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GAY, LESBIAN  
& BISEXUAL  
EQUALITY

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reading this newsletter

Hidey-hidey ho to all those womyn readers and welcome to the summer edition of GYRL Spot.

Open less than a year ago, Decos has proven itself to be the lesbian/dyke hangout hideout on Friday and Saturday nights. Decos atmosphere begs you to lose yourself and your inhibitions among some of Toronto, Hamilton, Guelph and Kitchener Waterloo's finest (womyn that is). The underground maze like design allows you to go exploring, to find those dark, out of the way places or just to plain socialize and meet a great melting pot of womyn.

Decos offers you a lounge complete with comfy chairs and a giant TV screen (usually playing a lesbo flick, and they'll rewind the good scenes if you yell loud enough). For the sports minded womyn there's dartboards and a pinball machine to keep her entertained for hours, if she cant't find anything else that

is. Then there's the dance floor complete with platforms, groovy lights and a zebra truck, yes a truck, the DJ booth where Julie (from the Rose) spins the dance-retro-seventies-alternative music til 5 am, yes I said 5 am!!! There are three bars waiting to serve your beer of choice.

However there are no special beer prices advertised as of yet. Oh did I forget to mention there's a pool table of course. All in all Decos is a very hip place to be so if you haven't been there yet, take my advice and go: you'll thank me later.

"Elvis is alive and she's beautiful!"

heather

**Decos, Toronto's Hottest Women's Bar**

64 Gerrard St. E (corner of Gerrard & Church)

info line (416) 960-1272

Open Wed thru Sun (5:00 pm - 5:00 am Fridays and Saturdays)

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ied, 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

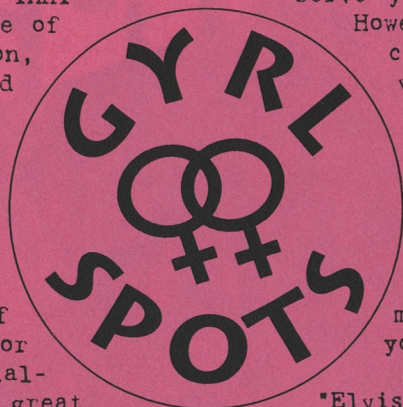
c/o Sister Vision Press

P.O. Box 217, Station E

Toronto, ON

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



## 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,

## Gay and Lesbian Studies Series

Continuing Education at Ryerson is again offering their Gay and Lesbian Studies Series for the 1993-1994 academic year. The series offers a variety of courses that make up the emerging field of gay and lesbian studies. Courses focus on particular themes such as lesbian and gay history, literature, and personal relationships. Topics are explored through lectures, readings, films and class discussion.

Courses offered:

### Lesbian and Gay Realities

January 23 - March 27, 1994

The popular introductory course surveys diverse lesbian and gay histories, cultures, communities, identities and politics. Instructed jointly by a lesbian and a gay man, the course examines current issues with a focus on local communities.

### On Being Lesbian/Gay: Towards a Better Understanding

September 14 - October 19, 1993

Coming-out is a process uniquely experienced by gay men and lesbians. The course is grounded within sociology and psychology and how these perspectives relate to personal experience and development.

### Creative Writing: A Gay/Lesbian Perspective

September 20 - November 29, 1993

Drawing on memory, emotion and image, this introductory course will focus on the development of basic writing skills. With supportive feedback, writers rediscover their natural creative ability. Resources and guidelines for getting published are appraised.

### Dykeversions: Lesbian Histories, Identities and Communities

September 23 - November 25, 1993

An examination of lesbian communi-

ties in Canada and the U.S.; turn of the century cross dressing; same gender relations in first nations cultures; Harlem Renaissance in the 1920's; bar culture in the 1950s; "lesbian nation" in the 1970s; lesbians of colour, older lesbians and "lipstick lesbians" in the 1990s.

### Love, Intimacy, and Sex: The Opportunities and Challenges of Male Relationships

October 26 - November 30, 1993

The meaning of love, commitment and involvement are discussed with a focus on life history, personal and social expectations, relationship development and the communication process. Issues as monogamy/non-monogamy are discussed.

### Take 3: Three Decades of Gay Sexual Bodies

January 20 - March 24, 1994

Now that the "love that dare not speak its name" has finally spoken, how have gay men publicly flaunted it? Do these ever changing images of desires, bodies and acts really represent the diversity of the gay body politic? The course traces three decades of gay sexual bodies under construction.

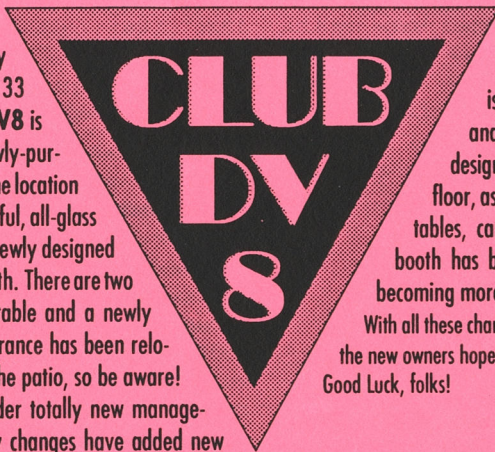
The Study Series will be of interest to gay men and lesbians who seek further knowledge about their community and culture; friends and families of gay men and lesbians; professional service providers; and those with a general interest in understanding the continuum of human intimacy and sexual expression.

For further information about the courses consult the Ryerson Continuing Education Calendar (they have a copy in the Career Centre - level 3 UC) or telephone George Bielmeier, Coordinator, Gay and Lesbian Studies, (416) 979-5179.

## CLUB DV8 OPENS IN GUELPH

So the time has finally come. A new gay bar has opened in Guelph at 33 Macdonell Street. Club DV8 is the newly renovated, newly-purchased queer bar at the same location as before. There is a beautiful, all-glass entranceway, as well as a newly designed stage and relocated d.j. booth. There are two new service bars, a pool table and a newly designed interior. The entrance has been relocated to the other side of the patio, so be aware!

The club is under totally new management and staff, and many changes have added new



character to the bar. For instance, the new sound system allows staff to control the music in the back room. So if someone would like to listen to the jukebox, they music from the d.j. booth can be turned down or off in the back

room, without affecting the dance floor. Another example of positive change is the newly located stage and d.j. booth. The stage is designed so everyone on the dance floor, as well as those sitting at their tables, can see the stage. The d.j. booth has been moved and elevated, becoming more central to the dance floor.

With all these changes, and many more to come, the new owners hope Club DV8 will be a success. Good Luck, folks!

▼ Mary (snap!)

A QUEER IN TIME SAVES NINE

### 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.

### 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.

## BGLAD UPDATE

Although the fourth annual Bi-sexual, 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.

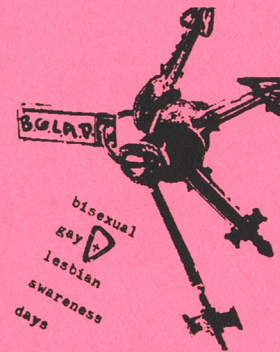
The week will be filled with workshops, speakers and performers, possibly including Scott Thompson from "Kids in the Hall" and Random Order. New additions to the list of possibilities include Mama Jama, Seven Cent Posse and others. Of course, Blue Jeans day and the GGLBE dance are the same week. We're packin' the week full of events, so 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 have any ideas, give us a call. You can get in touch with Shawn Lucas at the CSA

office (x 6746), or Marnie or Mary of the GGLBE executive (x 8575). We have meetings every 2-4 weeks and these people can tell you when the next one is.

We have the next meeting planned for August 30th, but call ahead to find out the location and the time. We are also looking for a new logo design. In the past four years, we have used the keychain symbol, but we thought it was time for a change. Any design with the BGLAD acronym is welcome.

So if you're at work or in school just doodling on a sheet of paper, keep us in mind and send in your design! Drop it by the CSA office for either B.J. Sharp or Shawn Lucas, or bring it to the GGLBE office for Mary (which one?—ha ha) or Marnie. If you like to see these events happen in Guelph and you think it's important to make people more aware of the problems we face in society, then give us some input. It doesn't have to be much, any and all input is welcome!



HIGHER  
**Quota**  
PRESS

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466-3038/929-2820

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



## Queer camping at CEDARS

OK who out there hasn't been to CEDARS yet? You don't know what you're missing. CEDARS is Ontario's exclusive gay and lesbian tent and trailer park and its only a half hour drive from Guelph.

The 130 acre park comes complete with camping (daily or seasonal), seasonal activities, swimming pool, arcade, pool tables, restaurant, mini-golf, ice, firewood, volleyball, trampoline, karaoke, corn roasts, baseball tournaments, live shows, dances Saturday nights, showers, BINGO Fridays, line dancing Sundays, euchre tourneys, mud wrestling and long weekend specials. I'm sure there's something that would appeal to the tastes of most.

The dances take place in a huge barn and are an absolute riot. Some people just come in to go to the dances Saturday nights. You can fill your days with frolicking by the pool, playing volleyball and meeting new friends or take part in any of the other interesting things going on.

A variety of people hang out at CEDARS. There's a lot of regulars, and newcomers

too. Everyone is really friendly and there's always someone that's willing to party all night with you. If the nocturnal party owl is not your thing, just hanging out with friends around the campfire is a nice relaxing change from our usual city pace.

My advice is to go with a group of friends, get away from the city for a while. Some might say the place is cheesy but in my eyes that's what makes it so great - it's not what you're used to. I mean heck, where else could you get woken up at 5:30 am by a greasy man tearing down the camp road in his 1978 Pacer, yelling at his ex-girlfriend (who was apparently with a woman) "I f\_\_\_in' loved you..." Oh well, you sure get a lot more out of your day when you start it at 5:30 am.

Well are you intrigued now? GGLoBE is going to CEDARS on the weekend of August 20-22 so grab your tent and come on along. The park is on Concession #5 in West Flamboro. Take highway 6 south (towards Hamilton), turn right on Millgrove Rd. (conc. 5) and keep your eye out on the right for two red barrels (short). Call (416) 659-7342 or 659-3655 if you get lost. Hope to see you there!

## 'OUT' - A NEW FEATURE DOCUMENTARY FROM NFB

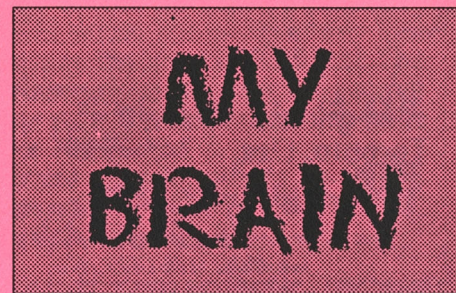
OUT is an intimate exploration of the struggles and victories of gay and lesbian youth in Canada. Delving into the emotional, societal and familial conflicts lesbian and gay youth often face, this film breaks the damaging silence surrounding sexual orientation and sexual differences.

Through explicit interviews with gay and lesbian youth from varied cultural and racial heritages, issues of discrimination as well as the compounding problems of confronting racism and sexism are sensitively addressed. OUT provides awareness, understanding, and hope - to gay and lesbian youth, parents, counsellors and educators.

"You're going into a world that is changing -

drastically. and in ten years, it's going to be as uncool to hate homosexuals as it is to be a racist. So you better get ready for that world." — SCOTT THOMPSON, *KIDS IN THE HALL*

Distributed by the National Film Board of Canada  
COMING FALL '93  
For further information call Doug Eliuk (416) 973-3305



## 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 Newsline 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. (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-████. 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

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**GLBE Newsletter**

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**Deadline**

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

**Monthly Advertising**

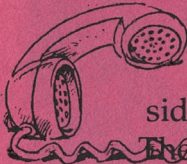
All camera ready advertising and advertising requiring typesetting will be considered for inclusion in the newsletter. For inquiries into monthly rates, please send your correspondence c/o **The Editor** to the above address. The GLBE reserves the right to limit the amount of advertising sold in the newsletter.

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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.

# AUGUST 1993

SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

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lesbian, bisexual and questioning women's meeting, resource centre, uc 107	barbie-q and baseball riverside park	michigan womyn's festival	michigan womyn's festival	michigan womyn's festival	michigan womyn's festival	michigan womyn's festival
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
lesbian, bisexual and questioning women's resource centre, uc 107	minigolf - 7 pm at stone road wall michigan womyn's festival	social - prep for 17 camping	michigan womyn's festival	michigan womyn's festival	michigan womyn's festival	michigan womyn's festival
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22	23	24	25	26	27	28
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29	30	31	<p>PHONE NUMBERS OF INTEREST</p> <p>GLBE - Dayline (519) 824-4120 ext. 8575          GLBE - Office (519) 824-4120 ext. 8575          GLOW (519) 824-GLOW          GEM (416) 278-          ACKWA (519) 836-4550          ACQWC (519) 824-4120 ext. 8575          GRFS (519) 824-GLOW          PFLAQ (Mary Jones) (416) 497-</p> <p>Remember to call the GLBE Dayline for updates on calendar events!</p>			



# Michigan Women's Music Festival

August

10-15

carpool sign up sheet in WRC

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