

Open Letter to the Lesbian Community

On October 7, 1979, a meeting was held at 342 Jarvis to discuss the fate of the house, and possibly LOOT itself.

It has become obvious that LOOT is not meeting the needs of either the Lesbian community, or the wimmin who work on the house — the house is empty, the energy is low, and the whole place feels like it's dying.

Many of the women present felt the lack of a stated, relevant political perspective at LOOT was one of the major reasons for its failure to involve the community. Several things came up in the discussion that developed around this idea: that LOOT, in attempting to appeal to all Lesbians, appeals to few; that there is some discomfort around "clear politics" and "political wimmin"; that Lesbians just coming out may be scared away by the word "political"; and that a number of wimmin are ready to organize in a more politically active way regardless of LOOT's fate.

The main problem to be settled is that there is a need for social and social service activities for Toronto Lesbians, especially those just coming out, and there is a need for a strong activist Lesbian political organization.....can they co-exist? If so, how? If not, what happens to LOOT and the services it does offer?

*Since there were only about 25 Lesbians present at the October 7 meeting the decision was made to publicize the problems and get more Lesbians involved in the decisions. **Come to 342 Jarvis on Sunday, October 28 at 4pm** where there will be a general meeting to decide these things.*

Proposals will be presented for different ideas on what this community needs and what groups of wimmin want to do. Any woman who comes has a voice — so come and bring your ideas.