

# GAEZETTE

NEWSLETTER OF THE GAY ALLIANCE FOR EQUALITY

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Leave me a while, for you have been too long a nearness  
that is perilous and sweet.  
Loose me a little from the tightening thong that binds  
my spirit, eyes, hands and feet;  
For there are old communions I would hold, to mind my  
heart what field and sky may be.  
Earth bears her fruit, September has a gold...  
and the stars are still high points in constancy.  
Loose me a little now. I have need of standing in an  
open, windy place,  
of saying names again,  
of giving heed to those companions of this lonely race...

Loose me to these between one dusk and dawn.  
I shall have need of them when you are gone.

-author unknown-

## Upcoming Events

### GAY ALLIANCE FOR EQUALITY:

P.O. Box 3611  
Halifax South Station  
Halifax, N.S.  
B3J 3K6

### RADCLYFFE HALL:

5559 Macarra Street (at Isleville)  
Halifax, N.S.  
B3K 1W1  
Ph: 454-6551

### GAYLINE:

Counselling, information, referrals  
Thursdays to Saturdays from 7-10 pm  
Ph: 423-1389

### RUMOURS SOCIAL CLUB:

1586 Granville Street  
Halifax, N.S.  
Ph: 423-6814

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on the first of each month. Contributions  
are welcomed, but please type or print  
them neatly. Please address to:  
Gaezette c/o P.O. Box 3611, Halifax  
South Station, Halifax, NS, B3J 3K6 by  
the 20th of the month or leave at  
RUMOURS, 1586 Granville Street, Halifax,  
in care of the manager.

Rumours Christmas Party: There'll be  
carolling, eggnog, a tree, and an organ to  
play with (is someone bringing a Yule log?)  
at Rumours on December 19. The festivities  
start at 9, with no admission charge before  
10, \$3 for non-members after that.  
1586 Granville Street. Call 423-6814 for  
more information.

Rumours New Year's Celebration: Few details  
at press time, but the party will start  
with a buffet at 8 p.m., December 31 and  
last until 3 a.m. January 1, 1986.  
Call 423-6814 for more information.

Two Together: Halifax artist Micah Lexier  
combines the pink triangle with the Star  
of David in his sound and sculpture instal-  
lation at the Eye Level Gallery. Commenting  
on the experiences of being gay and Jewish,  
he explores the meaning of symbols and  
labels in both cultures. 1585 Barrington  
Street, 3rd floor, December 3-21, with an  
opening December 3 at 8 p.m. 425-6412 for  
more information.



Fourth Annual  
Gay Alliance for Equality  
NEW YEAR'S DAY LEVEE

Wednesday, January 1: 11 am - 2 pm

at

Radclyffe Hall, 5559 Macara Street

Hot soft cider, gourmet coffees and teas, fruit juices, pop  
Potluck cookies, cakes, squares, treats - bring your favorite snack

Gay and lesbian community and friends - all welcome

DOOR PRIZES

This alcohol-free event is sponsored by the Civil Rights Committee

Kiss of the Spider Woman: The Advocate calls it "the gay film of 1985." Brazilian director Hector ("Pixote") Babenco's adaptation of Manuel Puig's novel takes place in Argentina under the military junta. William Hurt won the Best Actor award at Cannes for his portrayal of an effeminate gay man who charms fellow prisoner Raul Julia, a dour Marxist revolutionary, by recounting the plots of 1940's B-movies. Sonia Braga in the title role. At Wormwood's, January 3-9, 7 and 9:15 each evening. Admission \$3. For more information call 422-3700.

Stop Making Sense: Get in live early for Jonathan Demme's concert film of the Talking Heads. One of the most popular films ever shown at Wormwood's, it returns for three days only, December 20 and 21 at 7, 9, and 11 pm and December 22 at 2, 7, and 9 pm. Call 422-3700 for information.

The Maids: Halifax's Theatre Arts Guild will present Jean Genet's drama of envy, greed, and lust at the Pond Playhouse, 5 Parkhill Road (off Purcell's Cove Road), December 4-7 and 11-14 at 8 p.m. each evening. Tickets \$6/\$5. For reservations, call 422-4270.

Insignificance: Marilyn Munroe explains relativity to Albert Einstein in Nicholas Roeg's film adaptation of the hit London stage play. December 6-12 at Wormwood, 1588 Barrington Street, 7 and 9 p.m. each evening. \$3 admission. Call 422-3700 for more information.

Censorship and Beyond: Issues in Freedom of Expression: Toronto writer Varda Burstyn, editor of the recent anthology, Women Against Censorship, will speak at the Bell Auditorium, Nova Scotia College of Art and Design, 5163 Duke Street, December 10 at 8 p.m. Call 429-7299 for information.

## In the News

### GAY NATIVE ANTHOLOGY

San Francisco-A book length collection of writings documenting the past and present life of gay American Indians is presently being organized by the Gay American Indians (GAI).

Randy Burns, president of GAI, told Gay Community News, "Today many American Indians have adopted the hostile attitudes of non-Indian society towards gay people. But this was not part of the traditional way in many tribes.... As gay men and women, we often had a special place in the social, religious, and economic life of our

communities." Burns added that the anthology had already gathered references on traditional gay roles in more than 100 tribal societies in North America. GAI is looking for more contributions from gay and lesbian Native Americans. Contributors are encouraged to document their own experiences or to submit historical accounts. Poetry, prose, or graphics are also being accepted and honorariums will be paid for work accepted. Submissions should be sent as soon as possible to GAI History Project, 1347 Divisadero St. #312, San Francisco, CA 94115.  
(New York Native)



## EQUALITY RIGHTS COMMITTEE THANKS GAE FOR INPUT ON GAY RIGHTS

Patrick Boyer, chair of the Parliamentary Committee on Equality Rights, has written to thank GAE "for your efforts and initiative" in making a presentation to the hearings in Halifax this summer.

More than one thousand submissions were made to the committee in its cross-Canada hearings.

The Committee's final report, Equality for All, takes into account issues of mandatory retirement, immigration, access for the physically disabled, the civil status of the mentally disabled, the situation of part-time workers, political rights of public servants, and many others in addition to that of sexual orientation.

According to the report, "What witnesses told us about the experiences of homosexuals in Canada indicated that they do not enjoy the same basic freedoms as others. Their sexual orientation is often a basis for unjustifiably different treatment under laws and policies, including those at the federal level, and in their dealings with private persons. We have therefore concluded that 'sexual orientation' should be read into the general opened language of Section 15 of the Charter (of Rights and Freedoms) as a constitutionally prohibited ground of discrimination."

The Committee also recommended that lesbians and gays be specifically mentioned in the Canadian Human Rights Act, that the military and the RCMP not be given any exemption that would let them continue to discriminate against lesbians and gays, and that age of consent laws be amended so that the age of consent for gay sex is the same as for heterosexual relations.

A copy of the report was sent to every group that made a submission, and GAE'S copy is available at Radcliffe Hall.

### OUT OF THE CLOSET AND INTO THE ARCHIVES

Ann Molgat of the Canadian Women's Movement Archives, a ten-year-old Toronto-based organization, met members of the Halifax lesbian community on Women's Night, November 19, at Rumours.

The Canadian Women's Movement Archives has material on more than 1500 women's groups active since 1960, including a large selection of lesbian newsletters and group files.

Although papers are the bulk of the collection, the Archives also has buttons, posters, slides, photographs, t-shirts, and audio and videotapes.

"We do not want to centralize material in Toronto, nor do we want to compete with other archives". Rather, the group encourages women or groups in each area to consider collecting and depositing women's materials in existing local or regional archives. Although they are cramped for space, the group is willing to take materials that women feel uneasy about placing in the public domain - especially materials from lesbian or civil disobedience groups.

Questionnaires are being circulated to interested women and groups, so that a list of women's movement materials can be prepared.

The group is also interested in supporting local women's committees that are trying to collect materials. For more information, contact the Canadian Women's Movement Archives, 455 Spadina Ave, Toronto, M4T 2P1. Anyone interested in a local collections group, contact Lynn Murphy, 455-0193h.

But first, in that box on the top shelf or the closet, isn't there a poster for the Anarca-Feminist Reading Group? Wasn't there a constitution for Atlantic Provinces Political Lesbians for Equality? Didn't we pass out a leaflet when we picketed that play at Wormwood? In that box in the basement of Jane's house, isn't there a copy of the first (and only) issue of Halifax's own lesbian magazine, The Sisters' Lightship?

You too can be an archivist.

### IN THE NEWS:

The U.S. Justice Department is moving to block a gay man's lawsuit against the White House. Killian Swift, a former White House employee, lost his security clearance and therefore his job when it was discovered he was gay. The White House at first gave him no reason for stripping him of his security clearance, but later information indicates he was fired for being gay. The Reagan administration argues that Swift, because he is gay, has no right to work at the White House and therefore has no legal basis on which to argue his lawsuit. (Rites-Nov)

Gays and lesbians of Moncton (GLM) is urging its members not to renew membership in Ziggy's, a downtown Moncton nightclub. The club's rules have been changed to specify that two men dancing together will constitute reason for revocation of membership. Approximately 300 GLM members are being asked to exercise their economic clout by boycotting the club.



DECEMBER

SUNDAY DIMANCHE	MONDAY LUNDI	TUESDAY MARDI	WEDNESDAY MERCREDI	THURSDAY JEUDI	FRIDAY VENDREDI	SATURDAY SAMEDI
1	2 Men's Night Rumours	3 Women's Night Rumours	4 Live & Let Live 8pm RH	5 GAE Mtg 7:30 RH	6	7
8	9 Men's Night Rumours	10 Women's Night Rumours	11 Open Mgmt Board Meet. 7:30 Rumours Live & Let Live 8pm RH	12	13	14
15	16 Civil Rights Cmt Meet. 7:30 RH Men's Night Rumours	17 Women's Night Rumours	18 Live & Let Live 8pm RH	19 GAE Mtg 7:30 RH Rumours Xmas Party 9pm	20	21
22	23 Rumours Closed	24 Rumours Closed	25 Rumours Closed	26 Rumours Closed	27	28
29	30 Men's Night Rumours	31 New Year's Eve Party Rumours	1 Rumours Closed New Year 's Levee RH 11am			

Dec 3-21: Two Together

Dec 4-7; 11-14: The Maids

Dec 6-12: Insignificance

Dec 10: Women Against Censorship

Jan 3-9: Kiss of Spider Womn

Dec 20-22: Stop Making Sense

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