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GAY AND LESBIAN

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▼ November 1992 ▼

Gay couple continues fight to wed

Todd Layland has had to return to Seattle, leaving the man he wants to marry in Ottawa. Layland and his partner, Pierre Beaulne, applied for a marriage licence at the city hall clerk's office in Ottawa. The request was refused.

Beaulne and Layland are not giving up. They have filed an application for judicial review of this refusal in Ontario. Divisional Court, on the grounds that the common law definition of marriage - that is between a woman and a man - denies lesbians and gay men equal protection and equal benefit of the law and is therefore unconstitutional under section 15 of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

They are asking the Ontario Court to declare the common law definition of marriage unconstitutional and open the door for them to get married.

The Ontario gov't has not yet indicated its position on this case. However, since Bob Rae's gov't has pledged to review all legislation that contains exclusionary definitions of "spouse", it could choose not to oppose the request.

The federal gov't will intervene in the case, and has told Beaulne and Layland's lawyer, Philip McAdam, that it will oppose the application. The federal gov't maintains that the couple should not be granted a marriage licence because same-sex marriages are illegal - not because the common law definition limits "marriage"

to people of the opposite sex.

The issue is of particular urgency to Layland and Beaulne, not only because they have decided they want to spend their lives together, but also because Layland's work visa expired on June 22. The United States citizen's request for a renewed permit was refused. Although he was granted a visitor's permit, it does not permit him to work or to have health insurance, and, says Beaulne, "we can't afford to live on one salary."

Layland returned to Seattle on July 5. He and Beaulne are hoping their application for a discretionary Minister's permit, that would allow him to work in Canada until the question of their marriage is settled, will be granted. The Minister of Immigration has discretion to grant such a permit on "humanitarian and compassionate grounds," and regularly does so in cases of spousal sponsorship and for new immigrants. There are also precedents, says Beaulne, in granting such permits in cases of same-sex couples.

"The Minister's decision will allow us to continue living together or rip us apart," says Beaulne. "This is a devastating thing to happen to anyone, and shows how our relationships as lesbians and gay men are not valued." In the meantime, Beaulne is moving to Vancouver to be closer to Layland. ▽

• Go Info 09/92

Hampton says he won't fight ruling on same-sex pensions

But gays, lesbians say they're angry with government

TORONTO - Ontario's gay and lesbian community has taken one tiny step toward having same-sex relationships recognized by law.

The Coalition for Lesbian and Gay Rights in Ontario received assurances from the Ontario Attorney General Howard Hampton that he would not appeal a decision by the Ontario Human Rights Commission tribunal regarding pension benefits for surviving same-sex spouses.

The commission ruled on Sept. 3 that the provincial gov't must extend survivor pension benefits to the spouses of homosexual employees. The case had been fought by Michael Leshner, a gay activist and a lawyer in the Ontario Attorney General's Office.

Mr. Leshner's argument was based on the equality provisions of the Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

Mr. Hampton announced his decision to Tom Warner, Carol Anne Sceviour, Mary Woo Sims and Robert Elliot of the CGLRO.

Mr. Warner said that the coalition had guessed that a NDP gov't would be most sensitive to issues that interest the homosexual community.

The coalition had been pressuring the gov't for amendments to about 79 pieces of legislation they say are discriminatory against gay people.

The coalition demanded that the gov't come up with:

- A new definition of "marital status" and "spouse" that would include same-sex relationships;
- A central registry that would allow homosexuals to register their relation-

ships with the gov't so that they may become eligible for benefits the province provides;

- Establishment of homosexuals' legal right to access and custody of children;
- Acceptable of same-sex relationships in the areas such as insurance, income tax, home ownership, health services, naming their next of kin, inheritance, and rights in hospitals and institutions.

Mr. Warner made it clear that the coalition was not requesting that the same-sex relationships be considered marriages, but that they be regarded as "equivalent" to marriage.

The process of registering relationships, he said, would be "straightforward."

The commission also ordered that other provincial legislation dealing with employment benefits and pensions be amended.

Ms. Sims said that the order concerns only conditions of employment, and does not apply to matters of family law or hospitalization rights.

The attorney-general disappointed the group when he said he would leave it to the courts to rule on the income-tax issue, Mr. Warner said.

The federal Income Tax Code does not allow deductions for same-sex partners, a stipulation that is being challenged by the Canadian Union of Public Employees.

The process of waiting for the courts will be too slow, Mr. Warner said.

Asked whether he meant that Ontario's NDP gov't might not last more than one term, he answered, "We shouldn't assume any gov't will last more than one term." ▽

• Jack Kapica, the Globe and Mail

See you at Thirty-three Mac

♂ for the next GGLE dance...



Friday, November 27th
33 MacDonnell Street, Guelph

9 pm 'til 1 am
Light snacks will be served

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Pool tournament 33 Mac	2 Pool tournament 33 Mac	3 GGLE discussion on relationships uc 536, 8:00 pm Recession prices 33 Mac	4 Enjoy our new pool table & juke box 33 Mac	5 Shooters at recession prices	6 dance 'till 4 am 33 Mac	7 dance 'till 4 am 33 Mac
8 Pool tournament 33 Mac	9 Pool tournament 33 Mac	10 GGLE games night/social uc 536, 8:00 pm Recession prices 33 Mac	11 Enjoy our new pool table & juke box 33 Mac	12 Shooters at recession prices	13 dance 'till 4 am 33 Mac	14 Casino Night 33 Mac dance 'till 4 am 33 Mac
15 Pool tournament 33 Mac	16 Pool tournament 33 Mac	17 GGLE activism speaker uc 536, 8:00 pm Recession prices 33 Mac	18 Enjoy our new pool table & juke box 33 Mac	19 Shooters at recession prices	20 dance 'till 4 am 33 Mac	21 Go-Go contest strut your stuff dance 'till 4 am 33 Mac
22 Pool tournament 33 Mac	23 Pool tournament 33 Mac	24 GGLE movie night "Another Country" uc 536, 8:00 pm Recession prices 33 Mac	25 Enjoy our new pool table & juke box 33 Mac	26 Shooters at recession prices	27 GGLE dance 'till 4 am 33 Mac	28 Grand birthday bash dance 'till 4 am 33 Mac
29 Pool tournament 33 Mac	30 Pool tournament 33 Mac					
Remember to call the GGLE Gayline for updates on calendar events! GGLE - Gayline (519) 836-4550 GGLE - Office (519) 824-4120 ext. 8575 GLOW (519) 824-GLOW (4569) GEM (416) 278- Phone Numbers of Interest ACKWA (519) 748-5556 ACGWC (519) 763-2255 GRFS (519) 725- PFLAG (Mary Jones) (416) 457-						

SOCIETY SAYS • A.Y.

Society says, you can't do this,
We're telling you, you're all a miss.
There's many restrictions.
And lots of rules,
Believe my point,
Can't win, you'll lose.

The questions rage,
Inside my mind,
Some reasons I hate,
No answers I find.
Take the key, and lock the door,
Society states, you're all done for.

They hunt you down,
With lack of grace.
They look at you,
With gross distaste.
I'm telling you, just what I know,
There is no place,
For you to go.

To find some solace,
The peace you seek.
Cannot be found,
For you're a freak.

The love and acceptance,
You wish to find,
Cannot be found,
In society's mind.

*"Those who are halves of a male whole
pursue males, & being slices, so to speak,
of the male, love men throughout their
boyhood, and take pleasure in physical
contact with men. Such boys & lads are
the best of their generation, because they
are the most manly."*

• PLATO, the Symposium

WANTED

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men & sex volunteers required!

The AIDS COMMITTEE OF GUELPH AND WELLINGTON COUNTY is surveying men who have sex with men. If you live in the Wellington County and have some friends or acquaintances living in Guelph or in the County outside of the City of Guelph, we can really use your help!

We need men to distribute anonymous survey forms to their friends, acquaintances and partners in the County who have been or are engaged in man-to-man sex. The survey includes a post-paid return envelope, so no follow-up is necessary.

Whether you know 1 or 50 other men living in Wellington County who you could contact to fill out the anonymous survey, we would like to link up with you.

This survey will provide data to help the AIDS Committee to better serve the needs of men in our County. Your statistics are vital to justify continued funding for the Committee's education and support work.

How Can You Help Us? Call Us Today at (519) - 763-8265

GUELPH & WELLINGTON COUNTY MEN'S SURVEY 1992
Sponsored by the AIDS Committee of Guelph and Wellington County
with the cooperation of Guelph Gay & Lesbian Equality

Bisexual, Gay & Lesbian Awareness Days

Wed. Nov. 4th • Michael Leshner speaking on the recent ruling by the Ontario Human Rights Commission granting spousal benefits to same sex couples. UC 103 • 8 pm

Thurs. Nov 5th • Blue Jeans Day - wear your blue jeans in support of lesbians, gays and bisexuals.

These Boots Were Made for Stompin'

- Womyn positive dance.

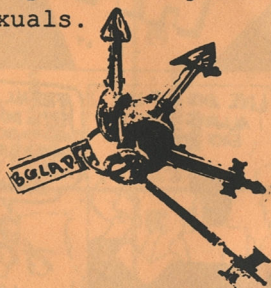
33 Mac • 9 pm • \$2-4 (sliding scale).

Fri. Nov. 6th • Making the Links:
Racism, Sexism, Heterosexism &
Homophobia - panel discussion. UC 442

• 12 pm (closed reception to follow for People of Colour)

Wed. to Fri. Display, Booksale & Petitions • UC Courtyard

BGLAD T-Shirts • On sale in the CSA Main Office • \$10.00



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

D.A.A.M. (Dyke Awareness and Action Movement) A political group for dykes and lesbians. Please call the Women's Resource Centre 824-4120 ext 8559 for info. All womyn welcome

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- [redacted]. Social recreational group with various activities, bimonthly newsletter. Membership - \$15/year.

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

So What. . . Not the News You Expected 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

EVENTS

Ani Difranco in concert at the Commerical Tavern, Maryhill. Sat. Nov. 7th, tickets: \$9 adv. \$11 door.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

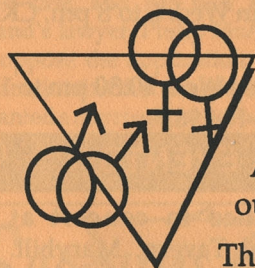
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The Gayline is back.

Monday to Thursday • 7:30 to 9:30 pm

A 24 hour recorded message is available
outside of staffed hours.

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

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