

# GAY ALLIANCE FOR EQUALITY

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## Gay Alliance Pickets Jury Room

The Gay Alliance for Equality (GAE) will hold a picket in front of the Carleton Hotel on Argyle Street on Saturday, April 30, from 9:00 P.M. to 12:00 P.M.

The picket was planned after the GAE learned that the management of the Jury Room Lounge has been refusing service to lesbians and gay men.

On April 21st, in two separate incidents, approximately twenty men were asked to leave the lounge. They were told that "people of your kind" were not going to be served. Neil Gillis, the manager of the lounge, referred to several of the men as "queens."

The following evening, two women and two men, members of the GAE, attempted to enter the lounge. One of the members wore a button saying "Gay Rights Now". While they were waiting at the front of the line-up, other clients were being admitted through the back door. The GAE members were then refused admission.

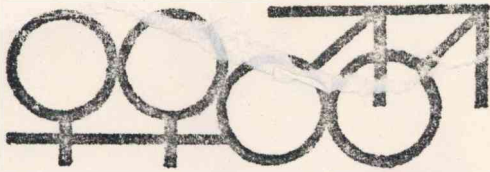
The GAE has learned of other incidents in the past, in which persons were refused service because they were gay, or were assumed to be so. At least one former employee of the Jury Room was told by the management not to serve gay people.

The GAE has called for a general buycott of the Jury Room. It has also attempted to arrange a meeting with Al Keith, owner of the Carleton Hotel. Mr.Keith has said that he cannot meet with the gay representatives before next week.

On Monday, April 25th, the GAE met with Philippe Comeau of the Human Rights Commission. He said that there is no legal protection for gays under the Human Rights Act, as it does not include the term "sexual orientation". We totally agree that this sort of thing shouldn't happen, It should be covered in the Act", said Mr. Comeau. The Commission will, however, speak with Mr. Keith about the matter.

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For further information, contact the GAE, or Robin Metcalfe, Secretary, 6257 Lawrence Street, Halifax, N.S. B3L 1J8, (902) 425-6967, or Anne Fulton, Chairperson, 44B Arlington Avenue, Halifax, N.S. B3N 2A1, (902) 477-0435.



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MOVEment for Citizens' Voice and Action  
1712 Argyle St.  
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Dear Friends;

At the General meeting of the Gay Alliance for Equality on January 9, 1977, it was decided to establish an annual citation to recognize exceptional service by an individual or organization in Nova Scotia to promote the equality of lesbians and gay men. The first such citation, for the year 1975, is hereby presented to the MOVEment for Citizens' Voice and Action.

From the founding of the GAE, MOVE has been a source of support and assistance. Any new organization suffers from a lack of resources and experience, and gay organizations in particular cannot take for granted the friendly assistance of other agencies. MOVE has been a constant and reliable friend, lending its resources freely, offering us a location from which to operate our telephone line, giving advice and sharing with us the experience of its members.

In recognition of these invaluable contributions, without which the GAE would have had difficulty surviving, we proudly present MOVE with this citation, and, as a symbol of our affection, the first annual Lavender Diesel award.

Yours very sincerely,

*M. Anne Fulton*

Anne Fulton  
Chairperson

*Robin Metcalfe*

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Secretary