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Proud Summer of 1994

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CKWBL has quite a few plans for the Spring and Summer, especially in the months of June and July. Given this is the 25th anniversary of the birth of the Gay Liberation Movement, we have a lot to celebrate and be proud of!

We will continue to have our discussion nights on the first Monday of the month in the University of Waterloo's Modern Languages building, room 104 (faculty lounge) from 7:30 to 9:30. Beginning in May, we are going to try something different for our regular discussion night.

At a recent meeting it was decided we should try to have a specific topic for each evening. We will emphasize more personal feelings and experience and less theory and general observation.

Summer discussion topics

On **Monday, May 2**, we will begin with a topic we all know something about, "Coming Out." Who am I comfortable and uncomfortable about coming out to and why? Do I have regrets about coming out to someone? Would I recommend what I have done to others? These will be some of the questions we will explore together.

On **Monday, June 6**, we will share our thoughts and feelings about "Bisexuality" - of all things! What are the myths surrounding bisexuality? Is there a need for a bisexual community? Is bi-

sexuality in conflict with monogamy?

On **Monday, July 4**, we'll explore the issues around stereotyping. This will be of particular relevance for all those who go to **Pride Day** in Toronto the day before - more on that later. Some questions that could be asked could be, what kind of stereotypes of les/gay/bi/transsexual people

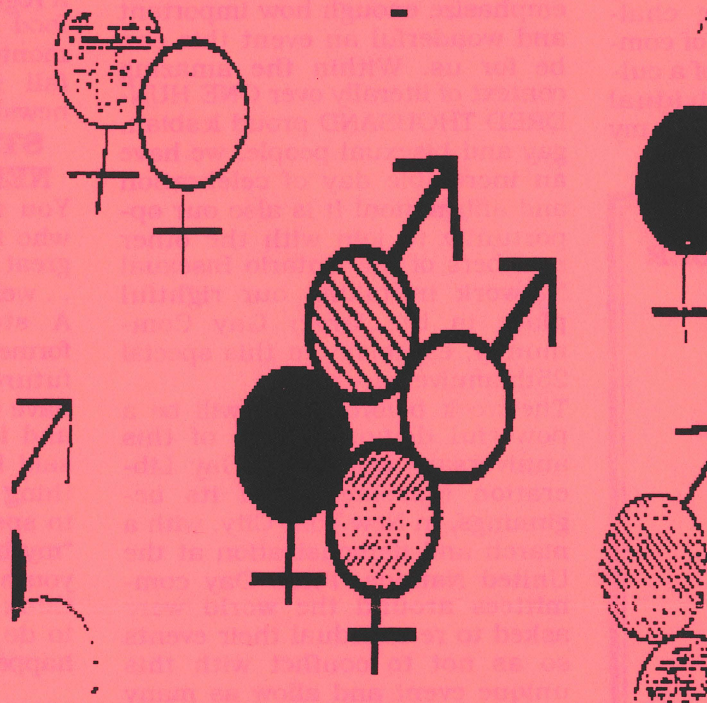
Parrot in particular for helping set us up on this new track and providing invaluable resources.

Movie Nights

We are going to take a break from our third-Monday-of-the-month movie night for the summer. After receiving a lot of positive feedback on the idea and working out the logistics of getting the films and the equipment to view them, attendance at the first two films was disappointing, though our last two were well attended. The whole idea behind the film night was to provide an interesting alternative context for us to gather together to affirm our sense of community. Despite the unexpectedly low attendance some nights, we will try again in the fall to entice you to come out for a fun evening with your bi-community friends.

Dance Night

Speaking of fun, attendance at our monthly outing to **The Robin's Nest, 26 Hobson Street in Galt 621-2688**, has also been modest, but those who came out enjoyed themselves and we now have a regular group looking forward to the night of dancing and fun. We will be tripping the light fantastic again on the third Saturday of the month in the fall. That doesn't mean any of us can't organize a trip there anytime we like during the summer! Our choice of this bar has turned out to be a very good one. The owners are quite supportive and the patrons seem quite comfort-



have I been exposed to? How have these stereotypes affected my relationships?

On **Monday, August 8**, we will tackle the difficult issue of being out at work. If you are not out at work, do you consider it safe or unsafe to come out? If you are out, why did you come out and what has been the results of your decision? I must thank the Gay and Lesbian Liberation of Waterloo (GLLOW) in general and Jim

able with us. As if to reaffirm our choice, after spending a couple of hours at the Robin's Nest in April, a few of us went to the Pink Zone in Kitchener to meet someone. What a difference! There were mostly men, mostly in their 20s, dressed like clones, leaning up against the bar looking at us like we were from Mars!

SPECIAL SPRING/ SUMMER EVENTS

There are quite a few exciting events to look forward to this Spring/Summer.

Talk about CKWBL at Unitarian House

I will be giving a talk at Unitarian House, 136 Allen St. East in Waterloo, on Sunday, May 22 at 11:00 a.m. Many will remember this as our meeting space for several months last year. The talk is titled "The Challenge of Community Building." I will focus on the experience of founding CKWBL and the ongoing challenges of building a sense of community within the context of a culture emphasizing individual autonomy. I also will touch on my

hopes for the eventual building of coalitions between different community-building groups like ourselves.

Unitarian House is an open-ended community of people gathering together for many reasons on Sunday mornings to hear a wide range of speakers. As a humanist-agnostic, I enjoy the tolerant, intellectual atmosphere where on a given Sunday we may practice Buddhist chanting, take part in a Pagan circle or hear a talk by a university professor on the nature of humor. Some members of the Ontario Bisexual Network are looking at the possibility of coming up for the talk, I hope many of you will consider coming as well.

PRIDE DAY, O.B.N AGM and CKWBL picnic in July!

First and foremost on our July calendar is **LESBIAN, AND GAY PRIDE DAY** in Toronto on Sunday, **July 3**. I don't think I can emphasize enough how important and wonderful an event this can be for us. Within the amazing context of literally over ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND proud lesbian, gay and bisexual people, we have an incredible day of celebration and affirmation! It is also our opportunity to join with the other members of the Ontario Bisexual Network in taking our rightful place in the larger Gay Community, especially in this special 25th anniversary year.

The week before, there will be a powerful demonstration of this anniversary where the Gay Liberation Movement had its beginnings, in New York City, with a march and demonstration at the United Nations. Pride Day committees around the world were asked to re-schedule their events so as not to conflict with this unique event and allow as many visitors to join in remembering our modern lesbian, gay and bisexual community's collective beginnings.

Members of CKWBL who attended last year's Pride Day remember it as a memorable event. Please consider the possibility of joining us this year in going to Toronto on **July 3**. Leave a message on our phone line if you wish more details or are willing to offer an extra seat in your car for the trip. On **Sunday, July 17**, there are

tentative plans to hold the second A.G.M. of the Ontario Bisexual Network, which includes ourselves, Windsor, Peterborough and Toronto, at the **519 Community Centre in Toronto**. You will recall we hosted the first A.G.M. last August here in Waterloo. It is an excellent opportunity for members of different bisexual community building groups to get together, compare notes, get a sense of the larger picture, and manage to have some fun as well.

The following **Saturday, July 23**, CKWBL will hold its first annual **Summer Picnic in Victoria Park** in Kitchener. The picnic will be potluck, details to be worked out by early July. Leave a message on our phone line if you want more information between monthly meetings.

This event can also be seen as a "taste" of things to come in the fall, when we plan to begin to have a regular pot luck evening for good food and friendship, either every month or second month. More on fall pot lucks in September's newsletter.

STEERING COMMITTEE NEEDS MORE MEMBERS

You may be asking yourself just who this "we" is making all these great plans for really neat events . . . well, right now, "we" is "me!"

A steering committee will be formed to discuss several ideas for future activities, a few members have come forward to offer to help and it is much appreciated, who said I was supposed to do everything myself?? While it is natural to spend a lot of time working on "my baby," the truth is CKWBL is yours as well! Don't wait for me to think up what you would like us to do - get involved in making it happen!

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DATES TO REMEMBER

**MAY 2, JUNE 6,
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and AUGUST 8**
Discussion Nights
at UW

**Talk at
Unitarian House
Sunday, May 22**

**PRIDE DAY
SUNDAY
JULY 3**

**O.B.N. AGM
Sunday, July 17
(to be confirmed)**

**CKWBL PICNIC
IN VICTORIA PARK
(details later)
SUNDAY
JULY 23**