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GAY AND LESBIAN

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▼ July 1992 ▼

CKCO-TV - Homophobia is alive and well in Kitchener

On Monday, June 8, I came home from a hard day at work expecting to sit down and relax in front of the TV while eating my dinner. As I sat there blankly watching everyone's favourite gameshow "Wheel of Fortune", at approximately 7:20 pm., CKCO aired one of their entertainment updates called "In Entertainment". These clips show brief interviews of Hollywood stars and entertainers. I was shocked and surprised when I saw that tonight's profile was on Anita Bryant. Yes - Anita's till around, and sadly for the gay community, still making news. As an aside, for those of us who came out in the late 1980's, Anita Bryant was (and still is) an outspoken, southern-american (can we spell Bible belt?), anti-gay advocate in the late seventies, early eighties. Although, apparently Anita had been used by her former husband to air his negative views on homosexuality, newly remarried Anita, as it seems, still can't keep her mouth shut.

But back to the interviews. The gist of it (such that I remember) went something like this. Anita explained how her opinions against homosexuality had caused her a great deal of persona stress. She had become very depressed several years ago and had almost committed suicide, but one thing had stopped her. She had met a young man who was dying of AIDS and who had renounced his homosexuality. Presumably, he had made peace with himself and this allowed Anita to

find peace within herself. This renouncing of one's homosexuality, according to Anita, was a recourse that many young people have taken, and can take. And so now, Anita Bryant had gone back to here career as an entertainer in the United States.

Well, naturally I was outranged and saw red. What the hell did this have to do with entertainment? and why are TV stations still giving credence to such a pathetic individual such as Anita Bryant? What really scared me was this occurred in KITCHENER - our own backyard! I immediately got on the phone and called the station. Although, at the time I was incensed and probably not as coherent as I would have liked, I managed to convey to the secretary that I was VERY displeased with their choice of programming and that they had alienated at least 10% of their viewing audience. She game me the name of the programming manager - Alan Brooks to speak to during business hours. Alan, incidental has been a difficult guy to get in touch with since.

I, unfortunately did not get a copy of the interview, but if anyone out there did, please let me know. As many of your know, I called around to members of the community to ask people to call and complain. Many of you did - Yeah! In the meantime, if you still feel strongly about this, please write a letter to the station airing YOUR concerns and/or to

continued next page. . .

See you at Thirty-three Mac



for the next GGLE dance. . .

Friday, July 31
33 MacDonnell Street, Guelph
9 pm 'til 1 am
Light snacks will be served

the CRTC (the licensing body of Canadian television). Ask them to profile the many gay and gay-positive entertainers out there: Michelle Shocked, k.d. lang, Sandra Bernhart, Harvey Fierstein, Whoopi Goldberg, etc., etc. The point is, that we shouldn't take this offensive programming lying down. do something for your community. As GGLE's executive director, Lin Sallay pointed out, how many gay and lesbian teenagers might have been watching that show during prime time?

Jenn

Concerned individuals can write to:

Alan Brooks
Programming Manager, CKCO-TV
C A P Communications (Division of Electrohome)
864 King St. W., Kitchener, ON
N2G 1E8; (519) 578-1313

Bill Allen
Director General
Canadian Radio-Television Commission (CRTC)

1 Promenade du Portage
Central Building, Hull, PQ
K1A 0N2; (819) 997-0313

My Father is Coming - Literally?

Over the years, I've found Lesbian movies to be one of two types. Firstly, there are the straight portrayal of lesbians. That is, we are unable to get a man and hornier than hell. These lesbians are seen as being unstable, transparent and non-committal. Not to mention the fact that they are garbed in mini-mini-skirts and heels. *Basic Instinct* is a prime example. But *My Father is Coming* takes the cake for falsely portraying lesbian relationships.

This film has about as much pizzazz as Sunday afternoon television programming. Vicky, a young German woman living in New York is surprised by her father's visit, attempts to hide her gay lifestyle by pretending to be married to her gay roommate.

When her father arrives, he manages to score a spot in a commercial (something his daughter had tired to do for years) as well as scoring big with a large breasted prostitute/actress. We are repeatedly tortured by having to view the two (throw-backs from the 70's) "fooling around". We even get a wonderful view of Vicki's dad's very little clothing (resembling a beached whale). He also swings from a man to a woman and back again in a state of disarray and confusion. She wanders aimlessly throughout the movie trying to get acting parts in films and never really present-

ing herself as gay, straight or bi. She's torn between two lovers. A transexual male and a possessive and jealous woman who is a short order cook in a local greasy spoon - wonderful portrayal.

I had wished I'd brought a pillow to the theatre, as when I wasn't grossed out by seeing the pale, fat dad doing it with Betty Boop, I could have caught some sleep. Now, I did state most lesbian movies were on of two types. Let me elaborate on the other, the B-Movie/Low Budget Film. Too often lesbian films are made on a shoe-string budget, never doing well in the theatres, or making it in the film and video world.

Just once I'd love to see a 1 or 2 star movie (comparable to *Henry and June*) that depicts lesbians as being "normal", and unlie the axe-wielding Sharon Stone in *Basic Instinct* or the fonfused, feeble and vulnerable Helen Sharer or lead actress in *My Father is Coming*.

All you lesbian actresses I urge you to get out there and show them the real world of confident, secure, 90's lesbians, who don't just go for women because they can't get a man.

Finally, a small tip to all the male directors and producers who believe that creating this crap is going to win them an Oscar: lesbians prefer doc martins, birkenstocks to spike high-heels and mini-skirts. *Thanks anyways!*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Remember to call the GGLE Gayline for updates on calendar events!						
5 Steak Fry & Corn Roast at 33 Mac. Proceeds to ACGWC	6 No Meeting But... See you at 33 Mac	7 No Meeting But... See you at 33 Mac	8	9	10	11
12	13	14 Discussion Night See you at 33 Mac	15	16	17	18 Wet T-shirt & Brief contest at 33 Mac (Weather permitting)
19	20	21 No Meeting But... See you at 33 Mac	22	23	24 Hillside Festival	25 Go Go Again Again 33 Mac Hillside Festival
26 Post-Pride Day Celebration at 33 Mac - Recess on Pride Beer Hillside Festival	27 Post-Pride Day Celebration at 33 Mac - Recess on Pride Beer	28 BBQ-6:30 Baseball-7:00 Riverside Park and then see you at 33 Mac	29	30	31 GGLE Dance at 33 Mac	

Strong Women's Line-up at Guelph's Hillside Festival

This year's Hillside Music Festival, set for July 24, 25 and 26 at Guelph Lake just outside of Guelph, will feature an exceptionally strong women's line-up, including Ferron, Lucie Blue Tremblay, Jennifer Berezan, Ottawa's country swing band, the Toasted Westerns, Anne Walker, Jude Johnson, Rita Chiarelli, London's up and coming blues and jazz duo Edna & Georgette, Newfoundland's Figgy Duff, Brigand, Guelph's Doreen Smith, Jane Ellenton, and the square dance group, Steppin' Out.

Also featured will be a women's tent and sharing area where Vicki Noble, author of the Motherpeace Tarot deck and accompanying books, will present workshops on

the tarot on Saturday and Sunday. Tamara James, High Priestess of the Wiccan Church of Canada will also lead ritual workshops on both of these days.

In addition, the festival will feature a children's area and activities, including children's concerts by Valdy, Jude Johnson, Anne Walker and Merrick Jarrett. Aunt Betty's Rhubarb Pie, a children's theatre and puppet group, will also give a workshop presentation on Saturday.

Special early-bird weekend passes to the festival are only \$22 (including GST) until June 30, and are available by calling 519-747- in Waterloo (Mon-Fri 12:30-5:00 pm) or the Hillside Office in Guelph at 519-763-6396.

a stream of lesbian consciousness

the transformed forest on which i sit elevates me above the long slender green shoots/their tops feathered swaying/looking deeper I observe them/clusters of narrows reaching upward/bending side to side and forward and back/connecting with juxtaposed clusters/touching rubbing caressing/mother nature's part/these greens everywhere surrounding me/they multiply/they whisper in the wind/a community/each so individual yet so interdependent/protection against the elements/they are women/lesbians/they are that which others cannot be/within our clusters we support and protect and nurture/within our community we are strong/the new relationship/the bonds which make us who we are/these will unite us and together we shall blanket the earth with greens and nourish her and nourish ourselves/through her we exist/through us she speaks of womyn/on our earth.

♀ Venus♀

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

Calling All Bisexual Women

Dead(Life)Line: September 1, 1992

It's time for bisexual women's voices to be raised and heard

Call for written and visual work for the first anthology published in Canada by and about Bisexual women

That means you!! We are longing to read your poetry, essays, short stories, theory, oral histories, journals, letters, humour, interviews, conversations, rants, rages and (wo)manifestoes about all issues and experiences related to being a bisexual woman. We would love to include your drawings, photographs, and other visuals.

As Bisexual women we need to define ourselves, come out, locate bisexuality politically within the Queer (or Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual) community, fight homophobia, and heterosexism, build bisexual community, create bisexual visibility, share our histories, our anger, our pleasure and our energy. That means YOU, girl!

At least half of this anthology will be written and produced by Women of Colour. First Nations women from all of Turtle Island (both sides of the "border") are welcome. We are excited and honoured that this anthology will be published by SIS-

TER VISION PRESS, a Black Women and Women of Colour Press.

We want you to know who we are: we are a diverse editorial group of six feminist bisexual women. We are Black, Black Asian, South Asian, Ashkenawy jew and white; working class and middle class; able-bodied; in our 20's and 30's. We actively seek the voices of bisexual women of diverse background, abilities, class, cultures, race, religion, age and geographical locations.

If you've never written before, but dream about it... or if you have and want to come out BI in print...

Share your work with us;
Bisexual Women's Anthology
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P.O. Box No. 217, Stn. E.
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If you can, please send your writing on IBM compatible disc and a printed copy. Self-addressed, stamped envelope (and if outside Canada, International Reply Coupons) for return.



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EVENTS



July 5 - The AIDS Committee of Guelph and Wellington County in association with 33 Mac present: A Steak Fry and Corn Roast Benefit. All proceeds go to the ACGWC. Door prizes and entertainment. Tickets available at 33 Mac, ACGWC, and the GGLE office.

July 24, 25 & 26 Hillside Festival.



BARS & CLUBS



Thirty Three Mac. 33 MacDonnell Street, Guelph. (519) 824-9914. open seven days a week from 4 pm to 2 am.

The Pink Zone. 223 1/2 King street, Kitchener (519) 744-7465. Wednesday & Thursday, 8 pm to 2 am; Friday & Saturday 8 pm to 3 am.

The Robin's Nest. 26 Hudson Street, Cambridge. (519) 621-2688. Saturdays only.



ORGANIZATIONS



AIDS Committee of Guelph and Wellington County (ACGWC); 202-73 Delhi Street; Guelph, ON; N1E 6L9. (519) 763-2255. Weekdays 9 am to 5 pm. ACGWC now has a Newsline at (519) 763-8265.

Gay and Lesbian Liberation of Waterloo. (GLOW); c/o Federation of Students; University of Waterloo; Waterloo, ON; N2L 3G1. Office: Campus Centre Room 209, (519) 884-4569, weekday evenings, messages other times. GLOW provides peer counselling, a book archive, a housing registry, coffeehouses, dances, and general information.

Gay and Lesbian Youth of Cambridge is an

organization for gay, lesbian and bisexual people aged 14-25. Call 884-4569 for more information.

OWLS is a privately organized, non-profit social/cultural group for women over thirty. Call 884-4569 for more information.

Women Out of Doors (WOODS), PO Box 986, Waterloo, N2J 4S1. (519) 746-████. Social recreational group with various activities, bimonthly newsletter. Membership - \$15/year.



SOCIAL



Welcome Back, Nadanne!

Happy Birthday, Michelle!



RADIO SHOWS



Feminist Framework Wed. 10:30 to 11 am, CKWR-FM 98.7

Feminist Frequency Sun. 7 to 8 pm, CFRU-FM 93.3

The Gayline Info Show Mon. 6 to 7 pm, CKWR-FM 98.7

The Leaping Lesbian Radio Show Thurs. 6 to 8 pm, CKMS-FM 94.5

Nowhere to Hide wed. 8 to 9 pm, CKMS-FM 94.5

Rainbow Radio Network Thurs. 10:15 pm, CHRW-FM 94.7

Women Spin Wed. 6 to 8 pm, CKMS-FM 94.5

Women Wise Wed. 10:30 pm to 12:30 am, CKWR-FM 98.7

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Deborah Azim Fleming, Support
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GGLE Newsletter

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Submissions for the next newsletter must be received by July 13 1992.

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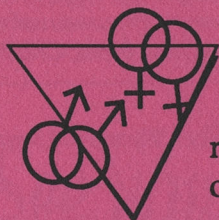
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THE GAYLINE . . . (519) 836-4550

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

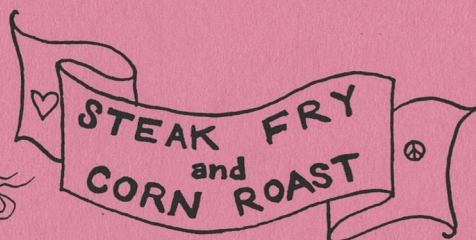
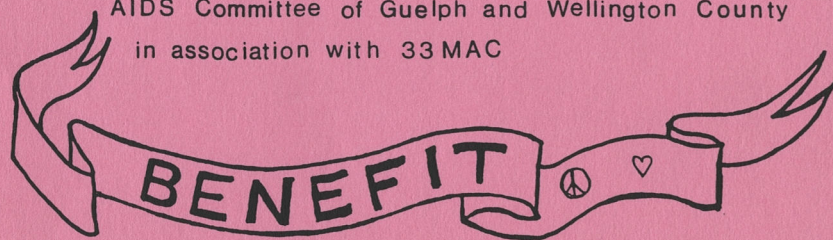


A 24 hour recorded message is also available. We will be returning to regular Monday to Thursday staffing as of September 1, 1992.

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 time.

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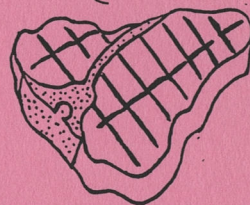


SUNDAY JULY 5th

5:00 p.m.

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