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**GUELPH  
GAY & LESBIAN  
EQUALITY**

**ROOM 537, UNIVERSITY CENTRE  
824-4120 EXT. 8575**

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reading this newsletter*

▼ APRIL 1993 ▼



"Thursdays in bed alone? Wiggling? Getting hot? Getting wet? Sweating?" Have I enticed you womyn just a little? This is the calling card of perhaps the "hottest womyns nite in the city"; it's called Lola's Cabana and it's yours for the taking.

Lola's (a.k.a. the 526) has been open only for a few months and it has already established itself as one of the clubs to go to on a Thursday night. The 526 offers womyn a huge dance floor, music that is sure to make you move n' groove to the hottest tunes (DJ Joy spins); 3 bars for your favourite beverages (with the occasional tequilla bust) and pleasure spaces built for 2 (with curtains for privacy). What more could you want in a bar?! Well, there's plenty more at Lola's (for the wild womyn in you). They have go-go dancers, contests and pre-holiday



bashes (ie. New Year's and Valentines). For those womyn who don't dance much and are social butterflies, there's a huge "backroom" avec pool tables, tables and chairs and lots of conversation to go around. It's a perfect place to meet new womyn, meet up with your friends and have a truly pleasurable (in every sense of the word) time.

I think the expression "if you can't stand the heat, get out of the kitchen" holds true to Lola's.

rating: ♀♀♀♀♀

location: 526 Queen St. W. (2nd floor) in

Toronto  
free pass (available in Quota) before 10:30 pm.

Until then, as Ward Cleaver would say, "you're never to old to do something goofy." ▼ heather

## Welfare Starlettes



from Winnipeg  
at the Albion Hotel  
Thursday, April 1  
\$1.00 off with this ad



i.d req'd.

## A New Sexual and Gender Harassment Policy

According to the University of Guelph's original Sexual Harassment Policy (1989) "the University of Guelph has an obligation to create a work environment for all employees and a study environment for all students that is fair, humane and responsible — an environment that supports, nurtures and rewards career and educational progress on the basis of such relevant factors as work performance and academic achievement. This policy has now been ammended to protect the rights of gay, lesbian and bisexual students, faculty and employees on this campus.

On February 25, 1993 a revised version of the university's Sexual and Gender Harassment Policy and Procedure was approved by the Board of Governors. According to the new policy, sexual and gender harassment are deemed to include, among other things, harassment on the basis of **sexual orientation**.

The policy is designed to help members of the university community become aware of behaviour that may offend or intimidate other persons. The procedure will provide a confidential framework for clearing up misunderstandings where they occur, assessing penalties for conduct judged objectionable and disrespectful, and mitigating the results of such conduct, while protecting the rights of both complainants and respondents.

Ideally, this means that gay, lesbian and bisexual members of the university community will be free from homophobic jokes, remarks or any sort of conduct that infringes upon our self respect and right to an accepting atmosphere for learning and career advancement.

If you feel that you have been harassed on this campus contact one of the sexual and gender harassment advisors at ext. 6100 to discuss your situation.

## Bar Hopping With Andrew

1. Don't let him drive.
2. Don't leave your coat in his car.
3. Bring extra cash (ie. bus ride home).
4. Don't believe what he says about the guy he is necking with.
5. Don't let him *just* drive someone home.
6. Don't let him go "A Pauling".
7. Give him a watch to tell time with.
8. Know his last name for the APB.
9. Make sure your fellow passengers have a sense of humour.
10. But do have a good time!

▼ abandoned in T.O.



## Defend Human Rights in Canada

On Dec. 10, 1992 the Conservative government introduced long-awaited amendments to the Canadian Human Rights Act (Bill C-108). First announced in 1986, the changes would, among other things, finally include sexual orientation as a prohibited ground for discrimination. However another amendment includes a new definition of "marital status", restricting such to partners of the opposite sex. Lesbians and gay men will lose the rights to partnership benefits which the courts are currently granting (see news tidbits).

The amendments concerning sexual orientation will provide members of the lesbian, gay and bisexual communities with the same basic human rights protection in employment and services as it now does for all other Canadians. The proposed heterosexual definition of marriage, however, serves to perpetuate homophobic attitudes and is a spinelss attempt to keep us from full equality.

The Canadian government likes to paint itself as being at the forefront of human rights issues, both here and abroad. If this is true, it should show the country and the world that it

is truly a leader in human rights by recognizing our spousal relationships.

Other proposed amendments will reduce the rights of disabled people, and make it easier for federal employees to discriminate against people seeking entry to the country.

If passed these amendments will hurt lesbians and gay men, women, people with disabilities, immigrants and their families and others.

If you are concerned about human rights in Canada we urge you to write or phone your MP (Bill Winegard here in Guelph) to let him know that these amendments *must* be stopped! Please write your own letter or sign the enclosed letter and mail it to your MP immediately. Make copies and get your friends and fam-

ily to write as well.

Hon. Bill Winegard  
124 Wyndham St. N.  
Guelph, ON N1H 4E8  
(519) 821-9463

P.S. You *never* need a stamp when writing to your MP.

*The proposed heterosexual definition of marriage, however, serves to perpetuate homophobic attitudes and is a spinelss attempt to keep us from full equality.*

## News Tidbits

### Same-sex partner granted pension

(Victoria) In a ground-breaking ruling, the British Columbia Workers Compensation Board has granted survivor pension benefits to a same-sex partner. Shirley Petten was awarded a monthly pension of \$1363 by the Board in late November. Her partner of 20 years, Beverly Holmwood, died last December of Hepatitis C as a result of an accidental needle prick she sustained two years ago while working as a nurse at Royal Jubilee Hospital in Victoria.

In filing her claim last February, Petten wanted the WCB to investigate the cause to death. She also wanted to correct the report that had listed Holmwood as single. Benefits were only her third concern. Petten, astonished at how quickly the board reached its decision, said: "We were just a couple — we just happened to be women." ▼ *from XS, January '93*

### Mossop case dismissed but charter challenge invited

February 25, 1993 the Supreme Court of Canada, in a four-to-three decision maintains that same-sex relationships are not protected by the "family status" provision of the Canadian Human Rights Act. At the same time, the court made it clear that lesbian and gay couples could try other approaches to achieve legal recognition of their relationships.

Brian Mossop took his employer to court after being denied bereavement leave to

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attend the 1985 funeral of the father of his lover, Xtra publisher Ken Popert.

The court ruling suggested that Parliament did not intend to protect same-sex relationships when it added the phrase "family status" to the Canadian Human Rights Act in 1983. But Chief Justice Antonio Lamer indicate that Mossop's case could have been argued as a Charter challenge, an approach used successfully in the 1992 Haig and Birch case at the Ontario Court of Appeal. (In that case, Graham Haig and Joshua Birch argued that the Act was in violation of the Charter of Rights because it didn't protect lesbians and gays. The court agreed and ordered the words "sexual orientationA" be read into the Act.) ▼ *from Xtra, Mar. 5, 1993*

### No more Hothead?

(Toronto) Canada Customs officials have blacklisted the first seven issues of a lesbian comic book because of its "sexual degradation". But the latest issue - seized at the border in October - has no sex in it.

According to Sandra Haar of the Toronto Women's Book Store, a shipment of the U.S. comic *Hothead Paisan: Homicidal Lesbian Terrorist* was seized Oct. 28 by Fort Erie Canada Customs officials. A FAX to the Women's Book Store states that all seven issues of the comic, including the latest one, are banned from entering the country.

The latest comic contains stories about a cat yoga class, a confrontation with evangelical pro-lifers and Hothead Paisan's decision to masquerade as "a (straight) spritzhead". There's no sex. Cartoonist Diane DiMassa says: "I haven't a clue. The first thing that comes to mind is 'degrading to whom?' They let Meat Men through, but as soon as they see breasts and lesbians, it's not okay." "It was marked 'sexual degradation' but it was even worse than that," says Don Lebel, a communications officer with Canada's Prohibited Importations Directorate. "It had mutilation and hatred towards men and others. It was rampant throughout all the copies." ▼ *from Xtra, Dec. 11, 1992*

The National Film Board of Canada will soon be releasing a feature-length documentary about growing up lesbian/gay in Canada. Contact Doug Eliuk at NFB, 150 John St, Toronto; (416) 973-3305 for more information.

## New Names for the GGLE

At our annual general meeting on March 9, 1993 the GGLE voted to change its name to include the word bisexual. We hope this initiative will change the way the GGLE is perceived with some people in the community. The GGLE has not, in the recent past (as far as I am aware) been exclusive to solely lesbians and gay men. Bisexuals (and all gay-positive people for that matter) are always welcome but have perhaps felt excluded in the past by the non-inclusive group name.

Below are a list of suggested names which were proposed at the meeting.

GGLB ~ Guelph Gays Lesbians & Bisexuals  
GLOBE ~ Gay Lesbian or Bisexual Equality  
GLGB ~ Guelph Lesbians Gays & Bisexuals  
BLGG ~ Bisexuals Lesbians & Gays of Guelph  
QUAG ~ Queers United at Guelph

These are only a few possibilities. If you have another suggestion please submit it to us by April 6. The meeting Tuesday April 6 is a (further) discussion on bisexuality where we will also be voting on the new name. If it matters to you what the name of our community group is then be sure to be there. If you can't be there you can vote by proxy (provided that you're a member). On a piece of paper put your choice of name, your membership # (on your card), sign it and date it and send it with someone else to the meeting, slip it under the door, put it in our CSA mailbox, whatever, just get it there.



# March on Washington update



April 25 is fast approaching, hope you're all ready. So far we've got about 15-20 people who've made a financial commitment to the Washington trip. This means that they've got guaranteed accommodations at a nice hotel right near the March site. To all those people who weren't able to make a financial commitment, you can still go, all you have to do is make arrangements with someone who has a room already and see what kind of deal you can swing.

We got a total of \$1350 in grants from a number of U of G campus groups which will help subsidize the costs for Guelph students. Generous contributions have come from the College of Social Science Student Government (CSSSG), the College of Arts Student Union (CASU), the College of Biological Sciences (CBS), Student Affairs, the Central Students Association (CSA) and the Hotel and Food Administration Council. Huge thanks to all of them for helping fight to

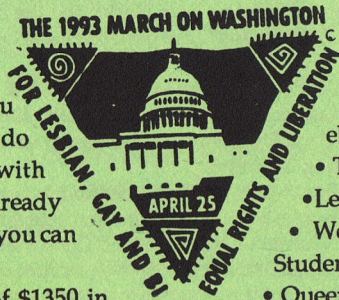
end discrimination and homophobia in this country and around the world!

I got a list of all the events which are taking place over that weekend, examples of which are listed below:

- National LGB Student Networking Conference - Sat.
- S/M Leather Fetish Conference - Sat.
- National Conference Celebrating Bisexuality - Sat.
- Transgender Conferences
- Lesbian Physicians Conference
- Women's Dances, Bi Dances, Student Dances, Open Dances
- Queer Scout Cookie Sellathon
- Queer Nation Gathering
- NAMES Project Quilt Display
- Special gatherings for every religious, spiritual, racial and special interest group you can think of.

These are just a few examples of some of the things that will be taking place that weekend. I've got pages and pages of events and other info so for more information contact me.

▼ Marnie



APRIL 1993						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	GGLE meeting discussion 11:30-1:00 pm us \$25, \$500 pm	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	GGLE meeting game night us \$25, \$500 pm	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31	GGLE dinner	1

**PHONE NUMBERS OF INTEREST**

GGLE - Guelph	(519) 856-8850	ACKWA	(519) 746-2250
GGLE - Guelph	(519) 824-4120 ext. 8078	ACKWC	(519) 763-2255
GLOW	(519) 824-GLOW	GFPS	(519) 728-1407
OEM	(416) 278-1111	PFLAG (Bay Area)	(415) 407-1111

Remember to call the GGLE Guelph for updates on calendar events!

## BARS & CLUBS

Thirty Three Mac. 33 MacDonnell Street, Guelph. (519) 824-9914. open seven days a week from 1 pm to 2 am. Free pool from 1 to 8 pm

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 Hobson 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.

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. Next meeting Feb. 4 on monogamy/nonmonogamy. All womyn welcome.

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) 746-1111. 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

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

Gaywire Thurs. 7 to 8 pm CIUT-FM 89.5

Music by Dykes and FolksWho Wish They Were Sun. 9-10 am, CFRU-FM 93.3

Georgia's Broom Closet (Lesbian & Bi+) Sat. 6-7 pm, CFRU-FM 93.3

## WOMEN+ MUSIC

WELFARE STARLETTES  
Thursday April 1; Albion Hotel, Guelph

ANI DIFRANCO, Sun. April 4 (8pm)  
The Commercial Tavern, 3 Church St. N., Maryhill; \$11(advance); 12(door)

JUDY SMALL, Fri. April 30 (8pm)  
Metropolitan Community Church, 115 Simpson Ave., Toronto; \$14(advance); \$16(door)

KATE CLINTON, Sat. May 29 (7:00 & 9:30 pm);  
Bathurst Street Theatre, 736 Bathurst St., Toronto; \$17(advance); \$19(door)

PHONE ORDERS: 519-747-8765  
Waterloo Showtime Box office, (Weekdays, 12:30-5:30 pm) (VISA/Mastercard orders accepted)  
Tickets for all shows are also available at **Provident Bookstore** in Waterloo (746-2872). Tickets for Toronto shows are also available at **Wonderworks** (79A Harbord St, Toronto; 975-8961) and **The Big Carrot** (348 Danforth St., Toronto; 466-2129). Tickets for Maryhill Shows are also available at **The Commercial Tavern** (648-2644), **Provident Bookstore** in Waterloo and **Looney Tunes** (837-9277) in Guelph.

## EVENTS

London Lesbian Film Festival II  
April 1,2,3, 1993  
London Regional Art Gallery, 421 Ridout St. N  
\$5-\$10 per screening (sliding scale)  
or \$30 for festival pass  
call (519) 432-5153 for more details

March on Washington Trip 1993  
April 24-26, 1993; call 836-4550 for details





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 University of Guelph  
 824-4120 ext. 6745

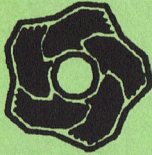
**AIDS Committee of Guelph and Wellington County**

Suite 202, 73 Delhi St.  
 Guelph, ON N1E 6L9

Tele: (519) 763-2255

Hours: Monday to Friday  
 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

Deborah Azim Fleming, Support Co-ordinator



**GGLE Newsletter**

The GGLE Newsletter is published monthly by the Guelph Gay and Lesbian Equality, P.O. Box 773, Guelph, ON, N1H 6L8; (519) 824-4120 ext. 8575. All submissions to the newsletter will be welcomed and will be considered for publication. Opinions expressed in any articles or letters are those of the authors and do not necessarily reflect the opinions of the GGLE Executive and Membership. Please direct all submissions and any inquiries c/o The GGLE Executive to the above address. Names of contributors should be included but will not be used without their express consent.

**Deadline**

Submissions for the next newsletter must be received by April 15 1993.

**Monthly Advertising**

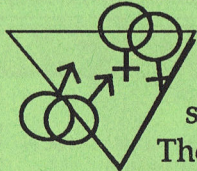
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**G.G.L.E. MEMBERSHIPS - they make me drool, too cool for school, don't be a fool, better than a kick in the head by a mule, eat the gruel, don't be a fool, QUEERS RULE!**

**THE GAYLINE . . . (519) 836-4550**



Monday to Thursday • 7:30 to 9:30 pm

A 24 hour recorded message is available out side 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.



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## Saturday, April 3

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March , 1993

House of Commons  
Ottawa, Ontario  
K1A 0A6

Dear , M.P.

I am writing to ask you to vote against Bill C-108, which contains amendments to the *Canadian Human Rights Act*.

The Bill is a backward step for human rights in Canada.

Under the Bill:

- the rights of disabled people are reduced from the rights currently given them by the courts. Employers will be entitled to argue that making the workplace accessible to disabled employees will cause undue hardship to them, and what counts as "undue hardship" will be made even more broad than is now the case.

- the Military will effectively be exempted from any requirement to accommodate disabled people.

- the Bill discriminates against lesbians and gay men because it restricts the definition of "marital status" to partners of the opposite sex. Lesbians and gay men will lose the rights to partnership benefits which courts are currently granting.

- visa offices abroad will not have to comply with the *Human Rights Act*, because no one refused a visa on discriminatory grounds can complain to the Human Rights Commission. This allows federal employees to discriminate with impunity and opens the door to people being excluded from this country on the basis of age, gender, race, sexual orientation, disability and other grounds covered by the Act.

- the guideline-making power of the Commission is removed; and the appeal process made more expensive and less effective.

This Bill simply takes the losses the federal government has suffered under current legislation and reverses them. I join with those Canadians who seek to defend equality rights and urge you to vote against Bill C-108, and to call for a major review of human rights law.

Yours truly