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Guelph Gay and Lesbian Equality

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May 1992

Some parting words . . .

I just wanted to say how much fun this past year has been on the Executive. We survived! Although we had a lot of ups and downs—we managed to pull things together when it counted—i.e. we did not go bankrupt. Although I am still (yes *still*) working on my final year-end report, one thing has become painfully apparent, donations to the GGLE were substantially higher last year than in any other year. There are many anonymous angels out there who deserve many thanks—you know who you are! It is a difficult time to be a *non-governmental, non-profit, volunteer* organization.

If I could leave just one last note to everyone—it would be get INVOLVED! You only get out of the GGLE what you put into it. Think about the GGLE and what it has meant to you; now, and in the past. Are you involved? Have you been involved in the past? In that case, why did you stop? If something is bugging you or you think issues should be ad-

ressed that are not, do something about it. Come to a meeting, talk to an executive member, write a letter to the newsletter (after all, this is your voice)! This is your group.

Jenn

A note of thanks

The executive would like to thank Judy for her donation of the following books to our resource library.

Sexual Dissidence: Augustine to Wilde, Freud to Foucault, by Jonathan Dollimore.

The AIDS Epidemic: Private Rights and the Public Interest, by Pdraig O'Malley.

Looking at Gay and Lesbian Life, by Warren J. Blumenfeld and Diane Raymond.

Twice Blessed: On Being Lesbian or Gay and Jewish, by Christie Balka and Andy Rose.



Friday, May 29
33 MacDonnell Street, Guelph
9 pm 'til 1 am
Light snacks will be served

Justice for All

On March 4, 1986, the Federal Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada declared:

The government will take whatever measures are necessary to ensure that sexual orientation is prohibited ground of discrimination in relation to all areas of federal jurisdiction.

The federal government has lived up to their promise by taking no measure whatsoever.

In September 1991, Mr. Justice Joseph McDonald, Ontario Court, general division ruled that the federal human rights act violates the Charter by not including sexual orientation among the prohibited grounds for discrimination.

The federal government's response?

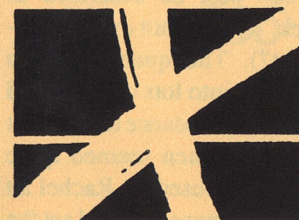
In October 1991, Justice Minister Kim Campbell appealed the decision.

The federal government has stated that they will introduce amendments to the Canadian Human Rights Act in the near future. It is not clear whether they intend to include protection for lesbians and gay men.

Now is the time to act. Write to:

Kim Campbell, Minister of Justice
House of Commons
Ottawa, K1A 0A6
or call (613) 992-2143
or FAX (613) 992-6106.

Write or phone your local MP.



XTRA!

Your key to Toronto's
lesbian and gay community

GGLE Memberships

A \$12 GGLE membership gets you all sorts of extras! You get a reduced dance admission and save \$2.00 each dance. Just think, if you attend six dances each year, your membership will have paid for itself. You will also, at your option, have the GGLE monthly newsletter mailed to you at no additional cost, and receive discounted admission at all GEM, GLOW, and CLGRO affiliated activities. You will also have voting privileges and you will be supporting an organization that supports and supplies information to our Gay and Lesbian community.

Summer travellers take note

The GGLE office receives regular issues of XTRA, Rites, LGYT Newsletter, PFLAG Schedules, GO Info & several others.

For those planning on taking a summer trip, we also have a copy of *Spartacus, A Guide for the Gay Traveler*. It supplies information on Gay Lesbian bars, restaurants, hotels, and more info. for almost all countries in the world. (This publication even includes the GGLE.) Call for more information, or drop by our office when it is staffed Tuesday and Wednesday from 7:30 to 9:30 pm.

En vacation au Quebec!

Salut! Well, yes, I recently had the chance to spend a couple of days in Quebec City with some friends. And it only snowed once! Surprise, surprise. I had come prepared with mega snow gear and boots, but I only used the boots. My hosts, Scott and Rachel live in a nice apartment in the old quarter of the city (right outside the touristy area). By the way, it is as hilly as it seems! Scott picked me up from the train station and by the time we had walked up several huge hills carrying my (of course over-packed) luggage and got to their third floor apartment, I was exhausted! So much for being in shape! All triathletes out there—have I got a city pour toi!

Well, it being my first trip and all we naturally did quite a tour around the city. Saw the Plains of Abraham—virtually the only green space on the top of the hill. Apparently in the summer it's packed with sun-bathers and yes—is a prime cruising

ing area. That day, it was full of semi-suicidal kids with crazy carpets. Watch out for the trees at the bottom! Walked around the old city reading inscriptions on statues etc., dodged Japanese tourists at the Chateau Frontenac and checked out a few old churches. We were going to go down the oldest street in North America by the dock but the wind-chill factor started to get to use. Home and tea called.

Oh you want to know about the bars? Yes, we did hit a few [Ed. note: I hope it didn't hurt.] I'd forgotten that the bars are open until 3 am. Going out at 1 am was a new experience! But once you get into the swing of it, it all seems quite reasonable. As far as I can gather there are three main gay bars in the city. One (men's bar) was closed for renovations when I was there so I only saw the "Ballon Rouge" (mostly men's) and the "Venus" (mostly women's) bars. Both bars have a coat check instead of a cover and conveniently both were close to my hosts' home in the old quarter (why not have your priorities set before you move to a new place?! Now, I'm not a professional tourist so I don't have addresses for these bars but both are fairly well known. The Ballon Rouge is something of a city landmark—everyone knows where and what it is. It's quite large—upstairs and downstairs—two bars, an outdoor patio in the summer. The music can best be described as "Cock Rock" (I need not explain myself, right?). The quebecois also seem to be into lots of lights and lasers on the dance floor. Most of the men seemed quite confused by Rachel and myself—we'd get the initial checkout and

GAY and Lesbian Bashing
Next month watch for our safety tips to help you through the Lesbian and Gay Pride Day (June 28) Celebrations!

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May 1992

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Phone Numbers of Interest

GGLE-GAYLINE (519) 836-4550 ACCKWA (519) 748-5556
 GGLE-Office (519) 824-4120 ext. 8575 ACGWC (519) 763-2255
 GLLow (519) 884-GLOW [4569] GRFS (519) 725-
 GEM (416) 278- PFLAG (Mary Jones) (416) 457-

Remember to call the GGLE Gayline for updates on any calendar events!

Gay and Lesbian Film and Video Festival at the Princess Cinema every Tuesday this month. Call the Princess Cinema for more information at (519) 885-2950.

<p>3</p> <p>GRFS see below</p> <p>Beverly Bratty and Ani DeFranco \$5 (with I.D.) at the Albion Hotel Guelph, 8 pm</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p> <p>GGLE Summer Social Night 8 pm UC 536 University of Guelph</p>	<p>6</p> <p>GLOW Night Modern Languages Bldg. 10 pm, Room 104 University of Waterloo</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Gaywire CIUT 89.5 FM 7 'til 8 pm</p> <p>GEM Coffee House Unitarian Hall 84 S. Service Road Mississauga. 8 pm</p>	<p>8</p> <p>PFLAG - Guest Speakers Joyce Barnett & Alison Kemper, lesbian parents Christ Church, 4 Elizabeth Street North, Brampton 8 pm</p>	<p>9</p>
<p>10</p> <p>Grand River Free Spirit Community Church Service held at Unitarian Fellowship House 7:00pm 136 Allen St. E., Waterloo</p> <p>Patio Opener at 33 MAC 2 to 8 pm</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p> <p>GGLE Video Night "Boyz N The Hood" 8 pm UC 536 University of Guelph</p>	<p>13</p> <p>GLOW Night as above</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Gaywire as above</p> <p>GEM as above</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p>
<p>17</p> <p>GRFS as above</p> <p>Suny Day T Dance at 33 MAC</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p> <p>GGLE Patio Social at 33 MAC 33 MacDonnell Street Guelph 8 to 10 pm Recession Beer Prices !!! Meet you on the patio . . .</p>	<p>20</p> <p>GLOW Night as above</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Gaywire as above</p> <p>GEM as above</p> <p>Womyn's Evening of Song at 33 MAC 9 pm to 2 am (DJ and Singing Machine)</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Go-Go Night at 33 MAC 9 pm to 2 am</p>
<p>24</p> <p>GRFS as above</p> <hr/> <p>31</p> <p>GRFS as above</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p> <p>GGLE BBQ & Baseball Game 6:30 pm RiverSide Park, Guelph (by the Merry-go-round)</p>	<p>27</p> <p>GLOW Night as above</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Gaywire as above</p> <p>GEM as above</p>	<p>29</p> <p>GGLE Dance Thirty-Three MAC 33 MacDonnell Street Guelph 9 pm 'til 1 am Recession Beer Prices 'til 10 pm</p>	<p>30</p>

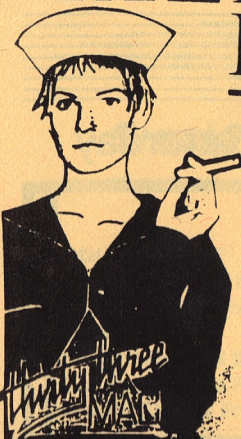
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NO COVER

then they'd walk away a bit embarrassed! Now I don't usually like to make generalizations about cultures but the men really do the "Quebec mating dance." It's too complicated to explain but you'll know it when you see it. The Ballon also has a sportsbar-pub attached onto it where the guys go to shoot the breeze before strutting their stuff.

Rachel and I hit the Venus on the Saturday night. It's kinda a cross between the Rose, the Pink Zone, and the Robin's Nest. For those die-hard pool fanatics, yes it has a pool table. Dance floor about the same size as the Rose (small), mirrors and neon like the Pink Zone and the music was good, mostly danceable. Upstairs was where the older crowd hung out. They have a band and a not-so-good singer (I thought it was Karaoke night) on the weekend. In between sets it was a different version of the Nest—people doing the Continental! and various dances to old 70s Quebecois songs that I'd never heard of. I quite liked it! But the best thing about being there

was that I actually felt TALL for once in my life. Shorter stature people take note: This is Your City. Taller people—if you like people smaller in height—this is also your place!

Well, what else to say about Quebec? I didn't suffer too much culture shock although it was damn frustrating to understand what people were saying on the buses but not be able to say something back. A knowledge of spoken French really does help. Most people do know English but prefer not to speak it. As summed up by one man at Ballon... "You're very beautiful, but learn to speak French ... but you're still beautiful." One last word—anyone considering going to Laval University? Where else can you attend an aerobics class where half of the movements are taken from a Ballon Rouge drag show? Salut!

Jenn

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Quota Magazine, a magazine for lesbians
is now available in the GGLE office.

No condoms for Quayle

U.S. Vice-President Dan Quayle is opposed to condom distribution in schools, but thanks to the Washington, D.C. chapter of ACT UP, his 16-year-old son, Tucker, can still practice safer sex.

Tucker and his classmates at the all-male Gonzaga College High School were recipients of condoms and safer-sex information on December 11, compliments of ACT UP, which targeted the school in the wake of comments made by the vice-president criticizing Magic Johnson's promotion of safer sex rather than abstinence.

Although Tucker was whisked away by Secret Service agents before ACT UP could supply him with rubbers, Stephen Smith, a member of the direct action group, says several of Quayle's classmates promised to deliver the condoms to him personally.

"By squelching safe-sex education," Smith says, "the vice-president is promoting unsafe sex. We wanted to make sure that Tucker and his friends know how to protect themselves, because he obviously isn't getting safe-sex information at home or at school."

— *From The Advocate,*
January 1992

I wonder what Tucker is getting at that all-male school then. Hmmm ???

— SM

Fantasy spectacle to raise funds for AIDS

Two volunteers of the AIDS Committee of Guelph and Wellington County are the brains behind "Fantasy Majestic", a hair and fashion show to raise funds and awareness.

The event will be held on Sunday, May 31 at the Thirty-three MAC nightclub in Guelph and will feature hair and fashion designs, dance, movement, and live music. It has a storyline and themes, including humour and spectacle.

Local hairstylist, Delaney and costume designer, Cheryl Crouse came up with the idea to do a fund-raiser for the AIDS Committee. It is the first of a series of events the two hope to stage. "Fantasy Majestic" will feature models from the Esprit School of Modelling, as well as volunteers.

The show begins at 2:30 pm and will include door prizes, cold buffet and a cash bar. Tickets are \$25 per person in advance and \$30 at the door. They are available from Thirty-three MAC on MacDonell Street; the Bookshelf Cafe; Sew What? at 199 Westwood, Unit 82; the AIDS Committee at 73 Delhi Street, Suite 202 or by calling Delaney and Cheryl at (519) 824-████. They will deliver tickets and return any calls.

All net proceeds from "Fantasy Majestic" will go towards the AIDS Committee of Guelph and Wellington County.

Volunteers Needed

GayLine volunteers are urgently required for this September. If you feel you can donate two hours a night, two nights per month to the GayLine, please contact Stephen at 824-4120 (ext. 8575) and leave a message. All calls will be returned discreetly!

Please share your time, experience and wisdom with the new members of our community who need a helping hand!

Research

Below is a summary of safe-sex guidelines as formulated by a number of prominent AIDS groups. Because there is some controversy surrounding several of the activities, we urge you to keep informed about the latest developments in AIDS research.

Considered Safe:

- Mutual Masturbation
- Hugging, body rubbing
- Massage
- Social (dry) kissing
- Fantasy
- Light S&M (without bleeding or bruising)
- Sex toys (when used only on yourself)

Considered Possibly Safe:

- Anal or vaginal intercourse with a condom
- French (wet) kissing
- Sucking (but stopping before climax i.e. not ejaculating in partner's mouth)
- Water sports (external)
- Cunnilingus (oral sex performed on a female)

Considered Unsafe:

- Swallowed semen
- Anal or vaginal intercourse without a condom
- Water sports in mouth or on skin with sores or cuts
- Sharing intravenous needles
- Fisting or rimming
- Sharing enema equipment, douching equipment, or sex toys.

Personals

Looking for love?

Looking for lust?

Looking for a friend?

Place a personal ad in the next issue of the GGLE newsletter! Simply write up an ad (LEGIBLY!) and drop it off at the GGLE office, Room 537, University Centre or send it to our mailing address (see the back of this newsletter). We will assign a box number for you and you can either have your responses mailed back to you (please include an address for us to mail them to!—confidential) or pick them up in person at one of our Tuesday night meetings! Confidentiality assured.

AIDS Committee of Guelph and Wellington County

Suite 202, 73 Delhi Street
Guelph, ON N1E 6L9
Telephone (519) 763-2255

Hours: Monday to Friday
9:00 am to 5:00 pm
Deborah Azim Fleming
Support Co-ordinator



Quote of the month

"If you march around screaming 'I'm a lesbian!' what good is it? I'm much more involved with animal right than gay rights. Lesbians have been the rudest to me on the road. They think I owe them something. They want me to go out to a club with them, but I don't like clubs, gay or straight. I've been to lesbian and gay conferences. I've worn a pink triangle. Where did it get me? I admire gay activists, but I'm an artist."

— *k.d. Lang's view on
queer activism
Taken from
The Advocate,
January 1992.*

GGLE Newsletter

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Deadline

Submissions for the next newsletter must be received by **19 May 1992**.

Monthly Advertising

All camera ready advertising and advertising requiring typesetting will be considered for inclusion in the newsletter. For inquiries into monthly rates, please send your correspondence **c/o The Editor** to the above address. The GGLE reserves the right to limit the amount of advertising sold in the newsletter.

THE GAYLINE (519) 836-4550

As of May 1st, the GayLine will be staffed Tuesday and Wednesday evenings from 7:30 pm until 9:30 pm.

A 24 hour recorded message is also available.

We will be returning to regular Monday — Thursday staffing as of September 1, 1992.

The Gayline provides peer counselling, support, and information for the Gay and Lesbian community.

Call our office phone at (519) 824-4120 [ext. 8575] if you wish to leave a message at any other times.

