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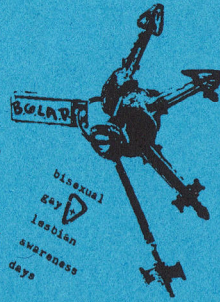
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Don't Worry BGLAD!

Although the fourth annual Bisexual, Gay and Lesbian Awareness Days - BGLAD - are still in the distant future, planning and organizing has already begun. BGLAD week is tentatively set for the end of October, but to ensure the best organization and quality of events, brainstorming and coordinating is starting now.

The week will be filled with workshops, speakers and performers, possibly including



Scott Thompson from "Kids in the Hall" and Random Order. Other events include the traditional Blue Jeans Day and our own GGLBE dance (the Halloween Dance). But we need your help to make it work.

Volunteers are needed to staff the display table, to organize speakers and performers, or even just to submit ideas for the events. If you can help out at all please get in touch with Shawn Lucas at the CSA office, or Marnie or Mary of the GGLBE executive. We have meetings every 3-5 weeks and these people can tell you when the next one is. Any and all helpful input is welcome!

Police, homosexuals join forces

Suprising as it may seem, the Metropolitan Toronto Police are making some moves to improve relations with the gay and lesbian community. Metro police have teamed up with the Committee on Lesbian and Gay Issues in a campaign to promote public awareness of "gay bashing". In mid June large posters stating boldly in black and white "Being Lesbian and Gay is not a crime. Bashing IS!" were placed in the subway and transit shelters. Then there were public service announcements on television stations during prime time. Hopefully this will be positive step towards our safety. Every year in Toronto, more than 100 gays and lesbians are the victims of violence directed at them because of their sexual orientation.

In another step towards improved relations, metro police decided not to charge the Lesbian and Gay Pride Committee \$8,500 for policing the parade last month. Police decided to recognize the parade as a "community

event" and absorb the costs for which they had originally planned to bill the committee. Police have also agreed to send a bagpiper to the Metropolitan Community Church service at Maple Leaf Gardens, also organized by the committee. Wow, thanks guys!

Gay-Positive Accomodation

One Roomate Wanted

Available September 1, 1993

~ to share a 3 bedroom townhouse with two other graduate students in a relaxed gay-positive environment ~ 15 min walk to University; on bus route ~ rent \$260/month including heat (extra for hydro/bell) ~ non-smoker please ~ male or female ~ need to confirm ASAP since lease terminates on Aug. 31 and we want to renew it now.

Ask for Ed at 824- or E-mail
@VM.UOGUELPH.CA

Calling all Bisexual Women - for Submissions

Sister Vision Press is looking for all forms of written and visual work for an anthology by and about bisexual women. At least half of this anthology will be written and produced by Women of Colour and the book will be published by Sister Vision Press, a Black Women and Women of Colour Press. They are an editorial group of six feminist bisexual women. They are Black, BlackAsian, South Asian, Ashkenazy Jew and white, able-bodied, working- and middle-class. They especially seek the voices of bisexual Women of Colour.

Final Deadline!! October 31, 1993

Share your work with us:

Bisexual Women's Anthology
c/o Sister Vision Press
P.O. Box 217, Station E
Toronto, ON M6H 4E2

If you can, please send your writing on IBM compatible disc and a printed copy. Send self-addressed, stamped envelope for return.

NDP bill to grant same-sex spousal rights

The NDP government will introduce a bill in the fall giving precedent-setting rights and benefits to same-sex couples, Attorney-General Marion Boyd says. "The courts are leading us in the direction of equity of rights for same-sex couples," she said, citing the ruling in February by the Supreme Court of Canada which narrowly denied Brian Mossop the same bereavement rights as heterosexual couples. Chief Justice Antonio Lamer stated explicitly that the ruling might have been different had the case been argued using the Charter of Rights and Freedoms. Mossop was appealing the decision that denied him bereavement time from work to attend the funeral of his lover's father.

Most gay and lesbian activists are extremely pleased a government bill will finally be introduced. We can only hope the bill includes the recognition of same-sex couples at least to the level of common-law heterosexual couples.

Boyd also said the NDP intends to support a private member's bill introduced in early June by Liberal MPP Tim Murphy. The bill would extend employee benefits to partners in same-sex relationships to all companies operating in the province and explicitly ban discrimination in housing and the workplace in the Ontario Human Rights Code. A step forward perhaps, but the bill has been blasted by gay and lesbian community activists as falling far short of expectations.

Women's Discussion Group

A new women's discussion group is starting up in Guelph for bisexual, lesbian and questioning women. The focus of this group is to discuss issues that are important to the women involved. Each week different women can facilitate discussion on the topic of their choice.

The first information meeting took place in late June and the women present talked about what they want and don't want from the group. We want it to be a safe environment where all women are welcome, differences are respected and everyone feels comfortable sharing their thoughts.

Meetings will continue throughout the summer and fall. For more information call 824-4120 ext. 8559 (Women's Resource Centre) and leave a message with your number and we'll get back to you.





Michigan Women's Music Festival

August
10-15

for more information please contact
the Women's Resource Centre
University Centre
University of Guelph
824-4120 ext. 8559

JULY 1993

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>GLBE - Dayline GLBE - Office GLLOW GEM</p> <p>Remember to call the GLBE Dayline for updates on calendar events</p>	<p>PHONE NUMBERS OF INTEREST</p> <p>(519) 824-4120 ext. 8573 (519) 824-910W (416) 278-XXXX</p> <p>ACIWA AGAWC GRKS PFLAG (Mary Jones) (519) 748-5556 (519) 763-2255 (519) 725-XXXX (416) 457-XXXX</p>	<p>4 lesbian, bisexual and questioning women meeting, women's resource centre, uc 107</p> <p>5 this was a baseball and big night at riverside park</p> <p>6 this could possibly be a social night at the silver peso</p> <p>7</p> <p>8</p> <p>9</p> <p>10</p>	<p>11 lesbian, bisexual and questioning women meeting, women's resource centre, uc 107</p> <p>12 games night uc 536, 5 pm</p> <p>13</p> <p>14</p> <p>15</p> <p>16</p> <p>17</p>	<p>18 lesbian, bisexual and questioning women meeting, women's resource centre, uc 107</p> <p>19</p> <p>20</p> <p>21</p> <p>22</p> <p>23</p> <p>24</p>	<p>25 lesbian, bisexual and questioning women meeting, women's resource centre, uc 107</p> <p>26 movie night salwarberries uc 536, 5 pm</p> <p>27</p> <p>28</p> <p>29 globe dance grad lounge 5th floor, uc</p> <p>30</p> <p>31</p>	

The New and Improved GGLBE Dance

Well the time has come. We're having a huge summer blowout dance party this month to celebrate a new location, our pride, the heat of summer and just plain how darn fun it is to be gay! This month's dance will be held at the Grad Lounge on the 5th floor of the University Centre at the University of Guelph on July 30, 1993. There's a lot of exciting new things about this location. Number one is that it is wheelchair accessible. A serious concern with our previous dance location, at 33 Mac, was that it was not accessible and therefore made it difficult, if not impossible for those who are physically challenged to attend our dances. This is an exciting change for me as it was a real challenge to find ANY place in Guelph that is accessible!

Some of the other attractions of

the Grad Lounge include: a full size pool table (which is FREE with presentation of some sort of tangible ID), a good sized dance floor, shuffleboard, darts, a great patio, comfortable lounge chairs, a games room, TV and VCR, and a great selection of beers from the bar. The lounge is quite large and should accommodate a variety of interests. The dance floor and surrounding tables will accommodate those who like the dance scene and two lounges offer a quieter atmosphere for those who prefer to talk and mingle. We hope there will be something to appeal to the tastes of everyone.

The Grad Lounge is on the 5th floor of the University Centre, just down the hall from where our weekly meetings are held (turn left when you get off the elevator). I hope EVERYONE will be able to attend.

**HAIL, HAIL, THE QUEER'S
ARE ALL HERE!**

New Books in Our Library

GGLoBE has recently acquired a number of new books to add to the library in our office. These new books include: "Bi Any Other Name", "Lesbian Sex", "Now That You Know, what every parent should know about homosexuality", "Are You Two Together? - the gay and lesbian travel guide to Europe" and Susie Bright's Sexual Reality: a virtual sex world reader. We also have a copy of the recently completed Men's Survey as well as condoms and a bunch of new literature on AIDS, new gay/lesbian/bisexual films that are available and other neat stuff. Come up and check it out.

New Logo Design Contest - GGLoBE

GGLoBE is looking for a new logo to put on our displays, advertisements, etc. to promote our new name - Guelph Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Equality (or GGLoBE, where the 'o' means nothing). All those interested in submitting a logo should do so by August 17, 1993 when the membership will vote on the logo they like best. The winning logo designer will receive one year's free membership with the GGLBE. Please submit entries to GGLBE executive or mail to P.O. Box 773, Guelph, ON, N1H 6L8.

BARS & CLUBS

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 (please call to see if open).

ORGANIZATIONS

AIDS Committee of Guelph and Wellington County (ACGWC); 265 Woolwich Street; Guelph, ON; N1E 6L9. (519) 763-2255. Weekdays 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. ACGWC now has a Newline at (519) 763-8265.

Lesbian, Bisexual and all Questioning Womyn, meet on Mondays, Women's Resource Centre, UC 107, 5:00 p.m.

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, 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.

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

TACO NIGHT AT SILVER PESO

Do you like tacos, all you can eat tacos? Our social night on July 13 is going to be at The Silver Peso at 7 pm. Tuesdays at the Peso are Taco Tuesdays with all you can eat tacos (veggie, beef or chicken) for \$4.95. Come on down and join us for some great food and good company.



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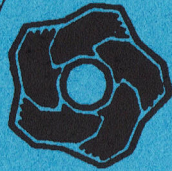
Room 273, University Centre,
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 8:30 - 4:30 pm



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Deadline

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

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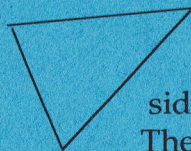
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THE GAYLINE . . . (519) 836-4550



Monday & Wednesday • 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.