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EQUALITY**

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▼ MAY 1993 ▼

Keeping an eye on political trends in the United States

Last fall as the people of Oregon engaged in a bitter debate on Ballot Measure 9 - a referendum initiative which sought to classify homosexuality as "abnormal, wrong, unnatural and perverse" - reports of anti-gay violence in the state climbed dramatically.

In Salem, Oregon a lesbian and gay man were harassed by a skinhead who yelled "nigger dyke" and "faggot" outside their home. Later that day, the two burned to death after the gang tossed a firebomb into the house.

Oregon voters rejected Measure 9 on Nov. 3 by a vote of 57 to 43 percent but the anti-gay backlash is growing across the U.S. Jim Oldham, an Ottawa gay activist attributes this backlash directly to the religious right. At the Republican National Convention in Houston, Texas last August speaker after speaker attacked lesbians and gays and former presidential candidate Pat Buchanan declared there's no place for gay rights "in a nation we still call God's country."

While the Oregon measure failed, other anti-gay ballot initiatives were passed in Colorado and Tampa Bay, Florida and now the religious right is pushing for anti-gay initiatives in Washington, Maine and Ohio. Such initiatives would strip lesbians and gay men of their basic human rights. They could be fired from their jobs, kicked out of their homes and openly discriminated against in many ways.

Do we as Canadians have to worry about what's happening south of the border, "could it happen to us?" It's not likely

that such political referenda would catch on in Canada, however, Ottawa gay activist David Pepper warns of dangerous signs among religious right groups in Canada. Organizations such as the Northern Foundation, Focus on the Family, REAL Women and pro-life groups regularly attack gay rights in their newsletters and advertisements.

There is also evidence of the religious right's growing influence within Canadian political parties. Last June the *Globe and Mail* revealed the existence of an informal Conservative caucus committee on family issues, a secretive group of 35 MP's and six cabinet ministers dedicated to promoting traditional family values. The group is thought to be responsible for the discriminatory definition of marital status included in proposed amendments to the Canadian Human Rights Act. One need only mention Preston Manning's - leader of the Reform Party of Canada - comment that "homosexuality is destructive to the individual and in the long run, society" to think where we would be if any Reformers got near the grips of power.

To me these and other frightening developments only reemphasize the need to take action in preventing these homophobes from swiping our rights as human beings out from under us. We need to take action here in Canada and show our support for our neighbours south of the border. With a huge Canadian contingent at this year's March on Washington one can only hope our voices will be heard and people will stand up and take notice. We will not stand back and allow the rights of our brothers and sisters across the continent to be jeopardized!

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G G L O B E ▼

By now you've probably realized that the group has a new name - Guelph Gay, Lesbian & Bisexual Equality. The new name was voted in by a substantial majority at the April 6th meeting. There was some concern as to what the 'O' would represent if we used the acronym GLOBE. A number of people expressed concern that the word 'or' was exclusionary and made it seem as if bisexuals were some-

thing less than gays and lesbians, which made it seem somewhat hypocritical to have the word 'equality' tacked on the end of the name. This is not the message that the group wishes to promote. GGLOBE is open to all gays, lesbians, bisexuals and gay positive people and it is hoped that the name change will be a positive step towards making bisexuals feel more welcome at our meetings and events.

We came to the conclusion that the group acronym would then be GGLBE with a small 'o' inserted just so that it was easier to say - it doesn't stand for anything.

Call for Submissions: "I Never Said Goodbye to Nat"

In May 1988, Mary Sanders son, Nat, died from AIDS. After realizing she was having difficulty coming to terms with his death she wrote a poem to him entitled "I Never Said Goodbye to Nat" which has now inspired her to compile a book with the same title.

It was a wonderful outlet for her to put her thoughts and emotions down on paper, and she began to think of other people who might be having similar feelings. Mary is seeking poems, prose, letters, thoughts, etc. written to or for those who died of AIDS or are HIV+.

The Nat Foundation is a non-profit organization which will administer any profits from the book towards helping AIDS organizations in the fight against AIDS. It is hoped the book will be a beacon of comfort to the many people who have lost someone to AIDS, and that it will put an end to AIDS discrimination and bigotry.

Please mail submissions to:
Mary Sanders
The Nat Foundation
P.O. Box 308, Briarcliff Manor
New York 10510

All submissions for publication become the property of The Nat Foundation. Acceptance for publication will require a written waiver.

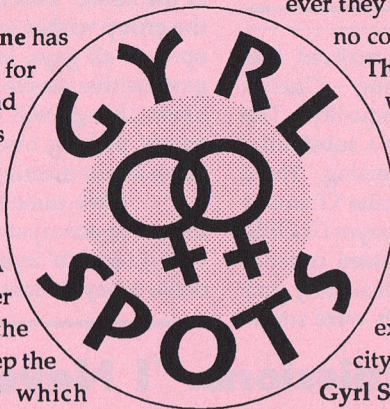
Rights case won by lesbian

A lesbian who worked for National Life Assurance in Ottawa was awarded compensation by the Ontario Human Rights Commission on the basis that she was fired because of her sexual orientation. Jan Waterman was hired on a temporary basis by the company in 1987. She was offered permanent employment a year later, but the offer was withdrawn when her relationship with another employee became an issue. Company vice president Vince Trona told the commissions tribunal that Waterman was fired for being confrontational, but the tribunal concluded the real reason was her sexuality.

▼ GO INFO 04/93

A back alley bar plays host to a weekly mostly-womyn's night for those who want fun and frivolity without going to Toronto.

The Pink Zone has reclaimed Thursdays for its womyn's night and offers those who go lots of dance music, a pool table, a friendly atmosphere and \$2 beer (that's right \$2 beer!) A womyn DJ plays yer dance/top 40 (and the odd ABBA song to keep the boys happy) music which seems to appeal to everyone there. The dance floor is spacious with lights and mirrors at either end but be warned: to get into the actual bar itself, you must first cross the dance floor, and never, ever, get between a fag and his mirror!!



Lots of seating, standing room and pool table offer those die-hard wall-flowers lots of space to mingle (or whatever they do). The price of beer and

no cover charge are bonuses for The Pink Zone. I mean really who can beat \$2/bottle beer?!!

As I said before, The Pink Zone offers womyn a trendy place to meet old and new friends and drink cheap beer without all the expense of a trip to the big city.

Gyrl Spot rating: ♀♀♀

Location: 223 1/2 King St. W., Kitchener (rear entrance off Gaukel St., near bus depot and parking garage) 744-PINK.

Until next time, here's mud in yer eye and everywhere else!

▽ heather

HEY KIDS! Its contest time

LGPLD T-shirt logo design contest 1993

We're having a Lesbian and Gay Pride Day t-shirt logo design contest again this year. The theme for this year's parade is "come out". The logo should include this theme as well as "Guelph" somewhere. Submit your logo ideas to the GGLoBE executive by May 15, 1993. You can slip them under the door, bring them to a meeting, give them to an executive member or mail them to:

P.O. Box 773 Guelph, ON, N1H 6L8 or
GGLoBE, Rm 537, c/o CSA, University of Guelph, Guelph, ON, N1G 2W1 (if it's getting real close to the deadline.

A free t-shirt will be given to the winner.

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 1 to 8 pm.

The Pink Zone. 223 1/2 Kingstreet, 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; N1E6L9. (519) 763-2255. Week-days 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. (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, coffee-houses, 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-█. So-

cial 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

WomenSpin 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 Folks Who Wish They Were Sun. 9-10 am, CFRU-FM 93.3

WOMEN+ MUSIC

Kate Clinton, Sat. May 29 (7:00 & 9:30); Bathurst St., Toronto. \$17 adv. \$19 door

HIGHER Quota PRESS

P.O. Box 446, Station 'P'
Toronto, Ont. M5S 2S9

466-3038/929-2820

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

MICHIGAN WOMYN'S MUSIC FESTIVAL 1993

This year's festival runs from August 10 - 15 and its shaping up to be a great one. The musical line up is looking pretty good with a number of amazing performers including Ani Difranco playing on Saturday the 14th. The workshop schedule looks just as exciting with a variety happening all week.

The GGLOBE office has a copy of the brochure with listings and schedules of all the musical performers and most of the workshops that are taking place over the week, as well as information on cost, how to get there, etc. We also have an application form to work (volunteer) at the festival for 3-5 weeks prior to and one week after the festival for set up, take down and many of the other hundreds of positions that need filling to make the festival run smoothly.

The Michigan Womyn's Music Festival attracts 7 to 8000 womyn to the land every year and almost the whole thing is organized and run by hundreds of volunteers. There's a strong sense of community and togetherness amongst volunteers and I have heard it is an experience not to be missed!

The brochure and application form are available for your perusal in the GGLOBE office and may be copied upon request.

A queer in hand is worth two in the bush

Genes linked to lesbianism ...or i've got genes that dingle dangle dingle

The April 1993 issue of the **Hamilton Phoenix** (Hamilton's Gay & Lesbian Alliance newsletter) reports the findings of a recent study by J. Michael Bailey, at Northwestern University.

Apparently this first biological study of sexual orientation of

lesbian women suggests that genes play an important role in determining same sex attractions. Hundreds of lesbians and their twins were interviewed. The study found that identical twins were three times more likely to both be bisexual or lesbian than

fraternal twins. Similar findings have been shown in male homosexuals.

"A lot of people suspected that genetic influences would be greater for male ho-

mosexuals than for lesbians, that women would be

more influenced by social factors" said Bailey. "Our studies show that genetic factors are just as important for women as they are for men. I would bet much money that it (homosexuality) is primarily biological."

*I love you, you love me. . .homosexuality
People say were just friends. . .
but we're really lesbians!*

MAY 1993

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
2 throw two eggs at a new neighbour day	3 new esa executive starts tell someone exactly what you think of them day	4 GLBE meeting baseball & bar/bldg park WOODS happy fishing Katherine 1-725-4678	5 O	6 no daam meeting	7 7	8 throw an egg at a new neighbour day
9 throw two eggs at a new neighbour day	10	11 GLBE meeting flirting workshop 8:00 pm uc 536	12 12	13 WOODS birding weekend at Point Pele starts Karen 767-0690	14 14	15 LGPD t-shirt logo design deadline newsletter deadline
16 16	17 double dare anyone to do something outrageous day	18 GLBE meeting social night bookshelf terrace	19 19	20 WOODS birding weekend at Point Pele starts Karen 767-0690	21 howl bark and moan at the moon	22 kim and david's pre-warm up canada day victoria weekend party
23 23	24 WOODS birding weekend at Point Pele ends Karen 767-0690	25 GLBE meeting movie night liana! 8:00 pm uc 536	26 26	27 27	28 GLBE dance	29 kate clinton for more info see women+ page
30 acy breaky night	31					

PHONE NUMBERS OF INTEREST

GLBE - Gayline
GLBE - Office
GLOW
GEM

(519) 824-4120 ext. 8575
(519) 824-GLOW
(416) 278-
ACKWA
ACGWC
GRFS
PFLAG (Mary Jones)

(519) 748-5556
(519) 763-2255
(519) 725
(416) 457

Remember to call the GLBE Gayline for updates on calendar events!



posters ~ banners
 resumes ~ business cards
 photo mechanical transfers
 t-shirt designs ~ brochures
 newsletters ~ promotional
 kits

Room 273, University Centre,
 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



GLBE Newsletter

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Deadline

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

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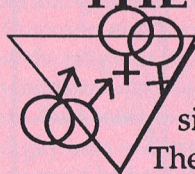
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 make me wet ~ queers rule ~ use me like a tool ~
 queers rule ~ it's spring and i want to get sprung ~
 queers rule ~ tie me up and call me candi ~ queers rule

THE GAYLINE . . . (519) 836-4550



Monday & Wednesday • 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.

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Sunday April 25

Sunday May 9

Sunday May 23

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