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NEWSLETTER OF THE GAY ALLIANCE FOR EQUALITY

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

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In these autumnal days of 1984 we are, once again, beginning to be conscious of the falling of the leaves. Slowly at the first onset of the cooler weather and as the month draws to an end, then more briskly until all are gone. It is October.

In such a way can we see the passage of the years in our lives. At twenty one looks at forty as infinity! At forty, one looks back, with considerable dismay, at twenty as being only yesterday and with more or less **trepidation, forward to sixty** as being as near as tomorrow. At sixty? Ah! Here speaks the voice of experience. Your editor has passed this marker by two falls of the leaves - and burns the candle at both ends (and in the middle too, it seems!) to be able to encompass all those activities which she has elected to undertake -- and all which have been thrust upon her! As if to achieve some standing in a race, against time. And despite the problems, the irritations, the failures, the hopes dashed, the increasing arthritis..... these are indeed great fall days.

Having said which, let me turn to a matter which has raised some voices in protest. This in connection with the announcement which appeared in the September edition of Gaezette. The item about the sale of Pope Joan T-shirts. Not only the garments, but the tone of the text. This was, in the opinion of some Lesbian women, "in very poor taste". What are your views on this subject ... or any other? Why not express them in print in the form of a short letter or article?

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After a while you learn the subtle difference between  
holding a hand and chaining a soul,  
And you learn that love doesn't mean leaning and company  
doesn't mean security,  
And you begin to learn that kisses aren't contracts  
and presents aren't promises,  
And you begin to accept your defeats with your head up  
and your eyes open,  
With the grace of an adult,  
Not the grief of a child,  
And you learn to build all your roads on today,  
Because tomorrow's ground is too uncertain for plans.  
After a while you learn that even sunshine burns  
if you get too much.  
So plant your own garden and decorate your own soil,  
Instead of waiting for someone to bring you flowers.  
And you learn that you really can endure.....  
That you really are strong,  
And that you really do have worth.

(Contributed. From Readers Digest)

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An open letter to all women who have been released from the Forces  
or who are in the Forces and are worried about it.

We are all aware that there have been a great number of  
Lesbian women across the country who have been released from the  
Canadian Forces. In the past few years the number has increased  
significantly.

The effects on me personally and on those to whom I have  
had the opportunity of talking, have been psychologically  
devastating, not to mention creating an economical hardship  
until we are able to draw ourselves together again. In talking  
to others it has become clear to me how vital it is for us to be  
able to do just that ... talk to one another about our experiences,  
angers and feelings.

The process of basic training and life in the Forces leaves  
one lost and vulnerable when released. The effects of interrogat-  
-ion and trying to hide our life-style goes deeper than we realise,  
and sometimes it takes years to work through.

The point of this letter is an attempt to create some kind  
of support network for women who have been released and for those

Open Letter.. Cotinued.

women in the Forces who live in constant fear of detection. If you want to meet with me just to talk, or write to me, you can be assured of confidentiality and privacy. The only thing I can guarantee is that I care a great deal ... I have been through it. Write to me care of G.A.E., P.O. Box 3611. Halifax South Postal Station, Halifax, N.S., or enquire for me at Rumours on Women's Nights. (Second and Fourth Tuesdays of each month... Editor)

Darl Wood.

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FEMINIST WRITERS TO SPEAK AT DALHOUSIE..... Three well-known feminists will speak at Dalhousie University as part of the 1984 Killam Lecture Series: "Feminist Visions".

1. 11 October 1984. American novelist MARGE PIERCEY, author of 'Woman on the edge of Time' will speak on "Feminism: a vision to end Dichotomies".

2. 18 October 1984. Noted British socialist-feminist SHEILA ROWBOTHAM, author of 'Beyond the Fragments' will speak on "Feminism and Traditional Values".

3. 25 October 1984. MARY DALY, author of 'Gyn/Ecology: The Metaethics of Radical Feminism' will give the final lecture "Wanderlust-Wonderlust: Remembering the Elemental Powers of Women".

The lectures will take place at 8.00 pm on each occasion in the Rebecca Cohn Auditorium and are open to the general public. There will be NO admission charge. A reception will follow each of the lectures.

In preparation for the lectures, Dalhousie Part-Time Studies will present a background seminar on each lecturer two days before she is to speak. On 9, 16, & 23 October from 7.30 to 9.00 pm at the MacMechan Auditorium in the Killam Library. These seminars will be free. To register for the background seminars, contact Part-Time Studies at 424 2375. For more information on the Killam Lectures, call Professor Christine Boyle at 424 3418.

Concurrently with the lectures, the Dalhousie Art Gallery will present an exhibition of work by local women artists.

Thanks to Robin Metcalf News Service for this item.

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N.S.. B3J 3K6.

RUMOURS. The next event at present in the planning stage is the BIRTHDAY PARTY on Wednesday 10 October 1984.

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tonight is a night for  
moonswells of joy  
for Artemis woos us  
growing to fulness  
the light of the waxing moon  
on each woman's face  
as she laughs  
loving herself  
and her sisters  
with love that gets  
bigger and bigger

(ANDREA C)

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Paid Announcement.

ASPIRATIONS. Hair cutting, styling.  
Is up and doing,  
Places going.  
Catch the fall line there;  
Such shaping and crafting,  
Leaves the others standing.

Aspirations, Queen St. at Spring Garden Road. Next to Cooley's.  
Phone 422 9436. (GW(

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The Seventh Day Adventist Kinship is a gay support group working with and for people who wish to retain their religious affiliation within the SDA church but who are openly gay. They have published a book called "Homosexuality and the Bible" which can be ordered for \$US2.00 or C\$2.50. Write to: Seventh Day Kinship (Canada), PO Box 408, Stn. C. Toronto, Ont.. M6J 3P5.

With thanks and acknowledgments to GAIN.

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Requiem Mass at 1000 am Monday 1 October 1984 at St. George's Anglican Church, Brunswick at Cornwallis.

RUMOURS. The Open Management Board Meeting will be held on the first Wednesday after Thanksgiving which is 10 October 1984 at 7.30 pm. in the Club. (Arthur Sniders)

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Repeated Announcement. KEN BELANGER, BSc, MSW, RSW, is pleased to announce the opening of his private counselling service for Lesbians and Gay Men. Both individual and couple counselling are being provided for in a pleasant atmosphere of an in-home office. Fees are negotiable, based on income. Confidentiality assured. For further information, or to arrange an appointment please call 425-6967. (KB)

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Please note that

3 copies each of the August and September issues of Gaezette were sent to parallel organisations in Atlantica.

At this time (29 September) I have received 3 copies of GAIN's newsletter. For those of the community who may be travelling in those regions I am including thir addresses, with my regrets that telephone numbers are not available at present.

FLAG, PO Box 1556, Stn A, Fredricton, NB. E3B 5G2.

GAIN, PO Box 1364, Stn C, St. John's, NFLD. A1C 5N5.

LAGO SJ, PO Box 6494, Stn A, St. John, NB. E2L 4R9. (PM-Ed)

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REPORTS FROM "PARENTS AND FRIENDS OF GAYS, NATIONAL COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL CONCERNS AND HUMAN RIGHTS". To whom be acknowledgments & thanks.

Buffalo, NY. Buffalo's Common Council defied the Mayor and approved protection to gay persons who are city employees. The action came when the council voted 9-2 in support of an amendment adding sexual orientation to the protected characteristics of race, colour, national origin, sex, disability or marital status.

Mayor James Griffiths vetoed the change but the Council over-rode it the next day. The Ordinance also protects the rights of individuals working for businesses that have City contracts.

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GAYLINE for COUSELLING, INFORMATION REFERRAL. PHONE 423 1380 or 423 1389

REPORTS, continued.

BOSTON, MA. The Boston City Council has passed a broad human rights ordinance that includes protections for Lesbians and Gay Men. It is expected that Mayor Ray Flynn, who has stated his support for the measure, will sign the bill.

The bill protects people from discrimination on the basis of many categories including sex, race, marital status, handicap, sexual orientation, ex-offender status and religion.

The new Human Rights Ordinance protects against discrimination in a variety of areas, including employment, public accomodation, insurance, bonding and credit.

HOUSTON, TX. Houston's City Council narrowly approved an amendment extending civil service protection to gay persons. The Council voted 8 -7 in favour of a resolution prohibiting the city from discriminating against anyone on the basis of sexual orientation in its affirmative action programmes.

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McNABBS IS. PICNIC & CAMP OUT. A REPORT BY GLORIA BORDEN.

I often hear the Gays and Lesbians complaining of having nothing to do and that nothing is being done for them. So I was surprised to find only 24 'like-minded people' from our Halifax community showed up for the outing. One asks: "where were the the other hundreds or even dozens, The event had been advertised since February with a tentative date of the Canada Day week-end which was later changed to the Labour Day weekend for which a 3 day camp-out was planned. One would have thought that there was enough notice so that larger numbers might have so arranged their weekend.

A small group met at Rumours on Saturday and took the ferry to the Island and were joined there by others on the Sunday.

The barbecues, campfires, stories, the atmosphere, the preparations for breakfast and for the suckling pig, the nature trails the night walkson the beaches all materialised and were greatly enjoyed.

I hated to see the weekend come to an end ,,, and not because of the loads of supplies that had to toted back to town!

I will do it again and other guys and gals who made this outing so enjoyable, will join with me.

If each one of us brings a friend or two.....

OVER 30s.

The Fall part of the 84/85 programme of social events commenced last night, Saturday 29th September, with a Pot Luck & BYOB at the home of Al Stewart and his room-mates.

A total of about 30 people attended and had very enjoyable evening. There were several visitors from the Valley and beyond and there was some interesting conversation.

We look forward to the October gathering which will, probably, be held on the last Saturday of October (27th).

If anyone has a home to offer for the accomodation of this, or any other future event, may I ask you get in touch with either of the co-ordinators at 425 5595/ 423 3072 or 423 5097.

Application forms are available at Rumours.

Over 30s and their partners are also encouraged to join in these events.

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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 (September & October).

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She walked alone along the shore  
Where gulls soar and waves roar  
She walked alone in a bubble of thought  
Where dreams were dreamed and came to nought  
And she did'nt hear the music from the ocean floor  
And she did'nt hear the heartbeat of the broad earth's  
core  
And she missed the sunbeams dancing on the sea  
And she missed the shimmering beach.... and me

(HB)

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