLINGTON COUNTY SUITE 202, 73 DELHI STREET, GUELPH, ONTARIO N1E 6L9 TELEPHONE (519) 763-2255

HOURS: MONDAY TO FRIDAY, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

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A Fundraising Dance

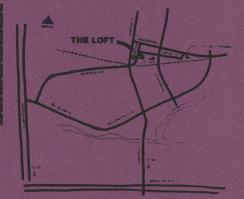
Saturday, April 7, 1990

## The Loft

1 Carden Street, Downtown Guelph

9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

Tickets: \$5.00 Advance \$7.00 at Door



Advance Tickets Available from:

AIDS Committee of Guelph and Wellington County, 73 Delhi Street, Suite 202, Guelph, Ontario (519) 763-2255 The Bookshelf, 41 Quebec Street, Guelph, Ontario (+50¢ handling charge)

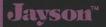
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4: Maintain some level of decorum. Once your friend has called dibs, it is only a matter of decency and courtesy not to try and go after that person.

5: Accept defeat gracefully. An unfortunate reality is that dibbing a person does not mean success in achieving them. Others unknown to you may be hunting the same person, or (Gasp! say this is not possible!) the dibbee may not find you attractive. If the dibbee happens to decide on one of your friends and they have not done anything to encourage this absurd possibility, then you must accept this as an unfortunate aspect of life. So swallow your pride, it'll probably be the only thing you will be that night.

Remember play safe. It's a meat market out there, so try and pick only Grade A.

David S.



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#### **NIK TURK'S ALTERNATIVE TOP FIVE**

- 1. Getting Away With It Electronic (2)
- 2. Enjoy the Silence Depeche Mode (-)
- 3. Get Up! (Before the Night is Over) Technotronic (1)
- 4. Ride On Time Black Box (3)
- 5. Pump Up The Jam Technotronic (4)
- (-) indicates chart position last month

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