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The Changing of the Guard

GL BE Gets a Facelift

During the restructuring of GLVBE's policies and goals this past Spring, there came a need for an expanded executive that could handle all the hats that GLoBE—at its fashionable best—needed to wear. Also, there was a demand for a more inclusive GGLBE executive that could represent the diversified and growing voices within the community. With the success of BI, there was becoming an increased awarness of bisexual visibility and the desire for GGLBE to take a renewed look at that 'B' within its name. As always, the need to continue to represent women—both lesbian and bisexual—in a positive and educational light is mandatory if GGLBE is to continue to fight sexism, misoginy and homophobia.

There are currently 8 executive positions in GL BE that have been partially filled by individuals who want to make a positive difference: Activities, Advertising, Buddy System, Dance, Finance, Gayline, Library, and Newsletter. The executive positions for Dance Coordinator and Finance Coordinator are still open and we strongly welcome anyone who believes they can bring a fresh, creative and constructive attitude to GLOBE to volounteer. The positions that have been filled reflect the changing attitude of GLDBE—an attitude of growing inclusivness—by showing that GGLBE is proud to include gays, lesbians and bisexuals within their name, and in their executive.

The following introductions from the new executive members should shed some light on just who these bright, new, energetic and diversified people are. :)

ACTIVITIES

Our Activities position boasts two executive members.

"Howdy hi all! My name is Alison and I am one half of the fabulous Activities Coordinators team. I am going into my fourth year of HAFA, and I have dropped all of my other activities so I can be the "good enough, smart enough, and gosh darn it, so people will like me...". Anyway, Mike and I have some wonderful ideas for next year so keep a look out for the Newsletter. It will have all the information in it. See ya, and remember... the fashion police are always watching you".

"Hi everybody, I'm Mike and I'll be Alison's lackey...
er... the second Activities Coordinator this year. I'm
currently hovering inbetween third and fourth year, so
I may be around longer than expected, but don't get
panicy. I'm in politics, so I'm used to coups d'etat. So,
here's to next year and any suggestions will be greatly
appreciated".

ADVERTISING

"Hello there. Well, the logical way to start this would be to tell you who I am, but no one ever said I was logical. I would be GLoBE's new Advertising exectype person, Denise, otherwise known as (and not always affectionately) perky. Basically, I get to inform

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GLOBE's next monthly dance is on Friday, July 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)

the general populace of upcoming events. It sounds so easy that way dosn't it? Anyway, here's to next year!"

BUDDY SYSTEM

"Hi! I'm Matthew and I've been serving on the executive as Education Coordinator for the past year, which included the Gayline, Library and the Buddy System. With restructuring, these three duties have been divided up between three people. I'm now serving as interim Buddy System Coordinator until I leave Guelph in September (I'm off to Toronto)".

"Hi! My name is Mark, and I'll be taking over the job of Buddy System Coordinator in the Fall. I really hope to make some improvements to this service, so if you have any suggestions or

input, feel free to drop me a line. See ya in September".

DANCE

Reminder: This position is still empty.

FINANCE

The position of Finance Executive for the Fall has yet to be filled, but Rob is still serving as interim Finance Coordinator until September.

GAYLINE

"Hi, I'm Adam and i'll be GLoBE's new Gayline Coordinator for the upcoming year. I am entering into my fourth year at the University of Guelph and have been involved with GL

BE and the Gayline since September of 1994. If anyone has any questions or comments about the service please feel free to leave me a message on the Gayline answering machine".

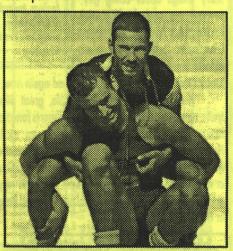
LIBRARY

"Hi! I'm Chris and I am going into my fourth year in Microbiology at the University of Guelph. I've been coming out to GL▽BE meetings since January of 1995. I am now the Library Coordinator in charge of GL▽BE resources. Please feel free to introduce yourself or offer any suggestions regarding the GL▽BE Library".

NEWSLETTER

"Hello everyone! My name is Ryan and I am currently your Newsletter Coordinator. The very one you are reading now is my first, so please be kind.:) I am in my second year of the Honours English program at the University of Guelph. I am a born and raised Guelphite, and I hope that I can be a somewhat productive influence within GL\subseteq BE. I am eager to reach and include the many diverse voices within our community and I welcome and encourage anyone and everyone to submit your creative work and/or ideas to me by the 15th of every month. Thanks".

Well, here is $GL \nabla BE's$ new executive roster is it stands on this date, 26/06/95. We hope that the two vacant positions will be filled soon.



I've got genes that dingle dangle dingle ~ part II

coming soon to my bedroom.

constructive white space

Home Again. . .

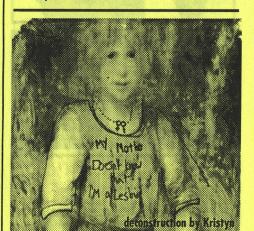
As many of you know already, I have returned to Guelph after six years away living just north of Toronto in the small town of Bolton. Many of you who have lived in Guelph for a long time might wonder, "Why come back?" since perhaps you take Guelph for granted.

Guelph has always held a special place in my heart and has remained as "home" in my mind.

During my U. of G. days (1982-89) I experienced all the great things this place has to offer as well as a few of the painful and scary things about being gay, coming out and dealing with relationships. Aside from my closest friends and the gay lifestyle one is able to live here, Guelph offered

many other things to me back then and again now.

A diverse community of people, great bike trails, no smog, few traffic jams and for sports fanatics like me, great sports teams (Gryphons, Storm, etc.). Hockey and football are my favourites (not because the guys are wearing tight pants, roll around together or wear jocks) although sometimes the scenery is very good. My Scottish heritage is also well preserved here in Guelph too.



What really makes it feel like home is the people of our community within the community. You have all made me feel very welcome and I want to say "thank you". It is the old and new friends that give me the motivation to help build a stronger community, to build closer relationships with other local organizations and people from other places. The key to our future success and survival in this increasingly conservative backlash is teamwork. Closer ties with our local AIDS committee, PFLAG reps and groups in Kitchener, Cambridge, Hamilton, etc. can only help our struggle

A friend of GLoBE's for many years, Jim has

helped out our executive many times and for

this we thank him. He has written for our

Newsletter a creative piece that reveals his

feelings towards Guelph, its community and

GLoBE's future. Thanks again Jim and there is

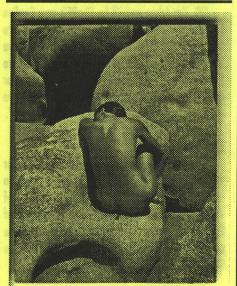
always a place for your voice here in GLoBE's

Newsletter.

for equality. If we cannot demonstrate our own acceptance of the diversity amongst ourselves, how can we expect the same from the larger society? Philosophy aside, I hope that in any of the projects/events I am fortunate

enough to share in, we can work together as a team and share in the success or fun we gain from it.

I'm happy to be home again and look forward to getting to know you all better. Hope to see you all at P-day and the next GL BE dance. Sincerely, Jim



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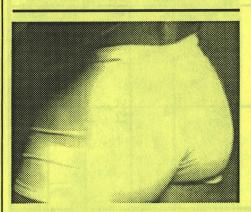
As I am sure most of you know, this July 2nd is Pride Day, and if you are like me, you have never attended one before. This year, I am going to dive in and get my feet soaking wet! I asked a friend of mine and GLoBE's, Mary, to write about her Pride Day experiences... well, she did, and this is a lesson in the do's and don't's of Pride Day. Read on...

ATTACK OF THE 20 FOOT PRIDE VIRGIN

Is this your first Pride Day? Well, I may not be a seasoned Pride Day veteran, but here are some pointers to surviving your first Pride Day:

DO:

- See all the display tables you can. There are some really neat things out there that you probably never knew about.
- Wear sunscreen. If you get too much sun you might be too worn out to go out to the incredible dances at night.
- Either see the parade or march in the parade. Get as close to the dance floats as you can, cuz they're the most fun!
- Get to know people from other places. Maybe you can meet them at the parade or at the tables, or wherever, just get out there and say hi! Only the pretentious people will ignore you.
- Go out to all the incredible dances! There are coming out dances, youth dances, drag shows, etc.
 No matter who you are, you can find someplace where you can play at night.



 Accept hugs. Absolute strangers will hug you on Pride Day, because it's fun. It's also a great way to meet other people.

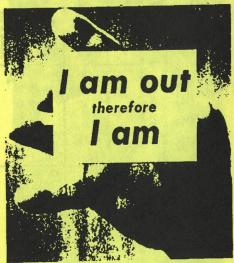
BEWARE:

Pickpockets! They like the large crowds, regardless
if it's a gay march or not. Maybe keep your money
seperated in different pockets, or in a money belt. It
just sucks to lose all your money on Pride Day.

Well, that's really the only thing you have to watch out for on Pride Day. Other than that, it is a safe and fun adventure that everyone should enjoy. And hey, don't let anything get you down because this is your day to have fun! Just do it!

▼ Mare

Thanks Mare! I think we should all take her advice and get out there and HAVE A GREAT PRIDE DAY!





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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.



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.

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.



RADIO SHOWS



Fingers, Fists & KY Mon. 10 to 12 am, CFRU-FM 93.3 FM

Grrls Taste Good Tues. 3 to 4 pm, CFRU-FM 93.3 FM

Music By Dykes. . . Wed. 8 to 10 pm, CFRU-FM 93.3 FM

Leaping Lesbian Radio Thurs. 6 to 8 pm, CKMS-FM 100.3

Nowhere to Hide Wed. 8 to 9 pm, CKMS-FM 100.3

Out and About Tues. 8:30 to 9:15 pm, CKWR- FM98.7

Women to Women Tues. 9:15 to 10:30 pm, CKWR-

MARKET SURVEY - If you identify with the bisexual, lesbian and gay community in any way, then I request your help. I am doing research on the dining habits of our community in the Guelph area. If you have time to fill out a two-page survey, then stop by the GLOBE table at Pride Day and see me, Mary. You can also reach me through E-MAIL at mmolynea@uoguelph.ca. If you have already filled out a survey, thank you for your time. Thanks in advance, Mary!

Reminder: PFLAG will not be having meetings for the months of July and August. PFLAG offers support to family and friends of bisexuals, lesbians, and gays. Please call Grace at (519) 822-100 or Barbara at (519) 853-100 for more information.

BI will continue to meet occasionally throughout the months of July and August. Contact the Gayline for more details.

GL BE meetings will continue in the summer, but will run every two weeks rather than once a week. The next meeting, which will continue to be on Tuesdays, will be the 11th of July.

Starting in the Fall, GL ♥ BE is considering moving its meetings from 8 pm on Tuesdays to either 6 pm or 7 pm on Tuesdays. If you have any suggestions or comments on this potential move, please leave a message with GLoBE at (519) 836-4550.

The Library will be open during the summer on Tuesdays, from 4 pm till 7 pm, starting May 15. The Library is located in the GL BE office. Please contact the Gayline at (519) 836-4550 for location and/or for special appointment. The Gayline will also have special hours of operation for the summer (May to August): it will run from 7:30 to 9:30 pm on Wednesdays and Fridays, only.

GL BE is still considering a camping trip for later. If you are interested in going on a camping trip with some other friendly queers, please contact the Gayline.



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