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Gay Liberation of Waterloo

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GAY RIGHTS AMENDMENT DIES ON ORDER PAPER

OTTAWA — An opportunity for a public debate on gay rights at the federal level was scuttled May 11 in the Commons.

A private member's bill introduced by NDP Member Svend Robinson (Burnaby, BC) would have amended the Canadian Human Rights Act to include "sexual orientation" on the list of prohibited categories of discrimination.



Conservative MP Jake Epp kills gay rights amendment. "What's wrong with being moral and being in the majority?"

A private member's bill requires unanimous consent of the House to go the Committee stage in which public hearings can take place. Conservative MP Jake Epp (Provencher, Manitoba) refused his consent, causing the bill to die on the order paper.

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GLOW OFFICE TO BE RELOCATED?

After almost twelve years of continuous operation in Room 217C of the Campus Centre, University of Waterloo, the GLOW office may be moved out of its present location to another space in the Campus Centre.

Tom Allison, president of the Federation of Students, intends to argue before Student's Council that GLOW be moved to another location near the Women's Centre, adjacent to the Legal Resource Office, some time this summer.

GLOW's present office is about seven wide by thirteen feet long and houses a library of gay books and periodicals, filing cabinet, desk, furniture and the phone line. The office is used by phone line volunteers on weekdays from 7-10 pm and also acts as a drop-in centre. During the day office staff often drop in to take care of correspondence or miscellaneous business.

As a student club, GLOW is under the jurisdiction of the Federation of Students. However, the office is in space controlled by the management of the Campus Centre. The Federation of Students — an independent, incorporated body — has an unwritten agreement with the Campus Centre to give GLOW the office in Room 217C.

Recently there has been an overcrowding problem within the Campus Centre. Earlier this year a Space Allocation Committee was mandated by the Federation of Students to study the problem of space within the Campus Centre and to make recommendations to Student's Council. The recommendations of that committee would have moved around several groups in the Campus Centre, but not GLOW.

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GAY RIGHTS AMENDMENT cont.

The bill was allowed to be introduced as a result of a deal worked out between the NDP and the Liberals last December. The NDP agreed not to hold up amendments before the House to the Human Rights Act to protect the disabled and outlaw sexual harassment on the job if public hearings on the rights of gay people could take place.

Robinson's amendment was firmly opposed by Justice Minister Mark MacGuigan, who said that "there is insufficient social consensus to justify prohibiting discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation." He had agreed, however, to allow public hearings on the bill in the justice and legal affairs committee.

Epp, in explaining his opposition to the bill, said that "both in the British parliamentary tradition and from a Judeo-Christian background, what we are dealing with has been declared wrong by society . . . What is wrong with being moral and what is wrong with being in the majority?" According to a Gallup poll released about two years ago, however, about two-thirds of Canadians would support legislative protection for the gay minority.

A private member's bill that had been introduced by Conservative MP Pat Carney (Vancouver Centre) on June 17, 1981 also died on the order paper. It seems doubtful that the issue will come up again as long as the present Liberal government is in power.

The province of Quebec, as well as several cities in Canada including Kitchener, have passed anti-discrimination laws protecting gay people. Support for gay rights has come from a variety of professional groups, trade unions, churches and voluntary associations; human rights commissions in several provinces have called for extending provincial human rights legislation to protect gays.

Gays of Ottawa and the Coalition for Gay Rights in Ontario had called on gay groups to send petitions to the Justice Committee in Ottawa demanding immediate passage of the legislation. Groups that had local by-laws prohibiting such discrimination had their cities forward copies of their by-laws to Ottawa.

It seems as if it will be a long time before the gay movement can mobilize enough pressure on the federal government so that such a bill can be read in the House and passed.

— Condensed from *The Body Politic*
and information from *Gays of Ottawa*

GLOW OFFICE cont.

It was felt that the present space arrangement was unworkable for some groups in the Campus Centre and that in particular the Ombudsman's office needed a sound-proofed location separate from the offices of the Federation of Students.

Over the last few weeks, the original proposals of the Space Allocation Committee have been dropped. GLOW learned of a new plan, proposed by Tom Allison, that would have had GLOW share office space with the Women's Centre. Allison felt that GLOW could not justify having its present space to itself and that doubling up with the Women's Centre was a workable solution for both groups.

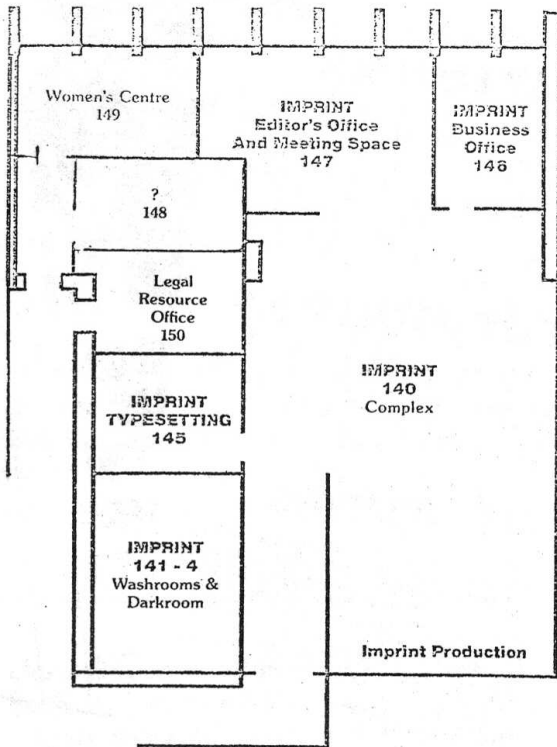
After some consultation on an informal basis with GLOW members he suggested that GLOW be given a separate office adjacent to the Women's Centre that would have been about five feet wide and eight feet long, with a small jog leading out into the hall for a desk.

GLOW then circulated an open letter to its members and to the groups affected calling for support to keep its present office and asking members to speak to Allison directly about the problem. A meeting was called for Wednesday, May 18 in Room 110 of the Campus Centre to discuss the issue.

Representatives from the Women's Centre and Birth Control Centre were in attendance at the meeting. Allison presented a third plan which had been arrived at the previous Monday. As with the other plans, the Ombudsman's office would be moved into the Birth Control Centre and Birth Control moved into the present GLOW office. GLOW would be given a somewhat larger office adjacent to the Women's Centre (see illustration below).

At the meeting Allison committed himself to finding a space for GLOW that would retain its viability as an organization. He added, however, that GLOW was "at the bottom of the totem pole" in the view of Federation of Students in terms of justifying space, pointing to the small student membership and GLOW's brief office hours. GLOW members responded that the membership list did not reflect the number of students involved since the great majority are reluctant to sign anything identifying themselves as gay, and that GLOW's twelve year history indicates that it fills a very real need for the University Community. Allison said, however, that he was willing to meet with GLOW to

sign a legal contract to effectively guarantee it space in the foreseeable future. The possibility of GLOW itself incorporating as a separate entity to enter into such an agreement was also raised.



GLOW could be in the office marked “? 148”

The consensus of GLOW members involved in the issue is that while the present office space is not ideal, it is needed until there is a definite agreement about relocation that will ensure adequate space.

Anyone wishing to have input on the relocation proposal is encouraged to write Tom Allison, c/o Federation of Students, University of Waterloo, Waterloo, Ontario N2L 3G1. Allison can be reached at 885-1211 ext. 3880 or in Room 235 of the Campus Centre, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm weekdays.

Greg Meadows

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LOOK JOINS GCDC

On May 26 the Lesbian Organization of Kitchener joined as the newest member of the Gay Community Dance Committee (GCDC) in Toronto.

GCDC was set up for the purpose of raising funds for non-profit lesbian and gay organizations in Toronto and area. Twenty-nine groups now pool their resources to hold dances at the Concert Hall at Yonge and Davenport. Anywhere from 1000 to 1300 people attend.

Groups are required to submit an application describing their activities and to attend the committee meetings. A group missing more than two meetings in a row is suspended.

Proceeds are divided on the basis of the number of tickets checked off in support of a particular group and on the number of hours a group works at the dances. All work is done on a volunteer basis except for the sound system and clean up.

We hope that LOOK will enjoy participating in GCDC!

GLOW NEWS is a monthly publication of Gay Liberation of Waterloo, a student club at the University of Waterloo since 1971.

GLOW acts as an educational resource on homosexuality as well as a support and social group for the gay community.

Any ideas or suggestions for this newsletter are welcome. Send material to GLOW NEWS, c/o Federation of Students, University of Waterloo, Waterloo, Ontario N2L 3G1. Deadline for the July issue is Wednesday, June 22.

Personal ads will be accepted at the rate of five cents a word; acceptance of ads is at the discretion of the GLOW executive. GLOW cannot convey messages to those taking out ads — use your own address or post office box. For further advertising information contact Greg Meadows through the GLOW office.

The opinions expressed herein are not necessarily those of GLOW or the Federation of Students unless otherwise indicated.

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OTHER LESBIAN AND GAY GROUPS IN THE AREA

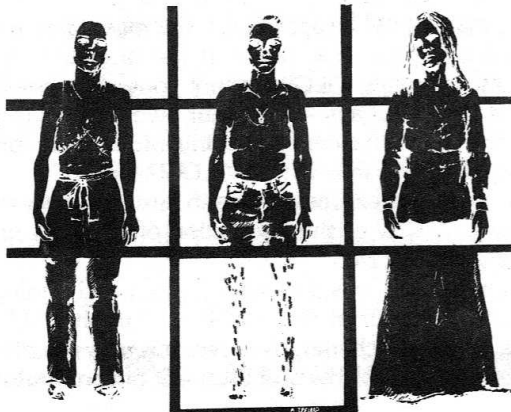
Lesbian Organization of Kitchener, Box 2422, Stn B, Kitchener, N2H 6M3. 578-████ or 745-████. Womyn's coffeehouse first Thursday of every month; general meeting third Friday of every month. Since times and locations for LOOK events have changed, call the above numbers for information. Listen to **Leaping Lesbians**, every Thursday from 6-8 pm on CKMS-FM, 94.5 FM or 105.7 cable.

Kitchener-Waterloo Gay Media Collective, Box 2741, Stn B, Kitchener, N2H 6N3. 579-████. A working group interested in broadcast and print media. Listen to **Gay News & Views**, every Tuesday from 6-8 pm on CKMS-FM.

Gays of Wilfrid Laurier University will be active again in the fall. Contact Jeff through GLOW for further information.

Guelph Gay Equality. Box 773, Guelph N1H 6L8. 836-████. A variety of events, including a dance at 611 Silvercreek Pkwy, Guelph, last Friday of every month.

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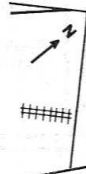
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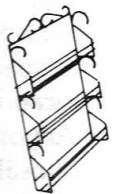
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“A DIFFERENT DRUMMER”

An introduction service for lesbians and gay men has come to Kitchener-Waterloo.

“A Different Drummer” has been operating for about a month in London “as an alternative for people who are sick of the bar scene or who can’t come out,” according to a spokesperson for the service. Two weeks ago GLOW members met informally with a promoter of the business, who has been running a parallel operation for heterosexuals for about five years.

For a monthly or yearly fee, customers are introduced to other users of the service that are seen as compatible. A minimum of two contacts a month are guaranteed.

Since the service is strictly confidential — users may phone in their personal information and use a file number instead of their names — patrons can still

meet other gays and not have to come out, said the spokesperson. He added that a great deal of the London business comes from those who are still in the closet.

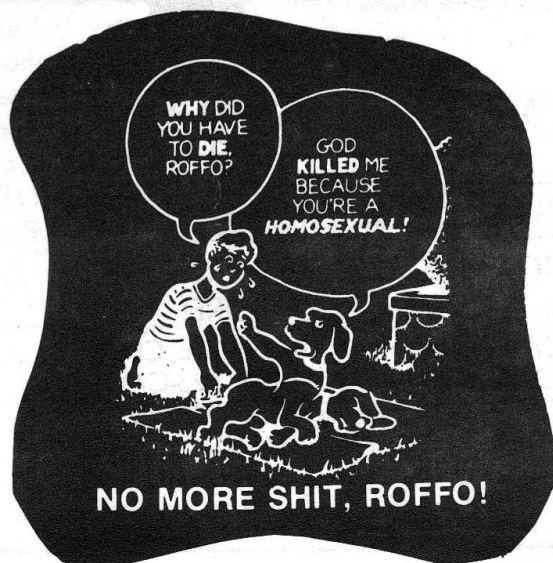
The service also attracts those who have not been able to find a relationship from the bars or other gay meeting places, he said.

While admitting that \$45 a month may seem like a lot to meet other people, a screening process takes place that is not possible elsewhere and reduces the risk people may face being identified as gay, he said.

He noted that heterosexuals meeting through the other part of the business have had relationships leading to marriage. He hoped that similar kind of “successes” could be achieved through the gay service.

Greg Meadows

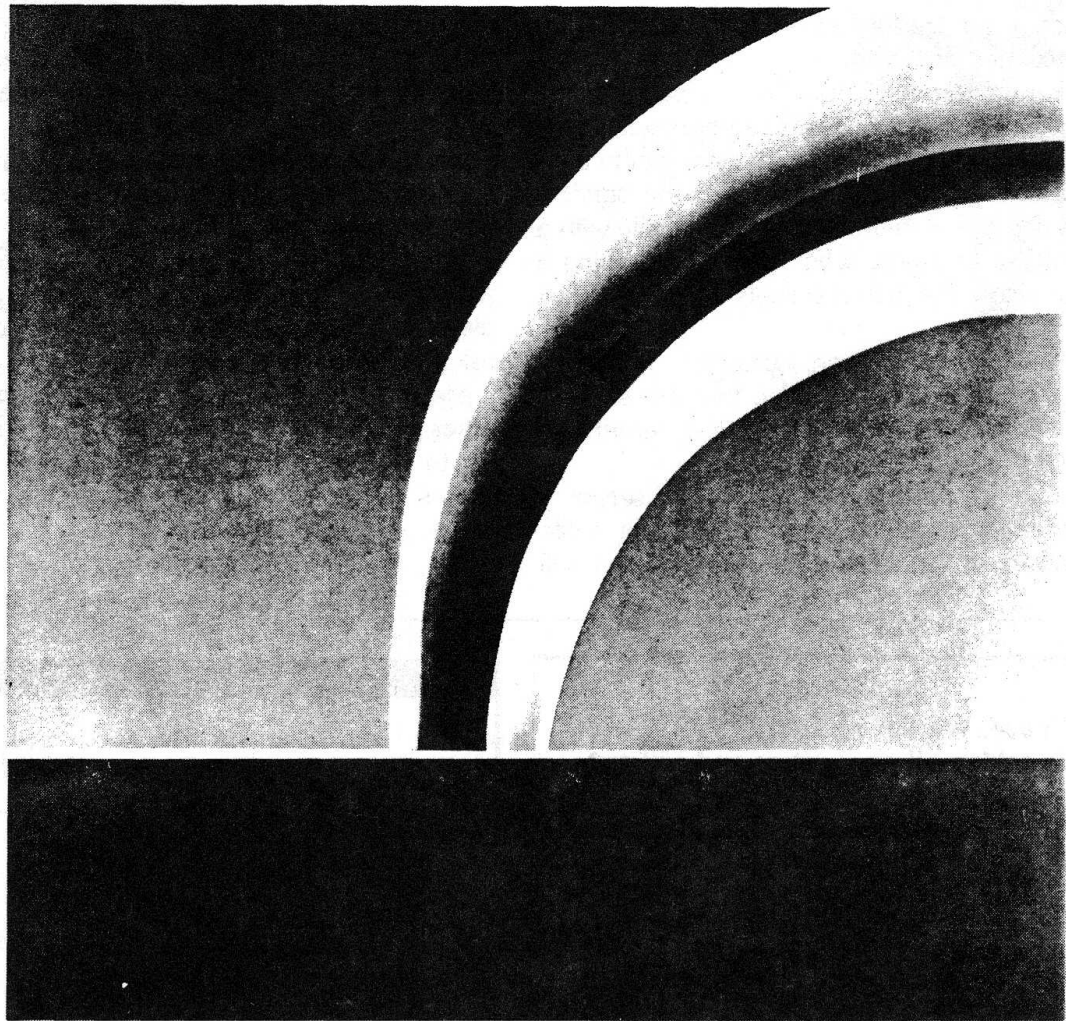
Unemployed Worker's Centre, 94A Queen St. S., is asking all gay writers and artists to submit material relating to their personal experiences, opinions and beliefs regarding the field of employment or unemployment for a new publication aimed at the unemployed sector.



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COMMUNITY EVENTS

June 7 — **Gay News & Views** radio programme, 6-8 pm on CKMS-FM, 94.5 FM or 105.7 cable. Gay News & Views now features **Intergay** from 7:00 to 7:30, an information service carrying news from gay communities all across North America.

June 8 — **GLOW coffeehouse**, 8:30 to 11:00 pm in Room 110 of the Campus Centre. A regular social event with occasional organized discussions.

June 9 — **Leaping Lesbians** radio programme, 6-8 pm on CKMS-FM. Members of the Lesbian Organization of Kitchener present a programme of womyn's music and news of interest to the lesbian community.

June 10 — **DANCE** sponsored by the K-W Lesbian and Gay Dance Committee at the Studio, Centre in the Square, 101 Queen St. N., Kitchener, 9:30 pm to 2:00 am. Tickets will be sold at the door, \$1.50 for members and \$2.50 for non-members; \$1 for everyone from 1:00 to 1:30 am. Have a good time and support your local community! Out-of-towners — just follow the signs to the Centre in the Square.



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June 14 — **Gay News & Views**, 6-8 pm on CKMS-FM.

June 15 — **GLOW coffeehouse**, 8:30 to 11:00 pm in Room 110 of the Campus Centre.

June 16 — **Leaping Lesbians** radio programme, 6-8 pm on CKMS-FM.

June 17 — **LOOK General Meeting**, call 745- or 578- for details of time and location.

June 21 — **Gay News & Views**, 6-8 pm on CKMS-FM.

June 22 — **GLOW coffeehouse**, 8:30 to 11:00 pm in Room 110 of the Campus Centre.

June 23 — **Leaping Lesbians** radio programme, 6-8 pm on CKMS-FM.

June 24 — **DANCE** sponsored by Guelph Gay Equality at the Old Schoolhouse, 611 Silvercreek Parkway, Guelph, 9:00 pm to 1:00 am.

June 25 — **"CELEBRATION"**, A Lesbian and Gay Dance sponsored by the Gay Community Dance Committee (see notice). Tickets available in advance at the GLOW coffeehouse or from Joe Szalai for \$7. (Refundable for volunteers.) 888 Yonge Street, Toronto — the Concert Hall at the corner of Yonge and Davenport. 9:00 pm to 5:00 am. Tickets also sold at the door for \$7 or for \$5 after 1:30 am.

June 26 — **LESBIAN AND GAY PRIDE DAY '83** at King's College Circle, University of Toronto, 1:00 to 4:00 pm. Entertainment will be provided by the Toronto Street Theatre, the Quinlan Sisters, Arlene Mantle and others, with display booths from a wide variety of lesbian and gay groups in Toronto and area. GLOW will be there! Childcare provided, interpreted for the hearing impaired. Parade following at 4:00 pm. Call (416) 923-GAYS or 884-GLOW for further information.

June 28 — **Gay News & Views**, 6-8 pm on CKMS-FM.

June 29 — **GLOW coffeehouse**, 8:30 to 11:00 pm in Room 110 of the Campus Centre.

June 30 — **Leaping Lesbians** radio programme, 6-8 pm on CKMS-FM.