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Stephen Andrews ~ facsimile

The MacDonald Stewart Art Centre, located at 358 Gordon Street (at College Avenue) in Guelph is currently exhibiting the works of Stephen Andrews.

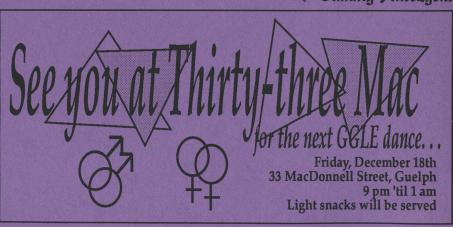
His exhibit, facsimile, documents members of the gay community (yes, this is a male-identified exhibit) recently lost to AIDS-related illness.

This show, which concludes January 17, 1993, includes portraits adapted from photograhs from the *Proud Lives* section of "Xtra!" and other sources. These images are produced in various mediums including bleached beeswax sheets covered in graphite in the sgraffito technique, photocopies on latex, and, bookworks.

Facsimile is introduced by Quilt, a work which begins the viewer's emotionally intense journey through the through its reference to the AIDS Memorial Quilt Projects.

Visit the MacDonald Stewart Art Centre and explore the works of Stephen Andrews. The Centre is open Tuesday to Sunday noon to 5:00 p.m. and Thursdays noon to 9:00 p.m.

V Tammy Kulczycki



Canadian Forces surrender

court decision opens gates for lesbian & gay soldiers

• Eleanor Brown, Xtra "re-engaged" once their contract is up.



The Canadian forces are scuttling their antigay policy, sidestepping a costly court battle that they were certain to lose.

Under a settlement reached

with former second lieutenant Michelle Douglas, the Forces will pay her \$100,000 for the discrimination she suffered while enlisted, plus court costs.

Douglas's quest for justice ended Oct 27 in a five-minute hearing, when lawyers from both sides presented a Federal Court judge with a draft legal ruling they had agreed upon before the session. The judge accepted - and signed - the document.

Douglas is ecstatic. "The Forces are clearly the last bastion," she says. "The change in terms of making this a positive work environment will take time, I know that. But we have the court's authority to do it now. They can never go back."

Douglas joined the Canadian Forces' Special Investigation Unit (SIU) in 1986. In 1988, the SIU investigated her. After two months of interrogation and harassment about her sexual orientation, Douglas came out - and was "released" from service.

The judgement states that the Canadian Force's 1988 Interim Reply on Homosexuality policy contravenes the equality provisions of the Charter of Rights and Freedoms. That policy decrees that, upon discovery, lesbians and gays must be "released". If they insist on remaining with the Forces, they will not be promoted, will not benefit from career courses and will not be

Says Douglas's lawyer, Clayton Ruby: "The Federal Court has ordered the Armed Forces to cease discrimination as of this moment. We've settled this case."

While the ruling was a negotiated settlement, a news release sent out by the Department of National Defence (DND) communications office place the blame for the change in its sexual orientation policy squarely on the Federal Court.

DND communications office Capt Marc Rouleau says he doesn't know whether the decision to settle came from the Minister of National Defence Marcel Masse's office. "I would suspect that if it was a policy we wished to continue we would have continued with the whole (court) process."

But Ruby says the surprise aboutface occurred "because there were no alternatives." Ruby says Brian Mulroney's unpopularity in the polls and the reality of recent court judgements favoring lesbian and gay rights forced the decision. "Tory MPs are on the hustings and the court room door was open," he says.

The federal government had reportedly been prepared to allow lesbians and gays to serve in the Canadian Forces last October, but the announcement was suddenly put off. "A small number of rightwing Tories stopped it," says Ruby.

Ruby says court cases to come will involve demands from dismissed soldiers for reinstatement. And Douglas says lesbians and gays who enlist will be in for an easier time. She says the rank and file and far less homophobic than Forces' brass. "Among my peers I never had any difficulty. I don't think there's any question that it's an old boys' network at the highest level. And now we are seeing a change."

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Call for Submissions

For 2 anthologies on lesbian and bisexual women's experiences of and resistance to heterosexism and homophobia/lesbophobia.

Fiction & Poetry Anthology

We are looking for stories and poems written with humour, anger, outgrage, wit and defiance. We welcome material about how we challenge/resist/experience heterosexism, acts of lesbo/homophobia and our own internalization of these oppressions: in our communities, our families, our relationships. . .in our lovemaking.

Non-Faction Anthology

We are looking for essays, articles, interviews and memoirs which theorize heterosexism and homophobia/lesbophobia from a lesblan point of view. Materials should include an integrated race, class and cultural analysis. We are interested in addressing homophobia and heterosexism within the feminist movement.

Editors

We are an editorial collective of lesbian and bisexual feminists. We are on Japanese Canadian woman, two Caribbean women of African descent and one Euro-Canadian of Irish & Jewish descent.

Deadline

January 1, 1993. • Send double-spaced typed material to: RESIST, Women's Press, #233-517 College Street, Tor, ON M6G 4A2 Include a self-addressed stamped envelope with your submission if you want your mateiral returned.

LINKING LESBIANS ACROSS CANADA

Here's the opportunity you've been waiting for! Write to other lesbians, increase your circle of friends, or perhaps find that someone special you have been waiting for.

A correspondence club ages 18 & over For info: enclose at 42¢ stamp to: LYNX, PO Box 4759, Station E, Ottawa, ON K1S 5H9

After receiving your request, we will send you the following:

- · an introduction to LYNX
- · an application & membership; and
- · ideas on how to complete your application

Masked Messengers guerrilla girls posters pack a political punch

The Museum of Modern Art in New York opened an International Survey of Painting and Sculpture in 1984, a massive exhibition containing a work of 169 artists. Nineteen were women.

A few months later, a group of women artists, administrators, educators and curators in New York got together and decided that enough was enough. The group called itself the Guerrilla Girls and

operated on the premise that if the art world was going to force anonymity on women artists, they would use it to their own advantage.

The posters they designed first started appearing in the artsy New York neighborhoods of Shop and Tribeca, but soon spread all the way over to Wall Street and onto bus shelters and billboards. My favourite from that period is Guerrilla Girls' Code of

Ethics for Arts Museums. It reads: "A curator shall not exhibit an Artist, or the Artists of a deal, with whom he/she has had a sexual relationship unless such is explicitly stated on a wall label 8" from the exhibited work."

Their posters attacked and exposed the hypocrisy of an art world in which Jesse Helms, far from being an enemy, would feel at home. As with ACT UP (in New York) and Gran Fury (in Chicago), this was an art activist group that used public art as a means for propaganda. The aim: to get their subversive messages to larger and larger audiences.

Originally their goal was to "combat sexism and racism in the art world."
Statistics played a critical role in the suc-

 Carolyn Rowney, Xtra cess of their posters in creating public awareness. Lists were compiled of galleries and artists who support sexism and racism through their participation in exhibitions of works by almost solely straight white men.

But their focus has broadened. Their latest posters focus on body image, abortion, the homeless, and lesbian and gay rights - addressing human rights and

rights for women. At the recent opening of their Art Metropole in Toronto, Rosy the gorilla told methat they are now producing a series of posters on AIDS.

I call her "Rosy the gorilla" because these women actually make publicappearancesingorilla masts. They refuse to reveal their individual identities or the number of people involved in the

group. Again, anonymity is used to their advantage.

The portfolio of 30 posters shows how anger can be turned around and effectively focused - so that it must be heard by those who are part of the problem, not the solution. The Guerrilla Girls' attacks on the status quo may indeed cause a change in the discriminatory practices that four the straight white male artists. Perhaps it will nudgetheart world to not embrace women, people of colour, and lesbians and gays as mere tokens.

Plans are being made to have members of the group return to Toronto next year, to stimulate much needed public art and political activism.

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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.

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.

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 information. All womyn welcome.

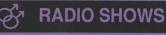
Gay and Lesbian Liberation of Waterloo. (GLLOW); c/o Federation of Students; University of Waterloo; Waterloo, ON; N2L 3G1. Office: Campus Centre Room 209, (519) 884-4569, weekday evenings, messages other times. GLLOW provides peer counselling, a book archive, a housing registry, coffeehouses, dances,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

ties, bimonthly newsletter. Membership - \$15/year.



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

So What. . .Not the News You Expected Mon. 6 to 7 pm, CKWR-FM 98.7

Gaywire Thurs. 7 to 8 pm CIUT-FM 89.5

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EVENTS



Sat. Dec. 5 - Annual WOODS Christmas Dinner. Contact Karen at 1-767-

Sat. Dec. 12, 1:00 pm - Royal Botanical Gardens Hike. Meet at the 3-Star Cinema in Guelph at 1:00. For more info contact Karen (WOODS) at 1-767-

Fri. Dec. 18, 7:00 pm - Planning Meeting (Guelph). For more info contact Karen (WOODS) at 1-767-

Sun. Jan. 10, 2:00 pm - Snow Football Season begins. Call Deb (WOODS) for details at 1-746-

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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.