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EQUALITY

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▼ OCTOBER 1993 ▼



GOOD TO SEE YOU!

Welcome back to all the students who've been away, working diligently for the summer and hello to the new students too. There will be lots of fun and interesting activities coming up this fall so keep your eyes and ears open. There's a welcome back dance at Club DV8 on Friday Sept. 10. Be sure to go down there and get your invitation beforehand. It's your ticket to get in and provides you with complimentary beverages between 9 and 10 pm. BGLAD (Bisexual, Gay and Lesbian Awareness Days) has a number of interesting events scheduled for the last week of October. Plus there's a variety of other discussions, movies, entertainers, parties, etc. planned throughout the fall. Check this newsletter for further details.



"WHAT IS A FRIEND?"

What is a Friend? I'll tell you.

It is a person with whom you dare to be yourself. Your soul can go naked with her. She seems to ask you to put on nothing, only to be what you really are. When you are with him, you do not have to be on your guard. You can say what you think, so long as it is genuinely you. She understands those contradictions in your nature that causes others to misjudge you. With him you breathe freely-you can allow your little vanities and envies and absurdities and in opening them up to him they are dissolved on the white ocean of his loyalty. She understands-you can weep with her, laugh with her, pray with her through and underneath it all he sees, knows and loves you. A friend-I repeat- is one with whom you dare to be yourself.

Anonymous

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.

WOMEN'S DISCUSSION GROUP

A women's discussion group has started in Guelph for bisexual, lesbian and questioning women. The focus of 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 info.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. 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.

BGLAD UPDATE

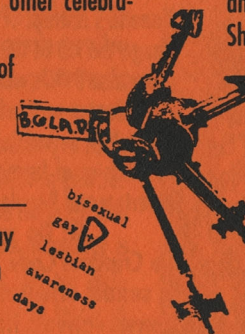
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— GGLoBE Halloween Dance, Club DV8, 9pm

The fourth annual Bisexual, Gay and Lesbian Awareness Days - BGLAD - are fast approaching. In fact they are happening October 25 - 29, 1993. The week will be filled with workshops, speakers and performers, dances, concerts and other celebrations.

Here's a tentative list of events. Check the posters and flyers in mid October for more concrete details.

- Monday October 25** — Video and Discussion — "The Gay Agenda" a propaganda production from the religious right; and its antedote video, "Sacred Lies, Civil Truths". UC 442 12-2pm
- Tuesday October 26** — Keynote speaker — TBA UC 103, 7pm
- Wednesday October 27** — Noon Hour Concert, TBA
— Womyn positive Dance, Club DV8, 9pm
- Thursday October 28** — Blue Jeans Day
- Friday October 29** — Making the Links, 12-2pm,



Volunteers have already been working hard to organize these events, but we need your help to make it work. People are needed to staff the display table, to assist in organizing 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 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!

TEENS UNITED AGAINST HOMOPHOBIA

"Hey mom..I'm going to a.....T.U.A.H. meeting okay?"

"To a meeting? What kind of meeting?"

"To a..T.U.A.H. meeting!"

Isn't a coincidence that the letters T.U.A.H. stand for two completely different things. The first is T.U.A.H. which sounds a lot like "to a", the second and more important meaning for these letter is **Teens United Against Homophobia**. So anyone out there who isn't in a comfortable enough situation to tell someone that they are attending a group for gay, lesbian & bisexual teens and their gay positive friends can still be honest with their peers by telling them that they are going to a... T.U.A.H. meeting!

Teens United Against Homophobia is a group for anyone under 20 to join. We'd like to call ourselves a politically active group because we are quite interested in educating people around issues which involve heterosexism and homophobia. We are currently putting anti gay bashing posters up all over Guelph and we're working on ways to bring the idea that it's okay to be gay into schools.

Anyone interested in more info. or joining this group should call 824-4120 ext 8575 and leave a message for Caroline. (If you leave your number, she'll return your call in strict confidence.) Starting Sept. 23, we will be holding meetings in room 536 of the University Centre, every other Thurs.at 8 pm.

Gay/Lesbian Election Guide

There's a national election coming up this fall and this means it is our opportunity as gay, lesbian and bisexual Canadians to make our concerns known to the candidates. It also allows us to use our clout to elect officials that will represent our specific concerns.

The concentration of lesbian and gay voters in at least 30 ridings across the country could determine federal election results. There are lesbians and gay men in all of Canada's 295 ridings but the concentration in areas such as Montreal's Village de l'Est, Vancouver's West End, Ottawa's Centretown, Toronto's Church and Wellesley neighbourhood and other areas like this in every major Canadian city, give us a lot of clout. If the community is mobilized, their votes are more than enough to swing a riding one way or another, especially in a close race.

EGALE (Equality for Gays and Lesbians Everywhere) has produced an election guide that details where the political parties stand on various sexual orientation issues. There is a copy of this guide in the GGLoBE office. These are issues that affect all of our lives so check it out!

In late April EGALE mailed out a detailed questionnaire to all 295 Members of Parliament. By mid-July less than 30 MP's had returned completed questionnaires, giving them some idea of the importance most politicians attach to lesbian and gay rights issues. They were able to obtain responses from all the main political parties with the exception of the Reform Party. However Preston Manning has already made his views quite clear: "homosexuality is destructive to the individual, and in the long run, society." The recently-formed National Party replied positively to almost all questions on the EGALE questionnaire. In general the PC and Liberal parties responded negatively to almost all questions, whereas the NDP responded positively to almost every question. Here's a few examples:

Q: Do you agree that the proposed definition of marital status in Bill C-108 unfairly discriminates against same-sex couples?
Conservatives: No. "The definition of marital status in Bill C-108 is consistent with previous court decisions."

Liberals: ? "The Liberal caucus is studying the legislation."

NDP: Yes. "The NDP is opposing Bill C-108 and the definition of marital status that excludes same-sex couples."

Q: Do you support amendments to the Immigration Act to allow the immigration of same-sex partners of Canadian citizens?

Conservatives: No. The Conservatives support "Canada's concept of the family... There are no plans to change the Act at this time."

Liberals: ? "We would not favour any legislation that discriminates on the basis of sexual orientation."

NDP: Yes. Svend Robinson: "I have actively pressured the Minister of Immigration to make these changes to Departmental Regulations."

Q: Do you support amendments to the Criminal Code to prohibit hate crimes based on sexual orientation?

Conservatives: No. "Broadening the type of speech caught by the hate propaganda provisions of the Criminal Code would make them vulnerable to attack under the Charter as an unjustifiable infringement of freedom of speech."

Liberals: Yes. "The Liberal Party is opposed to hate crimes of any kind and would most definitely take steps to ensure that just as discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation is outlawed so too would hate crimes based on sexual orientation be outlawed."

NDP: Yes. There are 13 other questions that were posed to the politicians. For a full report contact EGALE at 2 Daly Av., Ottawa, ON, K1N 6E2 or check out the report in our office.



QUEER NATION

NATIONAL COMING OUT DAY



National Coming Out Day is October 11 every year. This is the day for us all to celebrate our visibility and encourage everyone to 'come out of the closet'.

There are over 2.5 million lesbians and gay men in Canada, yet most people think they don't know anyone gay or lesbian. It is no wonder people don't believe they can relate to us or our concerns. **The price we pay for invisibility is enormous.** The poor government response to the AIDS epidemic, discrimination in employment, immigration and spousal benefits are but a few tragic examples of how costly our silence can be. Equality will be there for us only when we come out and show our pride. Our open participation in society is critical to our empowerment, our safety and our well-being. For gay men and lesbians to live in terror of being discovered is unacceptable. Future generations of gay and lesbian people count on our courage to come out now. If we don't commit to the process of coming out, anti-gay prejudice will continue. The future is up to us.

TAKE BACK THE NIGHT

THURS. SEPT. 30, 1993
RALLY AT GOLDIE MILL PARK ~ 6:30
ALL WOMEN & CHILDREN WELCOME
DESSERT POTLUCK TO FOLLOW

OCTOBER 1993						
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<p align="center">PHONE NUMBERS OF INTEREST</p> <p>GLBE - Gayline (519) 836-4550 GLBE - Office (519) 824-4120 ext. 8373 GLOW (519) 824-910W GEM (416) 278-XXXX</p> <p>ACKWA (519) 748-5556 AOD/NC (519) 769-2255 GRES (519) 725-XXXX PFLA (Mary-Joost) (416) 457-XXXX</p> <p align="right">Joann Loulan 1 Joann Loulan 2 theatre of the arts metropolitan univ. of Waterloo community 8 pm - 115 church toronto 8 pm - 116</p>						
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OH WHAT A FEELING...

We pulled down 156th Ave at 15 minutes after midnight Thursday night. We'd been driving for 8 hours and by the time we reached 'the' road the anticipation was insurmountable. As the cars slowed in front of us, we began to see the lights and tents beyond. Only a few more minutes and we would be there — through the gates of the **Michigan Womyn's Music Festival**.

Being the Festie Virgins that we were we had to struggle to maintain some sense of sanity until we figured out where to go. Of course all the wonderful womyn there made it so easy. The excitement was indescribable. I felt like a kid entering Disneyland and meeting Mickey Mouse for the first time.

After some fun parking and making our way through the orientation tent we hopped (actually it was more like squeezed into) a shuttle down to Triangle to find Bush Gardens and a place to pitch our tents. Now you have to remember that its 2:00 in the morning by now, it's pitch black and we're wandering around in the forest looking for a place to put our tent. We trekked up and over hills, tripped over tent wires and poles and finally managed to find a relatively flat spot to pitch.

We managed to get a couple of hours sleep before the sun came beaming down on our tent. Now we could see where we were - it was time to get up and explore. First stop showers. There were 30+ womyn lined up when we arrived, all waiting for one of those

lovely cold, outdoor showers. No one seemed to mind too much however. Heck, when else do you get a chance to stand naked in a line and talk the other naked womyn next to you in line whom you've never met before. Lovely, just lovely!

Next stop breakfast. This gave us the opportunity to explore downtown and start to absorb the energy and beauty of 'the land'.

We spent the weekend watching performers, attending workshops and shopping for crafts - but most of all watching all the beautiful sights around us. The most overwhelming feeling for me was

one of safety - for yourself and your belongings. Womyn were free to dress (or not dress for that matter) how they pleased and no one worried about body image, being stared at or any of the other nasty things we associate with the patriarchy.

By the time Sunday arrived I was not ready to leave. The individual experiences of the weekend that put joy in my heart and a huge smile on my face are far too numerous to mention. It was all these experiences and the pure excitement of 8000 womyn together, on 'the land' that made me never want to leave.

It took me almost a week to get over the culture shock I experienced when I returned to Guelph. I felt disoriented and disappointed. Why can't we live like that all the time? Anyway, needless to say my trip to Michigan was an experience of a lifetime - one I won't soon forget. If you haven't been there yet I stongly encourage you to try and attend next year. Its a trip you're not likely to regret!



Michigan Womyn's Music Festival

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.

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 to 12:30 am, CKWR-FM 98.7

Gaywire Thurs. 7 to 8 pm CIUT-FM 89.5

W O M E N

a discussion group for
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Mondays 5:00 to 7:00 pm
Women's Resource Centre
University Centre, Room 107
for more info. please call 824-4120 ext. 8559



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

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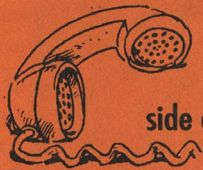
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 A 24 hour recorded message is available out
 side of staffed hours.

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.