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# GUELPH GAY, LESBIAN & BISEXUAL EQUALITY

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## Pride Day Thank-yous

July 2nd's Pride Day in T.O. already seems like a long time ago; but that's because we've just had so much fun this summer! Special "thank you's" are extended to those of you who volunteered at our booth and marched with us in the parade. A special note of thanks to Kim Paton of CSA Graphics for producing our excellent banners. People all along the parade route commented about the visibility and flare of the Guelph GL△BE banner.

I hope all who attended had a great time. I would like to propose that for Pride 96, maybe we can bring

## Pride on the Side?

Yes, I was a Pride Virgin until this year. I meant to go to Pride 94 but circumstances beyond my control denied me the opportunity. I promised myself that come Hell or High-Water, I was going to make it to Pride 95. When the year finally rolled back around to July again, I couldn't believe that I was going to finally make it to the "big event". The event that I had only read about in the Toronto Sun when I was a teen would become a reality.

The hotel room was booked, the transportation was ready, and my companions were packed... um... I mean their bags were packed, not that they were packed... you know what I mean! I was excited and unconvinced by several of my peers who had been before that it was "no big deal" and "you seen one you seen 'em all". Whatever. This was my turn to experience it, and at 22, I thought it was about time.

Never before in my life had I seen so many gay, lesbian and bisexual people in my life. As one friend asked me, "Have you ever seen so many fags in your life?" My response, "No... No.. No!" I was overwhelmed by the turn out that the event had received. The Parade itself was an eye-full of people dancing, laughing and indulging in the sensation of being themselves. The floats were alive with energy and pride and the crowds on the streets were often just as much fun to view as the floats themselves. The tables on Church street where you could see the various groups and messages being

together all the Guelph, Cambridge and Kitchener/Waterloo groups (GLBE, ACGWC, ACKWA, GLOW, Club Renaissance, Robin's Nest, others?) and submit a significant float (with hot dance tunes on board of course!) representing our 4 cities as a region. If we pool our resources, we could make quite a splash at the next Pride parade. If there is support for such an idea, we would have to start in January. This is one of several new ideas we could consider.

Anyway, thanks again to all who've helped, stay proud and be true to yourselves... Cheers, Jim

displayed were eye-opening. There were several associations that I had not previously been aware of, but on Pride Day I made special note to remember them. They had taken the time to show me what they were about and I was more than glad to soak up a little education... even on a holiday.

I was still amazed by the scenes of men and men and women and women holding hands down Church St. or up Yonge St., and I was more than a little impressed by their public shows of affection. Living in Guelph you don't often see such bravado, but the visibility on that weekend gave me hope... for other cities like Guelph and for myself. Being someone who has shown his same sex partner affection while in public, I was being shown proof here that it's alright to kiss your boyfriend or hold hands with your girlfriend in a restaurant or at a movie or walking down the street. It still takes guts to ignore the looks and potential threats, but every mile begins with a step. It has to begin somewhere, and for me, Pride Day 95 was more than a step... it was a conga line.

So as I am sitting here writing this, I don't have to ask myself if being exposed to Pride Day 95 really affected me. I hope that by reading this you can tell that it has. No longer will I take my Pride on the side. I am going to put on my Rainbow T-shirt and walk down the street and smile... proudly.

• Hope to see you at Pride 96, Ryan

## Kingston: Home of the Queer's

Well, I don't recall seeing too many of the often stereotypically referred to "queens" on my first ever weekend visit to Kingston, but I did get to see plenty of Queens University and its associated "scenery". This busy and historic city in the heart of eastern Ontario is home to two of my closest friends from my U. of G. days who are currently studying medicine and law respectively. They graciously set aside a weekend to show my friend and I the sights and sounds of Kingston.

Upon our arrival we attended a barbecue with a group of their friends who were quite comfortable with the host and hostess both being male. You pick which is host and/or hostess?? We were repeatedly introduced as "our two good friends from Guelph" which was very well received by our new acquaintances from Queens. We later took a stroll through a vibrant downtown area which was full of pubs, sidewalk patios and historic buildings. This hot, summer evening did not deter many people from taking advantage of downtown Kingston's rich choice of varied entertainment venues.

We finally strolled far enough down Princess Street (there's a definite trend here?) to reach the gay/lesbian club known as "Roberts Club Vogue". The place was busy this Saturday night and contained a mixed crowd in both the sit-down, quiet area and in the hopping dance floor area. As always when visiting a new place the scenery seems refreshing and it seemed we were noticeable as "tourists". The music got increasingly better as the evening went on and by 2 AM we were all dancing up a storm with our friends in Kingston. The stroll home through downtown was surprisingly interesting with many young people still out and about. The local McD's provided a good excuse for a frozen yogurt and the local boys were almost too much!!

9 AM came far too quickly, however I was given a quick walking tour of Queens and we inadvertently stumbled upon the local Gay/Lesbian/Bi office in Grey House. I picked up a couple of flyers and was consistent to know that "we are everywhere". Like there was any doubt in my mind??

The 1000 Island boat tour was a pretty festival event and Boldt Castle was an interesting stop on the

tour. My lack of sleep from the previous two nights finally caught up with me however and I think I was slightly low in enthusiasm. All in all it was a very relaxing and fulfilling weekend away and it was great to catch up on life's events with our two hosts. This rekindling of friendship has apparently inspired our hosts to consider a trip to the next Guelph dance also.

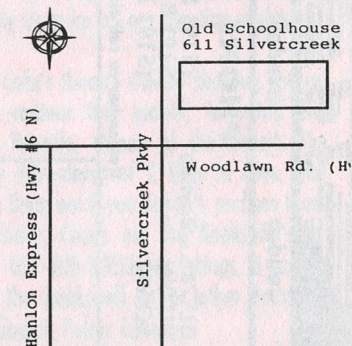
Anyway, I also wanted to welcome all students back to U. of G. this semester and hope to see all of you at Guelph G.L.B.E.'s next dance.

• Cheers, Jim C.



## DANCE

GL△BE's next monthly dance is on Friday, Sept. 29th  
The Location of the dance will be at the "Old Schoolhouse"  
at 611 Silvercreek Pkwy North, 9 PM to 1:30 AM.





## PHONE NUMBERS OF INTEREST

GL△BE - Gayline  
GLOW  
ACKWA

(519) 836-4550  
(519) 824-GLOW  
(519) 748-5556

ACGWC  
GRFS  
PFLAG (Grace)

(519) 763-2255  
(519) 725-  
(519) 822-

Remember to call the GL△BE Gayline for updates on calendar events!

2	1	16	23	30
9	8	15	22	29
7	6	14	21	28
5	4	13	20	27
12	11	19	26	25
10	17	18	24	23
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## BARS & CLUBS



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 Chalmers 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. (GLOW); 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. GLOW provides peer counselling, a book archive, a housing registry, coffeehouses, dances, and general information.

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



## 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- FM98.7



## NOTICES



A special thanks goes out to Rob and Matt for their work with GL△BE in the past. They are both moving on and we hope that they only continue to prosper in the future. Their commitment to GL△BE is recognized and we hope they both know that they always have a place with GLoBE... after all, you can take the Gay out of the GL△BE but you can't take the GL△BE out of the Gay. (Ok.. sue me... that was bad.)

Very spacious room to rent to a neat responsible person. Non-smoker please. New house built on property 5 minutes south of University by car. Sharing house with gay couple. House includes spacious kitchen, 3 washrooms & 2 story conservatory. \$400/month. Please contact the Gayline for more information.

PFLAG (Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays) will begin its regular meeting schedule this September. PFLAG 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.

GL△BE will continue to hold its weekly meetings on Tuesday Nights. However, the time has changed to 7 PM. We hope that this solves some peoples schedule problems and we hope it doesn't create new ones for others.

Come and check out our Library this month. We have received some new donated books and periodicals that you might find interesting. Call the Gayline for office hours, or simply drop by on our meeting nights

The Bookshelf Cafe's theatre will be showing several films of gay content this month, including The Adventures of Priscilla, Queen of the Desert, The Incredibly True Adventures of 2 Girls in Love, and Clueless. Check them out if you haven't, and see them again if you have. Check out the Bookshelf's bi-monthly paper OFF THE SHELF for listings. It can be picked up at the Bookshelf or at other locations including the Guelph Public Library.





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### AIDS Committee of Guelph and Wellington County

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### Deadline

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

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### THE GAYLINE . . . (519) 836-4550



Monday to Friday 7:30 to 9:30 pm.

A 24 hour recorded message is available outside 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.