

LESBIAN ORGANIZATION OF TORONTO  
342 JARVIS STREET  
TORONTO, ONTARIO M4Y 2G6  
360-3249 (Tuesday & Friday nights)

June, 1978

Spring fever is giving way to those long, lazy days of summer, and LOOT is adjusting its activities accordingly. In order to free you from weekend meetings, the general meeting normally held on the last Sunday of the month will be switched to the last Thursday. LOOT picnics and baseball games will replace 3 of Cups brunches for the remainder of the summer. The newsletter committee is going to put out only one newsletter after this one - it'll be in your mail sometime in mid-July. We'll resume monthly newsletters in September. However, no changes are in the works for the Friday night drop-ins. They've been getting better and better all spring, so come spend a few mellow summer evenings at 342 Jarvis St.

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The Lesbian Organization of Toronto has decided to officially endorse the Lesbian Mothers' Defence Fund. The fund is designed to provide pre-legal advice, referrals and financial assistance to mothers fighting to maintain custody of their children. All services are free and confidential. LMFDF needs your support. If you want to help organize fund-raising events, etc., call (416) 921-9091. If you want to donate to the fund, make a cheque payable to:

Lesbian Mothers' Defence Fund  
P.O. Box 38, Station E.  
Toronto, Ontario

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**GAYDAYS:** On Friday, June 19th, GayDays is holding a benefit dance to help raise funds to cover the cost of advertising for the 4-day celebration in August (24th-27th). The dance starts at 8:30 at 519 Church St. Admission is a mere \$2.00 (If you can, bring some flowers to spruce the place up).

Don't make any plans for Saturday, August 26th. GayDays is organizing a fair in Queen's Park (featuring lesbian entertainers at an open mike) and a lesbian concert later in the evening. Sappho Sound will be handling the technical details. The probable main performers at the concert will be "Izquierda", an all-women's band from Oregon who will be appearing at The Champain and Michigan Women's Festivals later this summer for the second year in a row. If you are interested in auditioning for the warm-up act, call Valerie at 482-0291. Advance tickets will be available through LOOT, Glad Day and Toronto Women's Bookstore July 1st.

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LOOT's posters are now available. You can purchase one at any drop-in or other house event for only \$3.00. It's a good way to contribute money to LOOT and receive a beautiful poster in return. Also, if you haven't renewed your supporting membership now is a good time. The cost of printing the posters has depleted LOOT's finances, and any donation will be appreciated.

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The ALCOHOL GROUP now meets Tuesdays instead of Thursdays at 7:30 at 342 Jarvis St.

3 of Cups

The 3 of Cups Coffeehouse and collective will be taking a leave of absence for the summer. Sappho Sound will be doing at least one coffeehouse on June 3, and possibly others on July 8 and August 5. To find out when these are happening call 923-GAYS or the LOOT line 960-3249. The 3 of Cups collective will be regrouping in the fall, and anyone who is interested in joining the group at that time can contact Beth at 921-5594 or watch for an announcement in the LOOT newsletter.

The last brunch of the season was held last Sunday. Check with the LOOT newsletter or the LOOT line to see what's happening in the fall.

3 of Cups would like to use this space to thank Pat Hugh for the great food she has prepared for the brunches. Pat has been a tremendous support to everyone who comes through the house.

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Plants to spare? Help make our house more of a home by donating some plants. Anything green (slips, starter pots, hangers) would be appreciated. Bring them down to the drop-in on a Tuesday or Friday night.

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Linda Pitney, expert handwriting analyst will be at LOOT's Friday, June 23 drop-in at 8 p.m. to give a lecture, answer questions and analyze Handwriting from volunteers in the audience. Linda has familiarized the public with this subject via lectures, TV and Radio appearances. Come have your handwriting analyzed by an expert. Who knows what you might find out about yourself.

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The "older lesbian" workshop at the Ottawa Lesbians Conference brought about the decision for LOOT to get something going here in Toronto. (The term "older woman" could mean anything.) If you qualify, please call us with your ideas as to what to do, where and when. If you'd like to see something happen, leave a message for Charlene with the LOOT phone-line.

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PICNIC!! LOOT is having a picnic July 16th at Hanlan's Point on the Toronto Islands. Join the fun - bring your own lunch, refreshments, and toys (baseball bats, balls, gloves, frisbees or whatever) BBQ pits will be available for the energetic who would like to cook. Meet at the ferry dock to Hanlan's at noon.

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Gay News and Views is on every Tuesday till the end of June (and then in September) on Metro Cable T.V. at 10:30. Channel 10 on most sets.

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Are you just coming out in the lesbian community and wondering where you fit into the social life, whether to tell your non-gay friends, or what to do at work? Would you like a chance to talk about these questions with other women in the same position? If so, the LOOT Counselling Collective is organizing groups to discuss coming out. Call the LOOT phone-line (960-3249) Tuesday or Friday night (7-11 PM).

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Dyke Do's - haircuts (\$5) by Karen & Pat, Monday nights 6-9, 342 Jarvis.

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GLAD DAY BOOKSHOP HAS OUT OF PRINT LESBIAN NOVELS. 4 COLLIER. (near Yonge and Bloor) 961-4161

OPINION:

A few comments overheard at the recent Lesbian Conference which took place at Carlton University in Ottawa, May 19-22, organized by LOON (Lesbians of Ottawa Now):

A general disappointment at the small attendance - down from 200 women in '76 to approximately 70 in '78.

Too many work shops for such a modest registration, and few new topics.

Some guest speakers would have been helpful.

On the positive side: billeting was well arranged and refreshments were in abundant supply at the conference. Both the Saturday dance and Sunday coffeehouse were very successful.

In spite of a few pitfalls, we should appreciate the effort that LOON put into this and their willingness to stage the conference. If LOOT takes the feedback from the women who attended and uses it in the preparation for our own conference in '79, we can come up with an exciting and progressive meeting.

Jeanne

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5th National Women's Music Festival in Champaign, Illinois is being held from June 13-18. Featured are Theresa Trull, Kay Gardener, Izquierda, Linda (Tui) Tillery, Alive!, Woody Simmons and Casse Culver. Registration is \$30 (U.S.) before June 11, \$40 afterwards. Camping is Available. Call 217-333-6443 for more information. Sappho Sound will be working on sound there!

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The 6th annual National Conference for Lesbians and Gay Men will be held June 28-July 2 in Halifax, Nova Scotia. The Conference planners have written to LOOT asking for lesbian input and, in particular, for ideas to help with a workshop on child-adult sexuality. A travel equalization fund is available to help pay expenses for anyone who may find money the problem in getting to Halifax. For further information, write -

Conference Plannint Committee  
Gay Alliance for Equality  
P.O. Box 3611, Halifax South Postal Station  
Halifax, Nova Scotia  
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Want to buy a classified ad (\$2.00)? Do you want to voice an opinion or publicize an event? Call Valerie at 482-0291 or leave your item in the envelope in the LOOT office. Has your address changed? Make sure to let us know if it has if you would like to continue receiving the newsletter. The deadline for the next newsletter is approximately July 7.

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Toronto Women's Bookstore  
85 Harbord St. (w of Spadina)  
922-8744 hours - 10:30-6:00  
Monday - Saturday  
New Books in June

- Country Lesbians - The Story of the Womanshare Collective \$ 6.50
- Odd Girl Out - Ann Bannon - fiction 10.35
- Dyke Music - Marilyn Gayle - songbook 4.50
- Heresies - Lesbian Art and Artists Issue 3.50
- Mad About the Crazy Lady - Monica Holden-Lawrence - poetry 5.95

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Ride needed to Champaign Festival for two women. Call Judith or Nia at 425-6771.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
4	5	6 Dinner	7	8	9 Drop-in GayDays Benefit Dance	10
11	12	13 Alcohol Meeting 7:30	14	15	16 Drop-in	17
18	19	20 Alcohol Meeting 7:30	21	22 Counselling Meeting 8:00	23 Drop-in Handwriting Analyst 8:00	24
25	26	27 Alcohol Meeting 7:30	28 Halifax Conference	29 GENERAL MEETING 7:30	30 Drop-in	1
2	3	4 Alcohol Meeting 7:30	5	6	7 Drop-in	8 Sappho Sound Coffee- house
9	10	11 Alcohol Meeting 7:30	12	13	14 Drop-in	15
16 Island Picnic	17	18 Alcohol Meeting 7:30	19	20 Counselling Meeting 8:00	21 Drop-in	22

LOOT Drop-ins every Thursday at 7:30

For further details, see elsewhere in newsletter. This calendar is in all probability not up to date. Call 960-3249 or 923-Gays for a more complete calendar.

Anyone interested in playing baseball for fun call Rita at 368-439]