

# **Bi-national Lesbian Conference**

## **Conférence Lesbienne Bi-nationale**



**May 19-21, 1979**  
**Le 19-21 Mai, 1979**

**Toronto**

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**Welcome**

**Bienvenue**



### Welcome Sisters, welcome to herstory

Lesbians from across the country have expressed the need for this conference. Our communities have grown and developed in strength and diversity. It is our hope that this conference will provide us all with the opportunity to exchange experiences and ideas, to share our culture, and form a common direction. This can be the beginning of a communication network to use in forming and strengthening a dykenamic movement.

The past six months has been a learning experiences for everywomyn on the conference committee. We hope that the conference will be an energizing, productive and joyous experiences for all.

United in armed snuggle,  
The LOOT Bi-national Lesbian Conference Committee



### Chères Soeures, bienvenue à histoire d'elles

Notre communauté s'est développée à la fois dans sa force et sa diversité, et la conférence est le résultat d'un souhait exprimé par les lesbiennes à travers tout le pays. C'est pourquoi nous espérons pouvoir y échanger nos idées, nos expériences, partager notre culture et enfin trouver une ligne directrice commune à toutes. Cela pourra être le début de la formation d'un réseau de communication qui apportera une nouvelle dynamique à notre mouvement.

Les six mois de préparation pour la conférence ont été très instructif pour nous, à l'intérieur du comité et nous espérons que cet événement nous apportera à toutes, l'énergie et la productivité nécessaires pour continuer le lutte, sans oublier la fête!

Unies dans la lutte bien-aimée,  
Le Comité LOOT de la Conférence Lesbienne Bi-nationale

*Fées du pays  
C'est notre tour  
De nous laisser  
Parler d'amour*

*Magic Women of all our countries  
It is our turn  
To let us  
Speak of love to each other*

BI-NATIONAL LESBIAN CONFERENCE, 1979 BUDGET

PROJECTED EXPENSES/DÉPENSES PRÉVUE:

Printing & Typesetting Brochure & Mailings	
Imprimerie + courrier .....	\$ 908.84
Mailings-Questionnaires, Agendas, Fundraising	
Courrier-Questionnaires, Lettres d'info, collete .....	958.73
Telephone-Long Distance & Answering Service	
Téléphone-Longue distance + répondeur automatique .....	336.00
Publicity-Posters & Ads	
Publicité-Affiches et petites annonces .....	695.00
Transportation During Conference	
Transport durant la conférence .....	275.00
Day Care staff	
Personnel de la Garde d'Enfant .....	450.00
Sound & Light Equipment & Personnel & Piano	
Matériel son et lumière + Personnel + Piano .....	1,565.00
Rentals & Decorations for social events	
Locations et décors .....	270.00
Sites-Hart House, Med. Sci., War Amps., Day Care	
Location des lieux: Hart House, Med. Sci., War Amps, Garderie .....	1,495.00
Performers--6 at coffeehouse & 2 Saturday bands	
Artistes--6 au café, 2 Groupes pour samedi .....	1,650.00
Liquor, Beer, Wine & Licences for Sat. & Sun.	
Alcohol, Bière, Vins + Permis pour Samedi et dimanche .....	1,600.00
Food--Banquet, Lunches, coffeehouse, Day Care	
Nourriture--banquet, dejeuners, café et garderie .....	2,440.50
Translation Equipment and Personnel	
Matériel et Personnel de traduction .....	750.00
Emergency Fund	
Fonds de depanage .....	500.00
General Miscellaneous	
Dirers .....	150.00
TOTAL EXPENSES/TOTAL DES DÉPENSES	<u>\$14,054.07</u>

PROJECTED INCOME/REVENUS PRÉVUS:

2 Benefits in Dec. 78 & Mar. 79--Net	
2 Soirées Bénéfice en Dec 78 et mars 79--net .....	\$ 1,246.00
Brochure Ad Sales	
Ventes d'Encarts Publicitaires dans les brochures .....	200.00
Art Poster Sales, Button Sales & Lottery	
Vente d'affiches, de mæærons + loterie .....	600.00
10 artisan tables	
10 tables d'artisanat .....	50.00
"Munchie" Concession & Lunches	
Casse-croûte + Dejeuner .....	1,575.00
Banquet & Dance	
Banquet + Soirée Dansante .....	5,450.00
Donations	
Dons .....	1,268.80
Pre-Registration (50 to May 11)	
Pré-inscriptions (50 au 11 mai) .....	400.00
Estimated registration	
Inscriptions Prévues .....	2,000.00
TOTAL INCOME/TOTAL DES REVENUS	<u>\$12,789.80</u>

POST-CONFERENCE DEFICIT -- \$1,264.27

## AGENDA

### DAY 1 Ourselves and Our Communities

9:00-11:30	Plenary
12:00-1:30	Workshops
1:30-2:30	Lunch
2:30-4:00	Workshops
4:00-4:30	Coffee
4:30-6:00	Workshops

#### 12:00-1:30 Workshops

##### The Lesbian Image/Coming Out South Dining Room, Hart House

what is the lesbian image? is there a lesbian ideal? what are the pressures to conform in our community? how is the "image" related to the question of coming out? does it help or hurt?

##### Lesbian Relationships Debates Room, Hart House

is being monogamous a cop-out to a heterosexual institution? is non-monogamy worth it? can I love all my sisters? is celibacy the answer? an answer?

##### Young Lesbians Room 3268, Medical Sciences Building

what are the special concerns of young lesbians? what about legal hassles? are our communities supportive enough? too maternalistic? relationships between younger and older lesbians.

##### Ageism Room 2394, Medical Sciences Building

##### Lesbian Mothers North Dining Room, Hart House

How do we survive with the very real threat of "unfit" motherhood that hangs over us? To become strong, we need to be visible, but the dangers to ourselves and our children are too great. How do we end our isolation and support each other in the possible joys of creating alternatives for ourselves and the children? What support, if any, do we want from the women's community?

##### How Do We Cope: Booze, Dope, Cigarettes Art Gallery, Hart House

1. Factual information on alcohol, cigarettes and prescription drugs.
2. Issues specific to women and lesbians.
3. Feminist perspective on alcoholism.
4. Community responsibility.

The format of the workshop will be a half-hour presentation on these topics followed by discussion.

##### Coming Out, Staying In Room 3290, Medical Sciences Building

what do we mean by "the closet"? how do you feel about being "out" — being "in" at work, in your family? what are the real dangers about coming out on the job? if you're a teacher? a social worker? a typist? a nurse? in your union? will "coming out" hurt your career as an artist or help it?

##### Divided Against Ourselves South Dining Room, Hart House

Are there divisions in your community? among "political" women? between "Political" and "non-political" women? are these divisions inevitable or can we work to overcome them?

##### Minority Lesbians Room 2290, Medical Sciences Building

how is the double (or triple) oppression of minority lesbians manifested? how free from prejudice are our communities? what kind of services are needed or available for minority lesbians?

##### Lesbians and Welfare South Sitting Room, Hart House

Many lesbians have been able to leave their husbands because of welfare and Family Benefits. Gay women are active in the fight for higher welfare payments and better conditions. Come find out what has been won lately and how to get more!

##### Lesbians in Prisons North Sitting Room, Hart House

#### 2:30-4:00 Workshops

##### The Lesbian Image South Dining Room, Hart House

##### Sexuality North Dining Room, Hart House

Explore sexuality through image and exercise. Dress in loose clothing. Please arrive promptly. Be prepared. After the workshop begins, no one will be admitted.

## **HORAIRE**

1er JOUR Notre Milieu et nous

09:00h.—11:30h.

12:00h.—01:30h.

01:30h.—2:30h.

02:30h.—04:00h.

04:00h.—04:30h.

04:30h.—06:00h.

Plénière et division en groupes

Rencontre en groupes

Déjeuner

Rencontre en groupes

Café

Rencontre en groupes

12:00—1:30 **Groupes**

**12:00—1:30 Groupes**

L'image Lesbienne South Dining Room, Hart House

y'a-t-il une image lesbienne? De quelle façon sommes nous contraintes au conformisme par notre milieu? comment l'image lesbienne est-elle liée à la notion de "sortir"? Est-ce que ca aide au endommagement la nouvelle lesbienne?

Relations Lesbienne Debates Room, Hart House

la monogamie. Est-ce que c'est faire prévaloir une institution hétérosexuelle? Peut-on aimer plus d'une femme? Est-ce qu'en ce contexte, le célibat est un choix?

Jeunes Lesbienne Room 3268, Medical Sciences Building

quels sont les problèmes spéciaux des jeunes lesbiennes? Face à la loi? Aux relations entre les jeunes lesbiennes et les lesbiennes plus âgées?

Ageism Room 2394, Medical Sciences Building

Mères Lesbienne North Dining Room, Hart House

voulez-vous un enfant? Comment s'arrange-t-on pour avoir? Que pense-t-on de lesbiennes mères? Est-ce qu'être mère de garçon peut poser des problèmes? Comment parle-t-on à nos enfants au sujet d'une amante? Comment agir autour des enfants de nos amants?

Le Règlement De Nos Vies: Cigarettes, Alcool, Drogue Art Gallery, Hart House

Quelles contraintes ressent-on en tant que lesbiennes, en tant que personnes humaines? L'alcool, la cigarette ou la drogue, est-ce une solution? Quel est l'étendre de L'alcoolisme dans nos milieux& Nos services sociaux son-ils adéquats face au problème?

Le Choix De "Sortir" Room 3290, Medical Sciences Building

Que ressent-on autour du sujet "d'être sortie" on non envers le travail, la famille? Où en sommes nous face à nos craintes et aux conséquences en ces situations?

La Fragmentation Dans Nos Milieux Room 3290, Medical Sciences Building

Lesbiennes De Groupes Minoritaires Room 2290, Medical Sciences Building

comment est manifestée l'oppression triple ou double des lesbiennes minoritaires? La communauté lesbienne est-elle sans préjugés? Quelles sortes de services peuvent être nécessaires aux lesbiennes minoritaires?

Lesbiennes Et Le "Bien Etre Social" South Sitting Room, Hart House

Lesbiennes dans Prisons North Sitting Room, Hart House

**2:30-4:00 Groupes**

L'image Lesbienne South Dining Room, Hart House

Sexualité North Dining Room, Hart House

Mères Lesbienne Debates Room, Hart House

Lesbian Mothers Debates Room, Hart House

Discussion of the obstacles faced by gay mothers fighting for child custody; experiences of women who don't have their children; lots of good news about women who have won custody recently, both in and out of court; sharing our day-to-day lives and concerns about our children.

How We Cope: Cigs, Booze, Dope Art Gallery, Hart House

Feminist Therapy Room 3264, Medical Sciences Building

In the last five or ten years, much has been written and discussed about feminist therapy. This workshop will begin with a brief report from the facilitator about what feminist therapy is, how to choose a therapist, lesbians in therapy, lesbian therapists, and connections between therapy and politics. After the report, the workshop will be open for discussion of these issues and anything else that women wish to share about therapy.

Lesbian Culture Makers Room 3290, Medical Sciences Building

is there a lesbian culture in Canada or Quebec? how much support is there for a lesbian artist? what, if any, responsibility does the artist have to the community? does the community have to the artist?

Reaching Out, Coming Out, Getting Involved Room 3268, Medical Sciences Building

what sort of counselling is available in your community for "new lesbians? how easy is it for new women to get involved in your organizations? are too few people doing all the work? what are the problems? and the solutions? how do we cope with the changes

Bisexuality South Sitting Room, Hart House

why do some women choose to define themselves as "bisexual"? is bisexuality a viable way to live? is it really a cop-out? is there space in the lesbian community for bisexual women? are they welcome? should they be?

Lesbians as Working Women Room 2290, Medical Sciences Building

This workshop will examine the impact of our jobs on our personal and political lives. Questions of discrimination in hiring and firing practices, and on-the-job harrassment of lesbians will be discussed. The workshop will involve a sharing of experiences and possible solutions to the problems encountered by lesbians as working women.

Lesbian Relationships Debates Room, Hart House

Children's Workshop North Sitting Room, Hart House

This is a workshop for children to share their ideas on having lesbian mothers. No one over age 12 admitted.

**4:00-4:30 Break**

**4:30-6:00 Workshops**

Lesbian Culture Makers Room 3290, Medical Sciences Building

Divided Against Ourselves South Dining Room, Hart House

Feminist Business North Sitting Room, Hart House

Can feminist businesses be financially stable and remain feminist? Where do our politics end and our need for profits begin? Are feminist businesses a sellout to the capitalist system or are they our only alternative?

Sexuality North Dining Room, Hart House

Supportive Community Alternatives Debates Room, Hart House

Purpose: To motivate and stimulate positive community alternatives of support for lesbians.

1. An examination of existing support systems.
2. An identification of concerns.
3. Creative strategizing.

Organizing Our Communities Debates Room, Hart House

how does your local lesbian group function? (do you have one? how do we form new lesbian organizations?) what needs are met? which needs are not? what are the problems? what are our strengths?

Communications Within and Between Our Communities Room 3268, Medical Sciences Bldg.

Reclaiming Our Herstory Room 3264, Medical Sciences Building

Relations Lesbiennes Debates Room, Hart House

Le Règlement De Nos Vies: Cigarettes, Alcool, Drogue Art Gallery, Hart House

Mêmes que l'avant midi

Culture Lesbienne Room 3290, Medical Sciences Building

y'a-t-il une culture lesbienne au Québec et au Canada? Quelle sorte d'appui y'a-t-il pour l'artiste lesbienne? Quelles responsabilités s'imposent à l'artiste envers son milieu et vice versa?

Sortir, Engagement Room 3268, Medical Sciences Building

quelles sont les services extantes pur subvenir aux besoins de "nouvelles" lesbiennes? Avec quel degré de facilité peuvent-elles s'engager dans nos organizations? Y'a-t-il trop peu de femmes à faire tout le travail?

Bisexualité South Sitting Room, Hart House

certaines femmes choisissent de se nommer bisexuelles. Pourquoi? Est-ce que la bisexualité est un choix valable? Y'a-t-il une place dans notre milieu pour la femme bisexuelle?

Lesbiennes Au Travail Room 2290, Medical Sciences Building

etre sorties au travail. Est-ce un problème? Quelles sont ou peuvent être les conséquences?

Groupe De Discussion Pour Enfants North Sitting Room, Medical Sciences Building

s'il y a lieu, une espace sera allouée aux enfants s'intéressant à former un groupe de discussion.

**4:00—4:30 Café**

**4:30—6:00 Groupes**

Culture Lesbienne Room 3290, Medical Sciences Building

Fragmentation Dans Nos Milieux South Dining Room

y'a-t-il des division dans nos milieux? Entre femmes politiques engagées et femmes non-engagées? Est-ce que ces divisions sont sans issu, peut-on les résoudre?

Feminist Business North Sitting Room, Hart House

Sexualité North Dining Room, Hart House

Systèmes D'Appui Debates Room, Hart House

est-ce que nos communautés sont adéquates à subvenir aux besoins de nouvelles lesbiennes? Des femmes ressentant un problème avec l'alcool ou la drogue? Des jeunes lesbiennes? Des lesbiennes minoritaires?

Nos Organizations Debates Room, Hart House

comment fonctionne votre organization lesbienne locale? En êtes-vous membre? Comment former des organizations nouvelles, plus efficaces?

Communications Room 3268, Medical Sciences Building

comment sont les contacts établis ou maintenus dans nos communautés. Sont-ils efficaces, à la mesure de nos besoins? Aurait-on besoin d'un système de communication national ou bi-national quoi? Quelle forme prendrait-il? Comment développer des liens plus substantifs entre le Québec et le Canada.

Réclâmer notre histoire Room 3264, Medical Sciences Building

quel travail est à faire sur notre passé, notre littérature, notre culture? Comment?

Lesbiennes et Services Sociales South Sitting Room, Hart House

Vie Sociale Music Room, Hart House

quelles sont les implications du "Bar"? Les alternatives? Les problèmes dans les petites villes ou les milieux ruraux?

Disabled Lesbiennes Room 2294, Medical Sciences Building



Lesbians in Social Services South Sitting Room, Hart House

1. Traditional social service jobs: Working in the closet. What effect does this have on your self image, your effectiveness in your work environment, your attitudes towards co-workers and clients?
2. Tradition vs. Feminist social service jobs. Does the closet just get bigger? Does the oppression remain?
3. Feminist social service jobs. The "good old girls" network—what are its advantages and disadvantages? How does one separate work from play if the women with whom you work, live and play are all the same? Burn out: you're not crazy, you're just tired.

Social Life Music Room, Hart House

Disabled Lesbians Room 2294, Medical Sciences Building

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DAY 2

10:00-12:00	Regional Reports and Discussion
12:00-2:00	Workshops
2:00-3:00	Lunch
3:00-5:00	Workshops

The workshops for Sunday are designed to allow for discussion of our movement, of the different currents of thought among lesbians and in the other movements with which or within which we work. For example, we want to look at what problems we as lesbians face working with the feminist or gay movements or within the trade unions. Because of the interest expressed, we decided to schedule sessions in both the morning and the afternoon on the following topics:

Lesbians and the Gay Movement Room 3290, Medical Sciences Building

How do our needs fit into the gay movement? Should we be directing our energies into civil rights? How can lesbian participation fit into, affect and/or energize the gay rights movement and effect change? What strategies can lesbians have to work with gay men?

Lesbians and the Women's Movement South Dining Room, Hart House

What have our experiences been the the women's movement? As lesbians do we feel we belong in the women's movement? How does a lesbian perspective relate to the goals of feminism?

Lesbians in Quebec Room 3264, Medical Sciences Building

Radical Feminism Art Gallery, Hart House

What does the much-used term "Radical Feminism" mean to us and the present time? Is there a "feminism for lesbians"? Does an autonomous lesbian politic flow from a lesbian lifestyle? We want to discuss that nagging feeling that our feminism and lesbianism haven't been completely integrated. Are there answers in radical feminism?

Communication Network Room 3268, Medical Sciences Building

Open Francophone Workshop Room 3294, Medical Sciences Building

**also for the morning**

Lesbians and Religion North Dining Room, Hart House

What space in our lives does religion fill? How does spirituality affect our lives? Do rituals need to be recreated?

Lesbians and Politics North Sitting Room, Hart House

Lesbians and the Trade Union Movement Room 2394, Medical Sciences Building

Anarcha-Feminism Room 2290, Medical Sciences Building

A non-hierarchical, anti-authoritarian approach to feminism.

**for the afternoon**

Matriarchy North Dining Room, Hart House

This workshop will include a herstorical perspective, a sharing of our visions and a ceremony based on the concept of nurturing.

## 2'EME JOURNEE (Dimanche)

10:00h.—12:00h.

12:00h.—02:00h.

02:00h.—03:00h.

03:00h.—05:00h.

### Rapports régionaux et discussions

Groupes de discussion

Déjeuner

Groupes de discussion

Les sessions de Dimanche sont arrangés pour faciliter une discussion de notre mouvement, des courants différents qui existent à travers du mouvement et des autres mouvement dont nous faisons partie. On songe qu'il serait bon de discuter des problèmes que nous ressentons face aux mouvements féministe, gai ou syndicaliste. Les sessions suivantes seront donc figurées du programme le matin et l'après midi.

Lesbiennes et Le Mouvement Féministe South Dining Room, Hart House

Lesbiennes et Le Mouvement Gai Room 3290, Medical Sciences Building

Lesbiennes au Québec Room 3264, Medical Sciences Building

Féminisme Radical Art Gallery, Hart House

Système De Communication Room 3268, Medical Sciences Building

### **Autres Groupes Du Matin**

Lesbiennes Et Religion North Dining Room, Hart House

Lesbiennes et Politiques North Sitting Room, Hart House

Lesbiennes et Le Syndicalisme Room 2394, Medical Sciences Building

Anarcha-Feminisme Room 2290, Medical Sciences Building

03:00h.—05:00h. **Autres Discussions**

La Matriarchie North Dining Room, Hart House

Lesbiennes Rurales North Sitting Room, Hart House

Mouvement Lesbienne Séparatiste Debate Room, Hart House

Socialist-Feminisme Debates Room, Hart House

## 3'EME JOURNÉE (Lundi)

09:30h.—11:00h.

Plénière

11:00h.—12:30h.

Groupes De Discussion

12:30h.—01:30h.

Déjeuner

01:30h.—03:00h.

Plénière

### **9:30—11:30 Plénière**

Discussion de stratégies lesbiennes afin d'établir un contexte pour les discussions engroupes  
Les sujet de discussion pour cette session sont nécessairement étendus. Elle devra nous permettre une synthèse des idées qui sont sorties de la conférence et d'en tirer ce et là où nous en sommes

### **11:30—1:30 Groupes**

1. Comment bâtir nos organisations et former des systèmes communantaires d'appui efficaces  
ou
2. Stratégies politiques avec le but de créer un mouvement autonome de lesbiennes

### **2:30—4:00 Plénière**

Partage d'idées sortant des sessions de la conférence. Résolutions

### Small Town Lesbians North Sitting Room, Hart House

If you feel that you must call long distance to have a lesbian community contact, then you are, for all intents and purposes a rural lesbian. We are those lesbians who want/need a lesbian community but don't have access to one within local phone rates of Ma Bell. We do face different problems than those faced by lesbians living and participating in the large cities. What can we do to alleviate this problem? Is a communications network more necessary for rural lesbians (small town dykes) than city lesbians? Do we really move at a different pace than our city sisters? Should we apply for a government grant to encourage the Big City Dyke to spend her summers in the small town to help build and strengthen the country-wide lesbian community? What are our alternatives?

### Lesbian Separatism Debates Room, Hart House

We, the facilitators for the workshop do not have a fixed definition of what the word "separatism" means. We perceive this workshop to be a space for lesbians to share their ideas, opinions, confusions, etc. about this concept. We see our role to be to facilitate a talk with, not to, one another.

### Socialist-Feminism Debates Room, Hart House

A discussion on the relationship between the goals of socialism and the vision of feminism? How do we achieve our liberation and who are our allies in that struggle?

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#### DAY 3

9:30-11:00	Plenary
11:00-12:30	Workshops
12:30-1:30	Lunch
1:30-3:00	Plenary

10:00-11:30 Plenary — panel discussion on lesbian strategies to set the framework for the workshop discussions.

The topics for the final day's workshops are broad areas. This wrap up session should allow us to pull together the ideas that we have discussed throughout the conference and give us a chance to decide where we should go from here. This is the time to talk about concrete plans and share suggestions and ideas about developing our movement and our communities.

11:30-1:30

Break into small workshops to discuss:

1) How to build our organizations and community support systems

OR

2) Political strategies for our movement

2:30—4:00 Plenary to share our ideas from the morning workshops and from discussions throughout the conference, to pass resolutions and make plans for communication and follow-up.

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## **SKILLS SHARING SCHEDULE**

All workshops to meet in skills room unless noted.

### **SATURDAY**

#### **11:30-12:00 GRAPHOLOGY**

#### **12:00- 1:00 LEGAL SKILLS RE: CHILD CUSTODY**

How to increase the chance of winning! The tactics and strategies of the courtroom battle for the kids are the focal points of this workshop.

#### **1:00- 2:00 SIMPLE CAR MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR**

Routine maintenance: oil change, spark plugs, etc. Troubleshooting: Hard starting, low mileage, etc. Tools and Source books.

## EVENEMENT CULTURELLES

### ATELIERS

**Le Théâtre Lesbien féministe**

Samedi, 19 Mai, 3:00-4:30pm, Culture Room, Hart House

**Micro Libre**

Samedi 19, 1-3:00pm

Dimanche 20, 1-3:00pm

Lundi 21, 12:30-1:30pm

Culture Room, Hart House

**Conscience du corps en mouvement**

Samedi, 19 Mai, 4:30-6:30pm, Culture Room, Hart House

**Cinéma — Les Réalisatrices lesbiennes**

Samedi, 19 Mai, 5:00pm, Room 2394, Medical Sciences Building

**Poésie**

Dimanche, 20 Mai, 12:00-1:00pm, Culture Room, Hart House

**Contactes avec la photo**

Dimanche, 20 Mai, 2:30-4:30pm, Room 2394, Medical Sciences Building

**Contactes avec l'art visuel**

Dimanche, 20 Mai, 2:30-4:30pm, Room 2394, Medical Sciences Building

**Round Robin**

Dimanche, 20 Mai, 3:00-4:00, Culture Room, Hart House

Chanter en simple harmonie

Lundi, 21 Mai, Salle de Talents, Hart House

**Percussions**

A vous de jouer!

Dimanche, 20 Mai, 4:00-5:00pm, Culture Room, Hart House

## HORAIRE POUR LA RENCONTRE DES TALENTS DIVERS

Tous les ateliers se rencontreront dans la salle des talents sauf contre indiqué.

**Samedi**

11:30-12:00 **Graphologie**

12:00-1:00 **Talents sue la loi: droits sur l'enfant**

Comment améliorer les chances de gagner! Les tactiques et les stratégies employés à la cours de justice dans la lutte pour les enfants sont les points essentiel de cet atelier.

1:00-2:00 **Entretien et Reparation d'une Voiture**

1:30-3:30 **Bases pour le Son et Lumière**

2:00-3:00 **Comment commencer un journal ou une Peltze d'information**

3:00-4:00 **Réparation de Vélo**

4:00-5:00 **Comment organiser un café, une soireé, dansante, une conférence.**

5:00-6:00 **Comment travailler dans les média**

**Dimanche**

12-1:30 **Examen de Soi-même**

1:30-2:30 **La Course, pour le plaisir et le bien-être**

1:00-2:30 **Collecter de l'argent**

4:30-5:00 **Les Art Graphiques**

**Lundi**

12:00 **Auto Défense**

**1:30- 3:30 BASIC SOUND AND LIGHTING**

War Amp's Building 62 Wellesley West.

Low budget lighting design, colour, characteristics of sound, basic P.A. system components, how to design for sound, room acoustics, troubleshooting, how to sound check.

**2:00- 3:00 HOW TO START A NEWSPAPER OR NEWSLETTER**

**3:00- 4:00 BICYCLE REPAIR**

Getting a bike, maintenance, tools, parts and frames, planning a bike trip.

**4:00- 5:00 HOW TO ORGANIZE A COFFEEHOUSE, DANCE OR CONFERENCE—AND  
BREAK EVEN**

**5:00- 6:00 HOW TO DEAL WITH THE MEDIA**

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**SUNDAY**

**12:00- 1:30 SELF-EXAMINATION**

Our bodies belong to us. However, the medical profession has hoarded and distorted knowledge about our bodies which has perpetrated our dependency on exploitive medical service and information. This workshop will begin with a film called "Self-Health" by the San Francisco Women's Health Collective. We will then demonstrate vaginal and breast examination, and have discussion on these issues.

**1:30- 2:30 RUNNING FOR FUN AND FITNESS**

This workshop asks the question: why run? It then proceeds to tell you how; technique, equipment, motivation, stretching, injuries, how to progress, and how to have fun while doing it.

**1:30- 2:30 FUNDING**

**4:30- 5:00 GRAPHIC ARTS AND SKILLS**

Steps involved in preparing copy for print: typesetting, layout, negative and plate, printing. How to design your copy to fit your budget.

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**MONDAY**

**12:00- SELF-DEFENCE**

Discussion of our harrasment as lesbians and women. Vulnerable parts of the body, where to aim, how to hit and kick.

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## **CULTURAL EVENTS SCHEDULE**

**LESBIAN ART DISPLAY**

—THROUGHOUT CONFERENCE

—DEBATE ROOM, HART HOUSE

An exhibition of works by lesbian artists—some 'schooled', some self-taught—exploring our womyn-images. Aside from the intrinsic value of such a display being included at the Conference to give professional lesbian artists an outlet for their work, and to encourage other in that direction, it is a feast for the eyes. Not to be missed!

**OPEN MIKE**

- SATURDAY 19, 1-3:00 PM
- SUNDAY 20, 1-3:00 PM
- MONDAY 21, 12:30-1:30 PM
- CULTURE ROOM, HART HOUSE

This is an open mike session where all womyn are welcome to submit material. Poems, songs, comedy, mime, prose, instruments and anything related to culture. Look for sign-up sheets and posters regarding open mikes. Bring your lunch, all womyn are welcome.

**POETRY AS A POLITICAL PERSPECTIVE** Time to be announced

What is lesbian poetry? How is that different from other poetry? What outlets are there for publishing? Can poetry/art be used as a political platform? How?

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**SATURDAY**

- 3:00-4:30 LESBIAN FEMINIST THEATRE**  
—CULTURE ROOM, HART HOUSE

A sharing of resources, frustrations, discoveries as womyn in theatre; followed by theatre games and exercises with a lesbian-feminist focus—all womyn welcome!

- 4:30-6:30 BODY AWARENESS THROUGH MOVEMENT**  
—CULTURE ROOM, HART HOUSE

A workshop exploring the topic of body awareness using movement. Be prepared to do exercises, so wear appropriate clothing for related movement exercises.

- 5:00 LESBIAN FILMMAKERS WORKSHOP**  
— ROOM 2394, MEDICAL SCIENCE BUILDING

“Open projector” format—bring your own ‘home movies’ (Super 8 or 16mm). Continuous showings. Super 8 equipment might also be available for filming. Please drop in just to watch or to participate.

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**SUNDAY**

- 12:00-1:00 POETRY WORKSHOP**  
—CULTURE ROOM, HART HOUSE

- 2:30-4:30 VISUAL ART CONTACT WORKSHOP**  
— ROOM 2394, MEDICAL SCIENCE BUILDING

This is a contact workshop designed to bring together interest womyn in the field of art. There will be a slide show of submitted art from across Canada and hopefully this will generate discussions about art across the miles.

- 2:30-4:30 PHOTOGRAPHY CONTACT WORKSHOP**  
— ROOM 2394, MEDICAL SCIENCE BUILDING

A contact workshop for photographers to share experiences and methods, philosophy of photography. This is not a class for instruction on beginner's photography. Bring your camera but it is not mandatory. People from video tape and motion pictures interested in framing, etc. are all welcome.

**3:00-4:00**    **ROUND ROBIN**  
—CULTURE ROOM, HART HOUSE

This event is designed to provide the opportunity for lesbian womyn to discuss their feelings about their music as well as hear other homemade tunes.

Womyn participating in the Round Robin workshop, if willing, may share their music with the rest of us during the Banquet. A space is available.

**4:00-5:00**    **PERCUSSION JAM WORKSHOP**  
—CULTURE ROOM, HART HOUSE

This is a participation percussion workshop. Be prepared for lots of music, discussions and fun! Bring any instruments **related** to percussion—bongos, congas, tambourines, wooden blocks, triangles, bells, etc.—that you round up. All womyn welcome.

**“A WOMAN’S TIME”**  
—AFTER THE BANQUET  
—BANQUET ROOM, WAR AMPS BUILDING, 62 WELLESLEY AVE. W.

A feminist and lesbian play presented by Marlyn McDonald and The Painted Ladies.

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## MONDAY

**12:00**        **“PREPARING”**  
—CULTURE ROOM, HART HOUSE

A one-act feminist play. Everyone is welcome.

**12:30-1:30**    **SINGING IN SIMPLE HARMONY**  
— SKILLS ROOM, HART HOUSE

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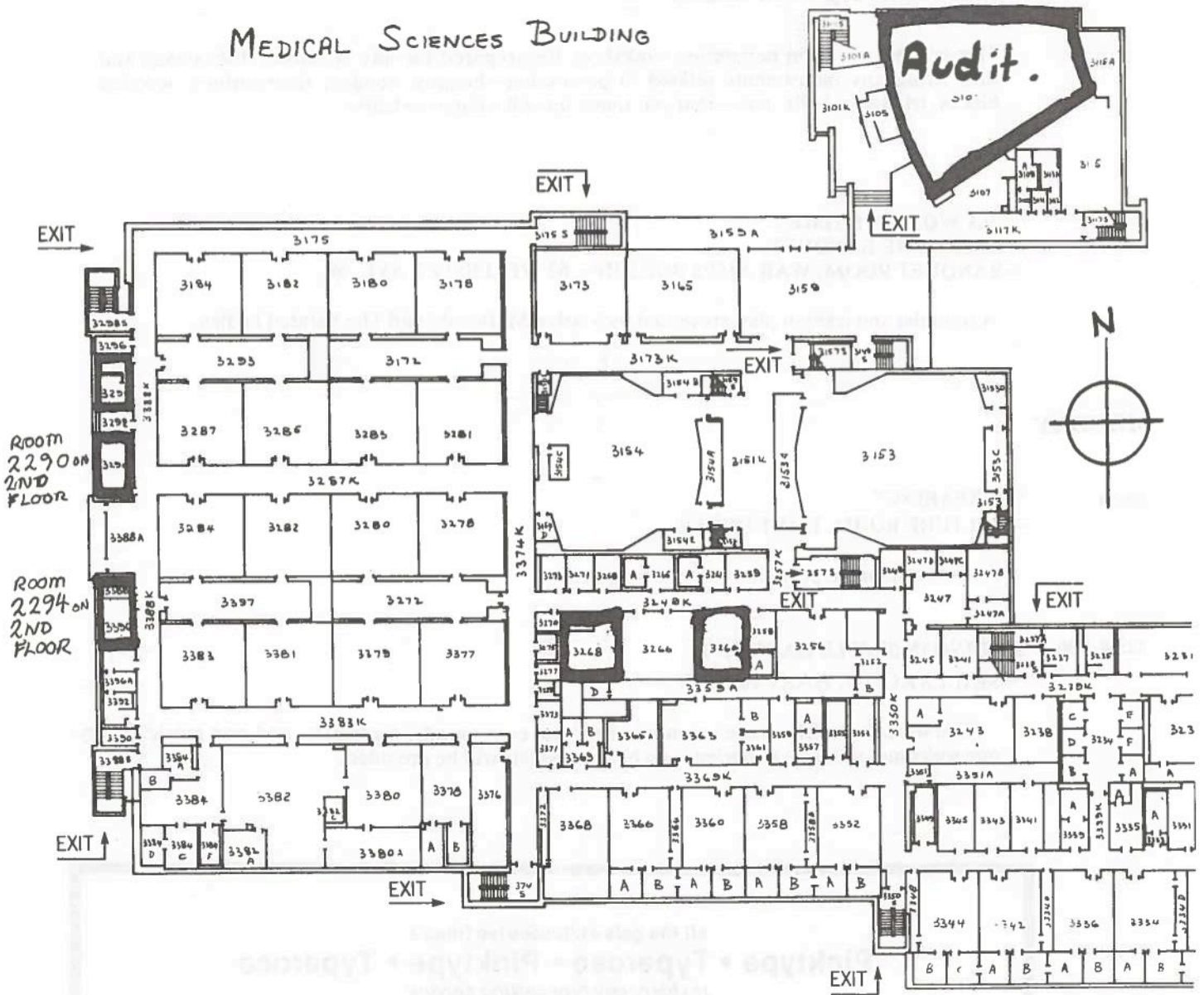
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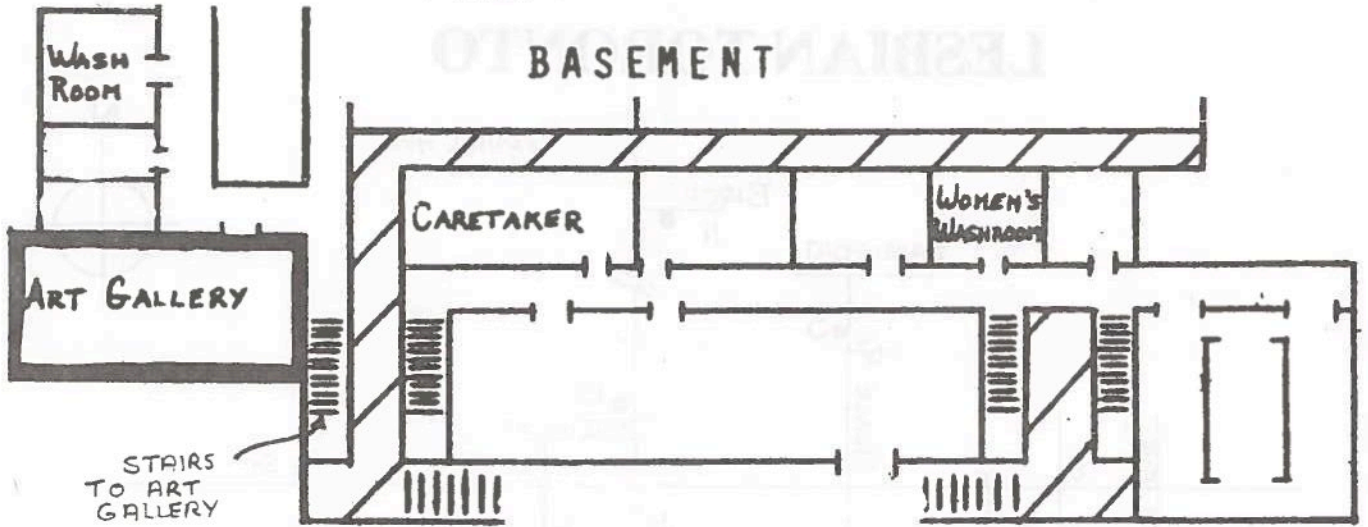
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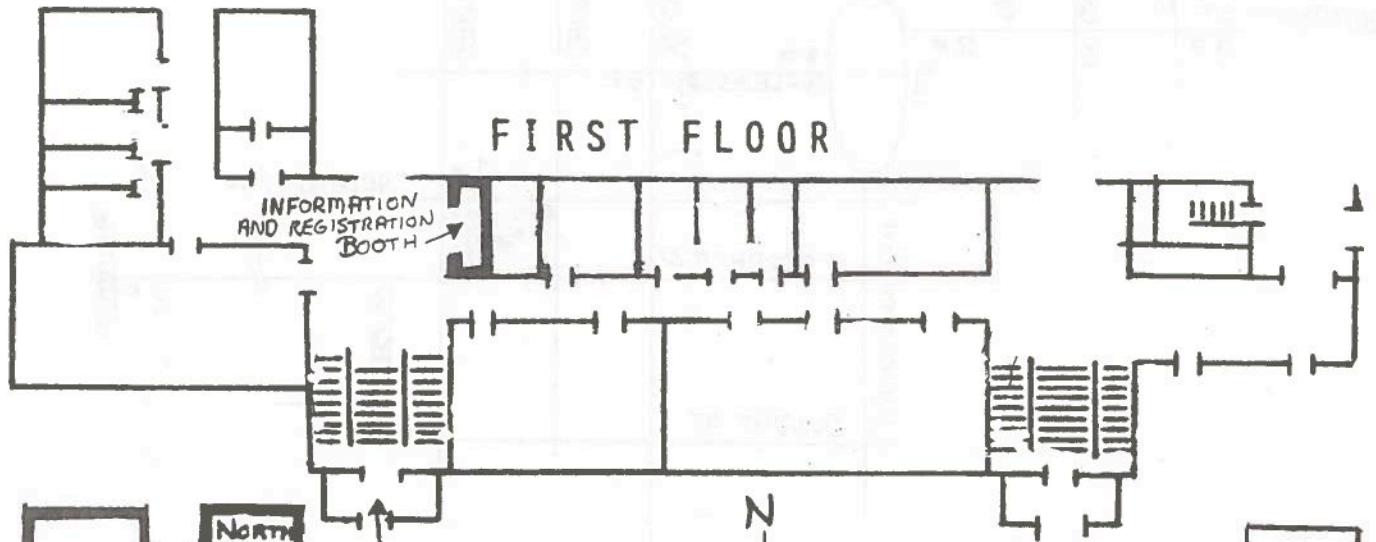


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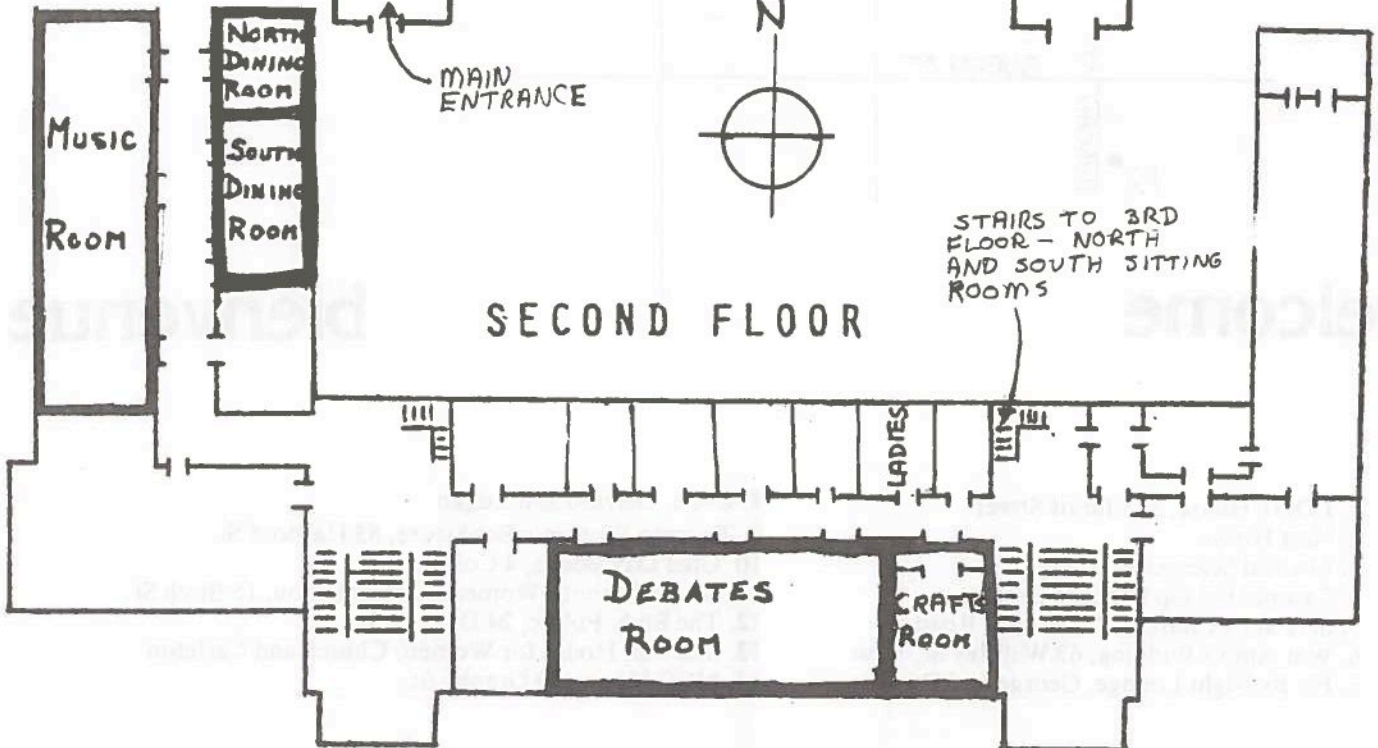
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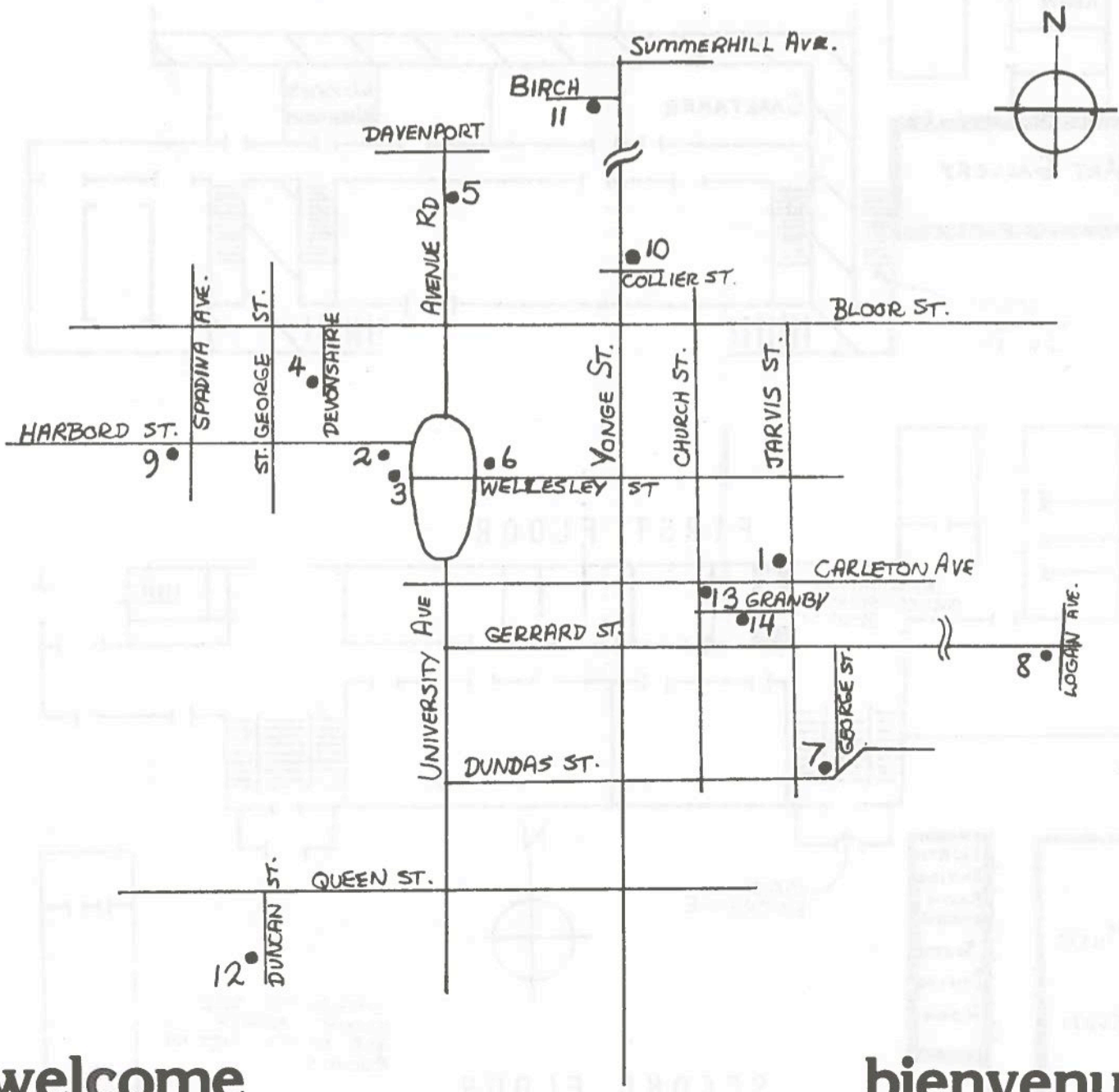
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# LESBIAN TORONTO



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- 1. LOOT House, 342 Jarvis Street
- 2. Hart House
- 3. Medical Sciences Building
- 4. Campus Co-Op Daycare Centre
- 5. St. Paul's Church, 121 Avenue Road
- 6. War Amp's Building, 62 Wellsley St. West
- 7. Fly By Night Lounge, George and Dundas

- 8. Eve's, Gerrard and Logan
- 9. Toronto Women's Bookstore, 85 Harbord St.
- 10. Glad Day Books, 4 Collier St.
- 11. Metro Toronto Women's Credit Union, 15 Birch St.
- 12. The Body Politic, 24 Duncan St.
- 13. McPhail House for Women, Church and Carleton
- 14. MCC House, 29 Granby St.

## LESBIAN ORGANIZATION OF TORONTO HERSTORY

The herstory of LOOT goes back further than we think. We must remember our roots and make our herstory now for those who will follow us.

From the first days, lesbians were active and fighting; arguing and debating with gay men over the role of women in gay groups. From the first days of the recent women's movement, lesbians were putting forward their views within women's liberation. In the spring of 1971, the first public statement made by lesbians within the women's movement was at the Indo-Chinese Women's Liberation Conference here in Toronto. And let's not forget that 1971 was also the year of great turmoil within the American women's movement over the issue of lesbianism, leading to the formation of separate lesbian groups. Here, in Canada, lesbian autonomy was retarded by a different evolutionary process.

How many of us here know the following, each one being a step up on the way to LOOT? The group called the Women's Liberation Movement in Toronto was holding lesbian rap groups since the beginning of 1971. How many of us remember the Other Woman feminist newspaper which was first produced and sold by five lesbians in the spring of 1972? It was that first issue which caused a scandal among the feminist community by daring to print more than one article of interest to lesbians.

The Woman's Place began in the summer of 1972 as a centre for feminist organizing. Many members of LOOT came out as lesbians through involvement in the women's centre. But for those who were already lesbian, it was a struggle to maintain a separate identity. For about a year, we maintained a Friday night Lesbian Drop-In Centre and from this we developed rap groups. It was also at this time that the Toronto Sun was condemning the women's centre for being run by marxist-lesbians!

The first two Canadian lesbian conferences took place in Montreal in the winters of 1973 and 1974 co-ordinated by anglophone lesbians. Aside from these large events, it is time to reclaim our own local herstory. How many know that the first lesbian conference ever was held right here in Toronto in the summer of 1973 at the old YWCA at 21 McGill Street? Probably very few. Organized by lesbians from the Women's Place, it was one in a series of attempts to bring lesbians in Toronto together.

As the women's centre changed direction, a need was felt for a social space. Women signed a lease on 342 Jarvis Street in 1975 to open a coffeehouse but found too many problems and several lesbians moved into the house for the next year. During that winter of 1975, some frustrated lesbians opened the Three of Cups. Over the next year, the Three of Cups coffeehouse grew in popularity bringing us together and helping us to come out.

In all this time, the community of Toronto was growing and changing, even those lesbians more involved in gay liberation were experiencing change. In May of 1976, the women in the Kingston gay group held a conference on Women and the Gay Liberation Movement, at which the need for lesbian autonomy was being expressed. The National Gay Rights Coalition held their conference in Toronto that September and many lesbians caused a disturbance over the issue of feminism and sexism.

Immediately afterward, the newly-formed lesbian group in Ottawa (LOON) sponsored the first national conference

## LOOT — Organisation des lesbiennes de Toronto HISTOIRE D'ELLES

L'histoire de LOOT remonte à bien plus longtemps qu'on ne le pense. Retournons aux origines afin de retracer notre histoire pour celles qui viendront se joindre à nous:

Dès le début, les lesbiennes ont choisi l'action et la lutte, discutant et défendant leur rôle, dans les groupes homosexuels, en tant que femmes. Dès le début du nouveau courant féministe à vers la fin des années soixantes, les lesbiennes ont défini leurs positions à l'intérieur du mouvement.

•Printemps 71 à Toronto. C'est lors de la conférence Indo-Chinoise que les lesbiennes ont fait leur première déclaration en public, alors qu'avaient lieu aux Etats Unis des débats tumultueux au sujet du lesbianisme, entraînant la formation de groupes séparatistes; au Canada cette autonomie a été retardée par une évolution différente.

Rappelons-nous chacune des étapes conduisant à la naissance de LOOT:

•Début 71. Les groupes de conscience du MLF à Toronto organisaient déjà des discussions au sujet du lesbianisme.

•Printemps 72. The Other Woman (La femme autre) édité et distribué par 5 lesbiennes a fait scandale dans les milieux féministe dès sa première parution en osant publier plus d'un article concernant les lesbiennes.

•Été 72: The Woman's Place est ouvert et devient un centre de rencontre pour les organisations féministes. La plus part des membres de LOOT sont devenus lesbiennes au cours de leur lutte au sein du centre-femme, mais il était important, pour celles qui l'étaient déjà, de préserver leur identité. Pendant environ un an, chaque vendredi, nous avions une soirée portes-ouvertes pour les lesbiennes, d'où sont apparus les groupes de conscience. C'est aussi à cette époque que le Toronto Star accusait le centre-femme d'être dirigé par des lesbiennes-marxistes!

Les deux premières conférences lesbiennes, tenues à Montréal en 73 et 74, avaient été coordonnées par des anglophones. Mais à côté de ces événements importants, n'oublions pas, la lutte continuait au niveau local. Combien d'entre nous savent que la toute première conférence de ce genre, organisée par les lesbiennes du centre-femme a eu lieu en été 73, dans l'ex-local du YWCA, au 21 Rue McGill? Très peu, probablement—Toujours-est-il que ce fut l'un des événements qui a aidé à rassembler les lesbiennes de Toronto.

•1975. Alors que le centre femme changeait ses orientations politiques, nous avons ressenti le besoin d'un lieu de rencontre social. C'est ainsi que nous avons signé un bail pour le 342 Jarvis St. qui, à l'origine, devait être un café, mais nous avons rencontré trop d'obstacles, alors plusieurs lesbiennes ont habité la maison l'année suivante.

•Hiver 75: certaines lesbiennes, déçues par l'expérience précédente tentent d'ouvrir un autre café—The Three of Cups—qui devient vite un succès, nous permet de nous réunir et nous aide à apparaître en public.

Durant cette période, la communauté torontoise se développait, et même ces lesbiennes qui étaient davantage impliquées dans le MLH, vivaient un grand changement:

•Mai 76. Une conférence sur la Femme et le MLH, organisée par les femmes du MLH de Kingston, fait apparaître la nécessité d'une organisation lesbienne autonome.

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with a political perspective, to bring together all the change in the last two years. Two women came from Toronto and handed out a leaflet describing the need for a space in Toronto for their lesbian identity. This one leaflet created both curiosity and excitement; it was time for something to happen.

Several Sundays later, the first meeting took place. Many ideas floated around; everybody wanted something—women's rock band, women's centre, lesbian centre, network to share information. After the second meeting, a 'task force' was set up to look for a physical space for the idea that was taking shape in our discussions. From this two years later we have our house, our idea called LOOT and we also have a women's rock band.

At the same time, the lease on this house was expiring and the present members of LOOT who had lived there for a year were moving out. Both *The Other Woman* newspaper and the *Three of Cups* were told of the opportunity to move into a better and more permanent living space of their own. The problem was both time and money; it had to happen right away; so it did. Nobody had any money and yet we were taking on the burden of a \$300 house and all its gas bills.

But the lesbian group now had a name and the task force ran its first LotoLesbian to meet its first rental payment in February for its office in our new lesbian centre. That was an incredibly hard winter; nobody was prepared for the gas bills, never mind the rent. Our meetings were sometimes complete confusion over who pay what and whose duty it was to clean the house. The *Other Woman* newspaper closed down; we had to find more money to cover their rent. There was never enough time to plan for the future of our lesbian centre and where we wanted it to be going.

That May, LOOT's Counselling Service and the newsletter put the lesbian group into business. There was an Open House to introduce ourselves to other groups. All of the social events of LOOT—from dances to picnics—have been immensely successful in building a community for ourselves. The Task Force continued to meet as a coordinating body to look after finances and endless details while the phone-line built up the house from drop-ins and pot-luck suppers. Early on, the social committee grew out of the activity of running the drop-ins.

Finally, through benefits and T-shirt sales, the house was meeting the rent month by month. By the time of the first New Year's Dance, we had managed to build a supportive environment for everyone and made our presence known in the city with an ever-growing mailing list. However, the political action committee had continued to remain in the background through the fall, until LOOT decided to take part in the coalition against Anita Bryant that January. It was LOOT which made that protest such a success.

Our brunches, our concerts, dances, coffeehouses have all contributed to our lesbian identity but none of these will influence us by themselves. The discussion last spring on child sexuality from a lesbian viewpoint, the discussion on transsexuals are all responses to issues coming from outside the house. At the conference this weekend, we will be talking about what happens inside our community and inside our movement.

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•Sept. 76. L'intervention de plusieurs lesbiennes, dans un débat sur le thème: *Féminisme et Sexisme*, vient perturber le rassemblement de la Coalition Nationale pour les Droits des Homosexuels.

A la suite de ces évenements, le nouveau groupe d'Ottawa—LOON—décide d'organiser la première conférence nationale dont le but étroit de faire le point sur l'évolution du mouvement pendant les deux dernières années. Le tract distribué par les 2 représentantes de Toronto, exprimait le besoin de créer un espace vital pour être reconnues en tant que lesbiennes—ce qui provoqua à la fois la curiosité et l'enthousiasme parmi les membres de la conférence. Quelque chose devait se passer!

Première réunion, quelques semaines plus tard—les idées fusent de toutes parts—un groupe rock, un centre de rencontre pour femmes, et un autre pour lesbiennes, un réseau d'information.

Après la deuxième réunion, l'énergie se concentre sur la recherche d'un local qui nous permettrait de réaliser ces rêves.

•Deux ans plus tard, nous avons notre local, notre organisation LOOT, et un groupe rock.

Mais à l'époque, le bail de 342 Jarvis avait expiré et les femmes qui y habitaient devaient déménager. C'était l'occasion rêvée pour le journal et le café de s'installer dans cette maison dans une perspective plus longue et un meilleur environnement. Malgré les problèmes de temps et d'argent, c'était maintenant ou jamais! C'est donc sans argent que nous avons pris sur nous la charge du loyer et les notes de chauffage et d'électricité. Maintenant, nous avons une identité—LOOT—et nos premiers coups ont été défrayés en organisant notre première loterie—Lotolesbienne. L'hiver fut rude plus que de coutume et personne n'était prêt à payer le chauffage, sans parler du loyer. Il arrivait que nos réunions s'éternisent dans des discussions sans fin, pour savoir que allait payer, et combien, ou qui allait faire le nettoyage. Le journal avait cessé de paraître, ce fut une charge de plus pour nous. Il n'y avait pas une minute pour penser au futur de notre centre et à son orientation.

En mai de cette année-là, le groupe de lesbiennes passe à l'action—création du service Conseiller de loot et parution d'une lettre d'information mensuelle.

Une journée portes-ouvertes fut organisée afin de nous présenter aux autres groupes. Depuis, toutes les rencontres de ce genre nous ont aidées à former notre propre communauté.

Le groupe de base continuait son rôle de coordinateur dans les finances et les détails pratiques, pendant ce temps les appels téléphoniques se multipliaient pour organisateur de ce genre de soirées.

Finalement, grâce aux soirées-bénéfice et à la vente de T-shirts, on arrivait à payer le loyer régulièrement. Quand arriva le soir de notre premier bal du Nouvel An, nous étions parvenues à former un groupe solide sur lequel chacune pouvait compter, nous faisons partie du quotidien dans la ville et notre liste le courrier ne cessait de s'allonger.

Pendant le comité d'action politique était resté dans l'ombre jusqu'en Janvier où LOOT décida de se joindre à la Coalition contre Anita Bryant. C'est d'ailleurs grâce à la participation de loot que ce rassemblement a été un grand succès.

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MAY 19-21 1979

### (LOOT) BI-NATIONAL LESBIAN CONFERENCE

#### NEEDED:

Interested women working with/for/in/on  
women-oriented media.

#### PROJECT:

#### LESBIAN NEWS SERVICE

We invite representatives from the various medias and regions to join us in Toronto during the May 18-21 holiday weekend to discuss communications. At various conferences efforts were made to create a publication or newservice. We now have a new opportunity to come together and discuss problems, evaluate projects, enhance old commitments and look at new possibilities. To focus discussion we will provide herstorical documents. It is time to cross the arbitrary boundries between us and communicate.

The conference is being set up to facilitate discussions on the various political and cultural currents affecting lesbians.

It is time for women to explore communications. Good clear exchange between women is not only necessary but vital to the growth of women both personally and as a movement.

Join us, discuss or problems, explore our ideas, applaud our achievements. Open discussion can lead us many places into avenues of discovery and actions of solidarity and learning.

With these discussions we hope to explore the future with our sisters.

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#### Lesbian News Service Proposal

1. Articulating our communities—how to reflect our communities.
2. Exchange of information/ideas—letting each other in on community organizing, events, ideas, discussions.
3. Newsletter Expansion—one newsletter (DYKE DAILY? LOOT) expanding to include lesbians in communities and organizations across Canada and Quebec.
4. Inter-community information—publishing each other's news—i.e. LOOT newsletter reports on monthly general mtgs.—ideas from these mtgs. shared in other publications.
5. Lesbian issues in feminist papers—feminist reporting in lesbian pubs.

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Nos déjeuners, nos concerts, nos soirées dansantes, nos cafés—tout cela a contribué à affirmer notre identité lesbienne.

Outre ces évenement sociaux à l'intérieur de la communauté, nous sommes restées ouvertes à des débats ou discussions tels que—la sexualité enfantine—ou—la transexualité—du point de vue lesbien.

En ce que concerne la conférence, cette fin de semaine, nous pourrons discuter de ce que se passe au sein-même de notre communauté et de notre mouvement.

du 19 AU 21 MAI 1979

### (LOOT) CONFERENCE BI-NATIONALE

On a besoin de femmes intéressée dans les média

#### POURQUOI:

#### UNE SERVICE D'INFORMATION LESBIENNES

Nous invitons les représentantes de différentes média et régions à se joindre à nous durant cette longue fin de semaine pour discuter de la communication. Nous avons déjà essayé de créer un moyen de réunir nos informations, lors de plusieurs conférences. Cette fois, nous avons la possibilité de nous réunir afin de discuter de nos problèmes, d'évaluer certaines possibilités de relancer nos anciens efforts et de considerer de nouvelles ouvertures. Nous aurons pour base des documents sur notre histoire. Il est temps de dépasser les anciennes barrière.

Cette conférence a été mise sur pied dans le but de discuter des différents courants culturels et politiques concernant les lesbiennes.

C'est le moment, pour les femmes, d'explorer les média. Une bonne mise au point à ce sujet n'est pas seulement nécessaire, mais vital à l'évolution de la femme aussi bien au niveau personnel qu'au niveau du mouvement.

Venez donc vous joindre à nous pour explorer un nouveau champ d'idée, et aussi pour apréciser ce à quoi nous sommes déjà parvenues. Grâce à une discussion ouverte, nous pourrons découvrir de nouveaux domaines et une nouvelle expérience dans l'action solidaire; un pas vers le futur de notre sororité.

BON COURAGE!

LOOT COMITE DE LA CONFERENCE

#### Proposition Pour Un Service D'Information Lesbiennes

1. Articuler notre comité — comment faire apparaître nos communautés.
2. Echange d'information, d'idées — organisation d'évenements, i'dées, discussion.
3. Expansion de la lettie d'infos. Etendre nos informations au niveau de pays entier (dans les communautes et organisations du Canada/Québec).
4. Infromation inter-communautaire — publication des nouvelles échangées, par exemple un journal de LOOT relatant les meetings générales mensuels — idées découlant de ces meetings partagées dans d'autres publications.
5. Publication des informations lesbiennes dans les journaux féministes, et vice versa.

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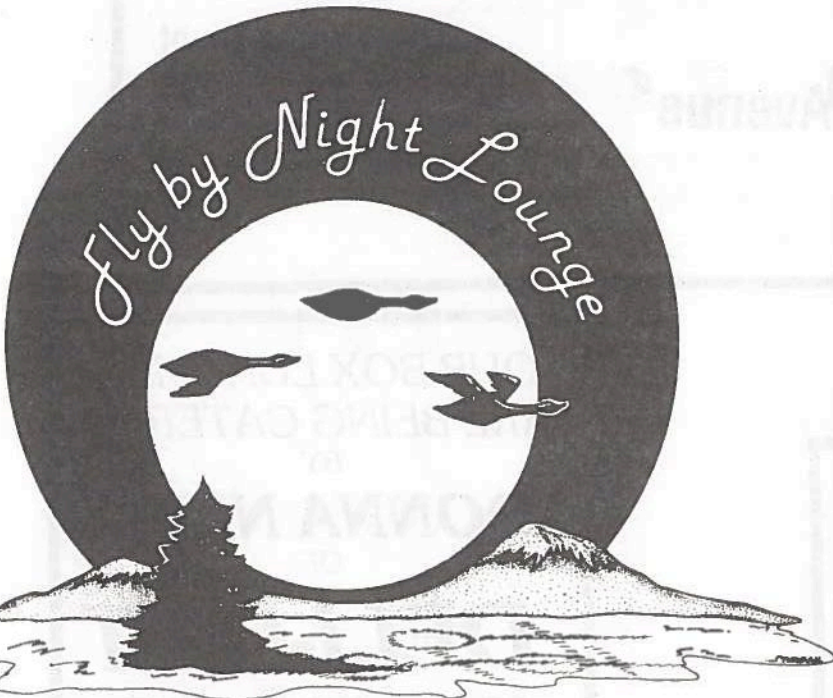
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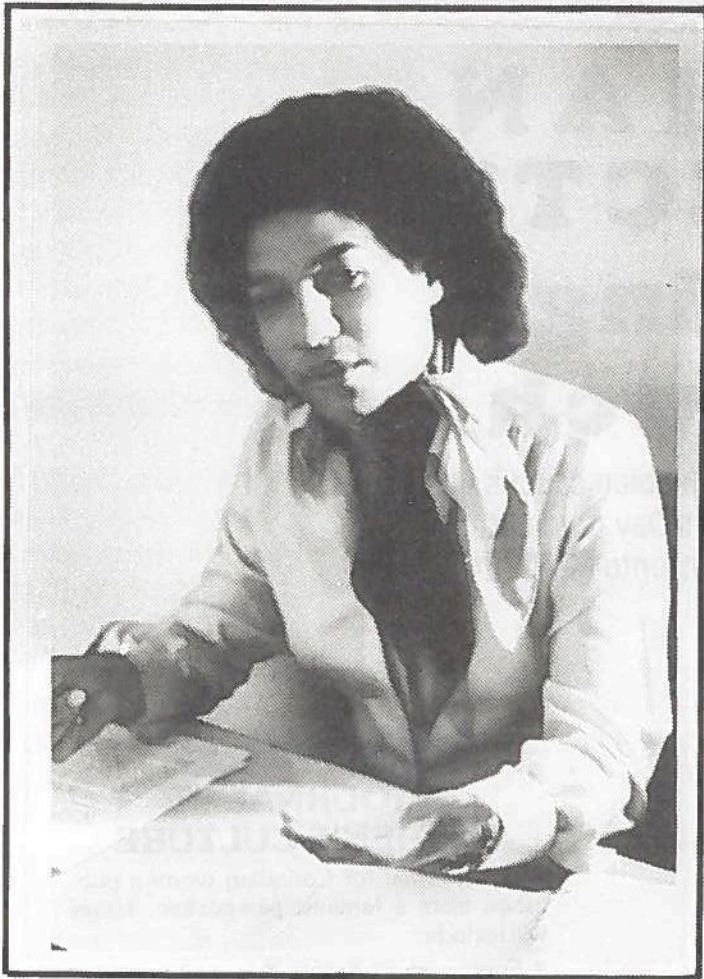
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*I place myself before the voters of Rosedale and candidly request their support so that a different kind and quality of politician may be elected.*

Sincerely, *Anne Cools*

**Anne**  
 **Liberal**

**Cools**  
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Box 935, Stn. Q  
761-1507

Canadian Women's Educational  
Press  
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Daycare Reform Action  
Alliance  
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924-8865

Elizabeth Fry Society  
215 Wellesley E.  
924-3708

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40 St. Clair Ave. E., Ste. 306  
922-3246

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Service  
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Toronto, Ont.  
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531-3501

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86 Lombard St.  
363-7698

Women's Development Centre  
YWCA  
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925-3137

Women's Information &  
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Victoria, B.C.  
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P.O. Box 44, Stn. E  
Hamilton, Ont.  
L8L 7T5

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University Centre  
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Montreal, Quebec

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Saskatoon, Sask.  
S7K 3R8

Winnipeg Lesbian Society  
The Women's Building  
730 Alexander Ave.  
Winnipeg, Man.  
R3E 1H9

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