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MAY 1983

AIDS CASES MAY DOUBLE

A Toronto doctor seeking a cure for the Acquired Immune Deficiency System (AIDS) disease said yesterday the incidence of the infection could double in Canada by next year.

Dr. Stan Read of the Hospital

For Sick Children's infectious diseases department leads a group of 15 Toronto doctors who applied for a \$1.6 million federal grant this week to study possible cures for the killer disease associated with homosexual and Haitian communities.

AIDS has already killed two people in Toronto. Three other patients are being treated for the disease, and 10 Toronto residents are under observation. .../2



"Mother, what would you do if Daddy sat in the same place for seven years listening to Classical Barbra?"

So far, there have been 30 verified cases of AIDS since it was first spotted in Canada less than three years ago.

AIDS suppresses the immunological system, making a victim susceptible to rare but fatal types of lung disorders and cancer.

GGE ELECTIONS HELD

Elections were held on April 5, 1983 for three of the six positions on the Executive Committee. Elected were Lin Mc., Bill F. and Bev D.

The GGE Executive Committee needs your ideas and support to carry out the various activities of the organization. Come out to our weekly drop-ins, and be sure to mark the next General (business) meeting on your calendar - Thursday, June 2 in room 334 of the U.C. Bldg. U. of G. at 8PM.

SODOMITICAL SOPHOMORES

Positive Parent's Stew Newton, appearing recently on a Hamilton TV talk show, had a trenchant comment to make about Canada's most prestigious institution of higher learning: "The University of Toronto is a well-known mecca for Homosexuals."

GO CHALLENGES OBSERVER

Ottawa - Gays of Ottawa (GO) has filed a complaint with the Ontario Press Council protesting an editorial entitled "Even Canada's queers want full rights," published in the January 14 edition of the Sarnia Observer.

The editorial, which appeared after CBC television's The Fifth Estate aired a programme on the expulsion of lesbians and gay men from the Canadian Armed Forces, referred to gay people as "queers," "moral degenerates," "pansies," "odd-balls" and "perverts".

GO has demanded a retraction of the editorial, a public apology to the gay community, a series of factual articles on gay men and lesbians, and a financial contribution to the educational work of the Coalition for Gay Rights in Ontario.

The April issue of GO Info points out that this is not the first time the Observer has gratuitously attacked a minority group: "During the Second World War, when Canada was urgently asked to accept Jewish refugees fleeing the certain death of Hitler's Europe, the Observer urged that before one additional soul was allowed to

escape to Canada, the 'races' which had 'the highest percentage of criminals such as bootleggers and gunmen' be identified."

The Press Council will hold a hearing into GO's complaint May 6 in Toronto. A decision on the matter is expected in June. TBP May 83

TOP 10 FICTION BOOKS

- 1 Boy Who Picked the Bullets Up
- 2 A Boys Own Story
- 3 Tricks
- 4 Further Tales of the City
- 5 STUD
- 6 My Brothers Image
- 7 The Boy From Beirut
- 8 Zami:a new spelling of my name.
- 9 Below the Belt
- 10 A Comfortable Corner.

TOP 10 NON-FICTION

- 1 The Butch Manual
- 2 Sex
- 3 Coming Out Right
- 4 Flaunting It!

Gays and Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS)



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As guilty as you are.

You didn't have to be in a Toronto courtroom March 4 to be found guilty, like Kevin Orr was.

Kevin was deemed to be in "possession of obscene material for the purpose of sale" after being arrested in the April 1982 raid on Glad Day Bookshop, one of only two gay bookstores in Canada.

Provincial court Judge David Vanek ruled, almost a year later, that the two magazines seized in the raid were obscene because they depict "indecent acts"—in

other words, simulated gay sex.

Although gay or lesbian sex is legal in certain circumstances, it's still classi-

fied in law as "indecent." Judge Vanek described what gay people do in bed as "disgusting" and "unspeakably filthy." He said that if

it's indecent in practice, then it's obscene in print.

Kevin has decided to appeal that judgment because if it's allowed to stand, most gay magazines now allowed in Canada could be ruled illegal.

Kevin's appeal will probably be heard this fall. Costs are expected to be as high as \$9,000.

If you don't think gay sex is obscene, then you should give to the Glad Day Defence Fund. Because, in our opinion, Kevin is no more guilty than you are.

I don't think gay sex is obscene.
Here's my donation to the
Glad Day Defence Fund

Name: _____

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Make cheques payable to The Glad Day Defence Fund, and mail to: Hamburg/Trollope, Barristers & Solicitors, 400 Dundas Street East, Toronto, Ontario M5A 2A5.

the gayline 836-4550

Tue. May 3: VIDEO MOVIE NIGHT

Star Trek "The Wrath of Khan" with William Shatner and Leonard Nimoy.

Tue. May 10: INFORMAL DROP-IN

An informal get-together. Informal conversation. Refreshments available.

Fri. May 13: DANCE

Dance sponsored by GLOW, Kitchener. Held in the Studio, Queen & Allen Sts. in Kitchener, 9:30PM. Admission, \$2.50 for members, \$1.50 for non-members.

Tue. May 17: DISCUSSION

A general discussion on the subject of 'Coming Out', the pros and cons, the trials and tribulations

Tue. May 24: WOMENS' NIGHT

An evening of special interest to women. Check Gayline, 836-4550 for more information. Gentlemen welcome.

Fri. May 27: DANCE

Our monthly dance at the Schoolhouse, 611 Silvercreek Parkway, starting at 9PM. Don't forget your membership card for admission discount. Members \$1.50, non-members \$3.00.

Tue. May 31: GUEST SPEAKER

Kevin Orr, recently charged in connection with the raid on the Glad Day Book Store in Toronto, will speak.

Thu. Jun 2: GENERAL MEETING

A General Meeting for all members and interested persons of GGE. Held in room 334 of the U.C. building, U. of G.

Tue. Jun 7: VIDEO MOVIE NIGHT

"The Killing of Sister George". A film with a Lesbian theme. This is a tentative booking, please check Gayline for confirmation.

PLEASE NOTE

ALL FUNCTIONS AS LISTED ABOVE ARE HELD IN
ROOM 536, U.C., UNIVERSITY OF GUELPH
AT 8 PM UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED!