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NEWS AND VIEWS OF AND ABOUT THE GAY AND LESBIAN COMMUNITY
IN GENERAL AND IN HALIFAX IN PARTICULAR

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It is Wednesday evening, 29 August 1984 and time for me to write this brief leader for the September issue of Gazette. There is enough factual material to fill the pages allotted... but where are the articles to inform, to amuse, to stimulate and uplift, to provoke discussion, to report on travel in the wide world or events in the big TO? Or whatever.

R.I.P

All ye Gay and Lesbian writers..... you must be dead.

The space below is left blank as a token of that space which might have been occupied by your writings.

Contributions for the October issue will be gratefully received by the Editor. These may please be sent to or left with the Manager of Rumours, clearly marked... "for the attention of the Editor, Gazette". The address for Rumours is: 1586 Granville Street, Halifax, N.S.. B3J 3X1. Phone 423 6814. Or the address for the G.A.E. may be used: P.O. Box 3611, SOUTH STATION, HALIFAX B3J 3K6.

The foregoing remarks still stand despite the verse selections and the very good article on 'Relationships' which have been received at the 11th hour.

Closing date for contributions to the October issue is 25 Sept..

RELATIONSHIPS.... THE "ART OF ARTS".

There has always been a variety of human loving down through the centuries and these different sorts of loving make different demands and create different expectations. These varieties of human loving, whether it be the love of God, the love of community or the love of another person involve the passions. These passions must in some way be disciplined and directed to good purposes if love is not to be pure illusion, for indeed, the * toward love and relationship can often become the source of the sharpest conflicts and the bitterest divisions both within our-selves and with others if this fact is not recognised.*movement

The ancient writers called love the "Art of Arts". One of the things meant by this phrase was that any relationship worthy of the name involved the participants in an exacting personal discipline of making choices and establishing commitments. As this is true in the development of an artistic talent so it is true in establishing relationships.

The human heart is the same for gay and straight people. We all have the same needs and the same tendency for destruction. If our lives are to unfold in a fulfilling way we will have to cultivate a searching self-knowledge, aware of our limitations and our strengths. Only then will it be possible for us to give ourselves to another.

The beginning of any relationship starts with the desire and the belief that it is possible to fulfill yourself in a total commitment to another person. This involves certain demands and creates particular expectations that must eventually be shared by the two people. This initial commitment, founded only on the desire to build a relationship, makes progress in the relationship possible as we seek to know the other person and to share our lives with them. It is, however, important to recognise that a real relationship is only possible between those whose lives, habits and interests are alike and whose intentions are genuinely for their mutual good. It is therefore not possible to have for a friend someone who has no respect for him/herself and it would be disastrous to commit oneself to such a person. All relationships must begin with a mutual self-respect. It is the one strength that must be there from the very beginning if the relationship is to become a joy and not a burden. (=)

GAYS, LESBIANS, AND THE PEACE MOVEMENT: (WHY) SHOULD WE BE INVOLVED?

* What are our chances of being in the government's (in)famous Debert bunker?

* Can a pro-peace organization also fight for homosexual rights within the military?

* Should Rumours be declared a nuclear-free zone?

These and other questions will be addressed at a program sponsored by the Gay Alliance for Equality Civil Rights Committee at Rumours upstairs lounge beginning at 8:00 pm, Wednesday September 26.

Speakers will be peace activists Andrea Currie and David Hope-Simpson. Pro and Con opinions welcomed in question period and informal discussion to follow. (LM)

THE LIBRARY LIVES!

Local lavender librarians have long been familiar with the symptoms of Gay Reader Abashed and Diffident Syndrome (GRAIDS, for short). Victims tend to sidle up to lavender librarians with an armload of science fiction cleverly sandwiching one gay-interest psychology book ten years out of date, and ask, "Can't you take this out on your card?"

Public library collections on gay interests tend to range from the limited to the abysmal, in spite of the efforts of a national librarians' Gay Interest Group.

If you are interested in seeing a collection made available to our community right here at Rumours, come to a library Wine and Cheese Party in the upper lounge on Thurs September 20 at 8:00 pm.

Rather play Gay Monopoly? Plans are to combine books and magazines with non-electronic games. (LM)

NOW, IF WE COULD BUY THE CITY CLUB...

The rent goes up every year and the electricity doesn't run to air conditioners and gay youth can't join GAE because meetings are held in licensed premises....

Rumours has its drawbacks.

GAE's longterm goal is for us to own our own community centre. If you'd like to offer pipedreams or a detailed cost analysis, suggest a lesbian/gay art gallery or the absolute necessity of having a massage parlour in the basement, come to the GAE meeting on Wednesday September 19. After a half-hour business meeting starting at 7:30, there will be a brainstorming session on how we can get from here to there.

Non-members as well as members are welcome: if you can't come, write. (Yes, we know how you took that!) (LM)

POPE JOAN

Pope Joan T-shirts now available from Red Herring Cooperative Books. Wear them to the Commons. Buy a Christmas present for your aunt, Sister Mary Cosmas and Damian.

Now for the bad news: POPE JOAN was not a lesbian: tradition has it she had a baby in the middle of a papal procession. (LM)

PAINTING LOTTERY

We haf vays off making you pay taxes! The Civil Rights Committee discovered we have to have a permit to sell tickets on our beautiful framed painting of the Turret (with City Club in foreground). Tickets available soon - as soon as we get the go-ahead from the Lottery Commission. Sorry for delay!

(LM)

Winds Of Love.

It is hot
Sunbeams tingle on my bare legs
Rays that dry the vital stream
Until you breathe
 Through my hair
 Through my eyes
 On my neck
 On my hands
Touching me like a silken web
That melts again
 So soon
Was it not you?
As gentle as this summer-whispered wind
Are you.... and more
More than the salt sea-wind from the long ocean
More than the soft night breeze, balmy evening caresses
Greater than the storm wind lashing through the boughs
 entangling branches with dreams and sighs
Nor ever less than the solar winds sweeping worlds,
 touching stars, reaching galaxies
The birth and death of a universe, it is all in your smile
I **draw** no metaphor or simile
It is all as I have said'
All the ongoing creation, Alpha and Omega -
 just behind your eyes.

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RUMOURS. Club premises at 1586 Granville Street , Halifax.
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BIRTHDAY PARTY. On a date in October to be decided &
which will be published in Gaezette for October. Be prepared
for a Big Birthday Bash.

DISCO GOLD. Will be held on Wednesday 19 September.
Music will be supplied by David F.

HALLOWEEN. Party on Wednesday 31 October .

Men's Nights are held on 1st & 3rd Tuesdays
Women's Nights on 2nd & 4th Tuesdays

Announcement: Professional counsellor seeks contact with parents of Gay men and Lesbians who have come to terms with the reality of their children's homosexuality. Are your parents accepting of your preference? Do you know others who have gay-positive parents? Your information would prove helpful to those currently struggling to accept their sons and daughters who have 'come out'. Confidentiality assured. Call 425 6967. Ken Belanger. (KB)

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I can still feel
The memory
Of tears flowing like
Blood from my vein
And my heart pounding
Out back-beat
To the sobs sounding
Softly her name. (=)

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Announcement: Posters and other artwork prepared by free-lance designer. Examples can be seen at Rumours. Contact Pam Pike at Rumours. Phone 423 6814 Or 429 7325 (Sept. & Oct.). (PP)

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Paid announcement: ASPIRATIONS. Gary is taking a well-earned rest from the cutting and styling but will soon be back to make realisations of his aspirations. You will find the salon next to Cooleys on Queen street at Spring Garden Road. (GW)

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Travel notes. (=) newly returned from Montreal tells me that on Rue St. Denis there are no less than 4, count them, 4 clubs for women. These are the LILLITH, THE LABYRIS, ZUT AND BILITIS.
When will the Lesbian women of Halifax have a place to call their own? (=)
(=) now returned from PEI after a sojourn of several months has this to say about her stay. It was very calming! (=)

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WEEKEND.... Labour Day. Lists closed 29 Aug. for those like-minded people who have banded together for the Picnic, Corn-Boil and Camp-Out on McNab's Is. from Sat. 1st to Mon. 3rd Sept. Transport is assured by Capt. John's Launch on trips leaving Halifax Sat. at 1030 am, Sun at 2 pm and Mon at 10 am. KB/LMP)