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An Excerpt from A Lotus of Another Color

A Lotus of Another Color, one of the many new books purchased for the GLoBE Library, chronicles many experiences of gays, lesbians and bisexuals of South Asian descent. The back cover reads, "For the first time, gay men and lesbians from India, Pakistan, and other South Asian countries recount their stories of coming out." Here is an excerpt written by the book's editor, Rakesh Ratti:

"...In South Asian cultures, sex is an issue that is rarely discussed, and this tends to make the discussion of homosexuality quite taboo. Consequently, gays and lesbians go largely unacknowledged. This avoidance, coupled with the traditional pressures to marry and raise a family, can cause tremendous strain for the individual trying to live his or her life in a healthy, honest way. Millions of gays and lesbians in South Asia find themselves pressured into entering heterosexual marriages; ultimately, these marital bonds become chains that enslave both partners and deny them the full existence they deserve. So many dreams of love are thus rendered unreachable, so much yearning is left unfulfilled because our South Asian world is unwilling to open its eyes to our existence.

Ideally, one would think that we would fare better with the gay and lesbian communities that we South Asians become a part of in the West. One would think that they would warmly embrace our uniqueness, our contribution to their diversity. One would be sadly mistaken. Some individuals do welcome us, some organizations acknowledge our existence, but by and large we have been invisible within the gay and lesbian world. This lack of visibility can be partially explained by our scarcity; within the United States and Canada we don't constitute a very large group. It is highly unlikely that this is the only reason. The neglectful way that the mainstream gay and lesbian communities have treated people of colour within their parameters must also be considered. This subculture does not acknowledge that South Asians and other ethnically distinct groups have a different life experience, different societal and familial influences, and different needs; too often we are expected to fit into a generic gay or lesbian mold that is a square hole for our round pegs.

The familial connections we South Asians have are often more sturdy, intricate, and intense than those held by our Western counterparts. Because of the extended family networks that are still a very real part of our lives, our sense of, and need for, community is also more deeply embedded.

...In these ways and many others, we stand with one foot in the South Asian society, the other in the gay and lesbian world..."

GLOBE's next monthly dance is on Friday, April 28th. The Location of the dance will be at the "Old Schoolhouse" at 611 Silvercreek Pkwy North, 9 PM to 1:30 AM. Old Schoolhouse 611 Silvercreek Woodlawn Rd. (Hwy #7)



News from around the Province, ~ taken from XTRA magazine!

March 3, 1995 XTRA!: Members of the Lesbian, Gay, Bi Youthline are raising money for a series of public service announcements they hope will be broadcast free on television stations across the province. The idea is to keep the phoneline's toll-free number in the public eye. Charitable donations can be made out to Pink Triangle Services, Box 62, Station F, Toronto M6G 3V6. The line can be reached in Toronto at (416) 962-YOUTH. Elsewhere in Ontario, call 1-800-268-YOUTH.

March 3rd, XTRA!: The Rev. Brent Hawkes has decided to run for the New Democrats in the upcoming provincial election. [GLoBE editor: You may remember Hawkes as the gay activist who shouted, "This is an absolute outrage!" after provincial MPP's defeated Bill 167 in June 1994]. The senior pastor of the Metropolitan Community Church of Toronto will try to win the candidacy in the St. George-St. David riding (which includes the Church and Wellesley area). Hawkes says he surveyed members of the church and friends before making the decision. He will run as an NDPer because "an independent gets nothing. The media focusses on the leader, the parties. Independents are really treated as one-issue persons." [GLoBE editor: If he wins the NDP nomination, Hawkes will face Liberal MPP Tim Murphy, who was first elected in a by-election in 1993 after Liberal Leader Lyn McLeod promised action on spousal benefits for same-sex couples. The kind of flip-flopping action same-sex couples got from McLeod in June 1994 was undoubtedly not what most couples were led to expect from the prospective premier 1.

March 17, 1995, XTRA! by Eleanor Brown.

A Federal Court justice has ruled that Canada's anal sex law is unconstitutional. The Feb 24 decision acknowledges that section 159 of the Criminal Code

discriminates against gay men. ...The age of consent in Canada was 14 for vaginal and oral sex, but 18 for anal sex...The federal government will appeal the Federal Court ruling.

Women's Campus Safety Initiative

Guelph Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Equality has taken advantage of a \$1,000 grant it received from the Women's Campus Safety Initiative fund run out of the University office of Employment and Educational Equity. Numerous books and resources have been purchased from various bookstores/presses over the past month. The Education Coordinator was primarily concerned with purchasing books dealing with lesbian, bisexual, youth and people of colour issues. There were, however, a few books purchased of specific interest to gay men. Some new titles include Lesbian Sex, If You Seduce a Straight Person, Can You Make Them Gay?, A Lotus of Another Color, Bi Any Other Name, Coming Out: An Act of Love and Straight From the Heart.

The new books can be borrowed from the Library which is located in the GLoBE office, University Centre Room 537. So, come check them out!

New office hours for GLoBE

Some gorgeous gay men have volunteered to give some of their time to staff the GLoBE office, making the Library and other resources more accessible to the community. You can the find the fifth floor GLoBE office now open from NOON until 6 PM on Wednesdays, in addition to its regular hours from 8 PM to 10 PM on Tuesdays.

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BARS & CLUBS



NOTICES



The Robin's Nest. 26 Hobson Street, Cambridge. (519) 621-2688. Sat. only \$2 members; \$3 non-members

Club XTC. 1 Queen St. N., Kitchener. (519) 743-3016 for hours of operation.

Club Renaissance. 24 Chalres St. W, Kitchener. Wed. - Sun.; open til 3 am Fri. & Sat.





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.

Gay and Lesbian Liberation of Waterloo. (GLLOW); c/o Federation of Students; Univ. 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.

OWLS is a privately organized, non-profit social/cultural group for women over thirty. 884-4569 for more info.

Women Out of Doors (WOODS), PO Box 29009, Eatons Centre PO, 55 Wyndham St. Guelph, ON N1H 8J4. (519) 746-3. Social recreational group with various activities, bimonthly newsletter. Membership - \$15/year.



RADIO SHOWS



Feminist Frequency Sun. 7 to 8 pm, CFRU-FM 93.3

Leaping Lesbian Radio 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

Gaywire Thurs. 7 to 8 pm CIUT-FM 89.5

As the Ontario provincial election draws nearer, the GLoBE Executive has mailed out a survey to the three local party candidates. Guelph NDP incumbent Derek Fletcher, Liberal Rick Ferraro and PC Brenda Elliott were asked to respond to various questions re: Bill 167, same-sex spousal benefits, priorities upon election. The survey requested that the candidates fill it out and return it to GLoBE by April 15, 1995. The full results will be published in May's newsletter.

The GLoBE newsletter has a classifieds ads section. Contact the office to place an ad for gay/lesbian/bipositive accomodation, services or friends seeking friends.

PFLAG meets every third Friday of the month. This group offers support to family and friends of bisexuals, lesbians and gays. Please call Grace at (519) 822
or Barbara at (519) 853
for more

information.





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Submissions for the next newsletter must be received by April 15, 1995.

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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, Lesbian and Bisexual community of Guelph and area. Call our office phone at (519) 836-4550 if you wish to leave a message at any other time.