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#### WELCOME FROM THE SERIES V COMMITTEE

On behalf of the CGSL's Series V Committee, we would like to extend a warm welcome to all the players and fans participating in the fifth annual Gay Softball World Series, "Series V".

The Gay Softball World Series has a special meaning for each one of us. For the players it's the satisfaction of competing with the best; for the fans, it's the enjoyment of cheering on 'their' team and tasting the excitement, win or lose; for all of us, it's the chance to share the experience with friends, old and new.

This year marks the first time that the Gay Softball World Series has been held in Canada. We're happy to share our Canadian hospitality with you, and hope that when you leave, you will take with you fond memories of our week together.

Good luck (with a little Toronto bias) to all the teams.

See you in '82 in San Francisco!

The CGSL Series V Committee:

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#### FROM THE COMMISSIONER OF THE CABBAGETOWN GROUP SOFTBALL LEAGUE (CGSL)

On behalf of the Cabbagetown Group Softball League, may I extend a hearty welcome to the participants and spectators of the fifth annual Gay Softball World Series.

Our League membership has been extremely busy for the last two years to ensure that you will experience a tournament that will be second to none. We have attempted to provide you with all of the services you need to make you comfortable and at ease.

During the week of your visit, this city will be alive with a festive spirit. Take the time to meet and greet the men and women of Toronto as you explore this fine city. You'll find Canadians a little shy at first, but don't let that stop you. There's a special affection that we all have for our American brothers and sisters.

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We in the Gay community in Toronto look upon this special tournament as a chance to demonstrate our close spirit, our unity, and our ability to organize. We ask you to help us by having the time of your life!

As you play the game of softball, as you enjoy the company of friends while watching the games, or while enjoying the parties that are bound to happen, please share our excitement and our joy as we celebrate our motto, "Gay Pride Through Sports".

We're all together,

Ron Buston Commissioner, CGSL

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#### FROM THE COMMISSIONER OF NAGAAA

Dear Gay World Series V Participants,

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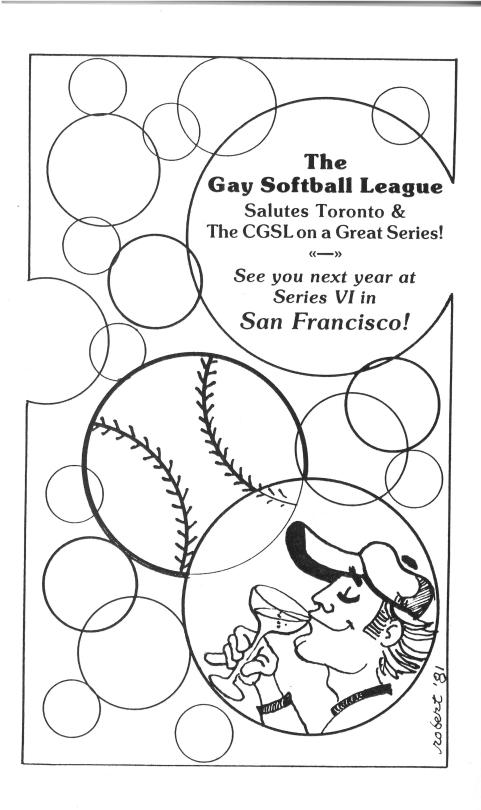
The NAGAAA goal is to promote amateur softball open to all, with special emphasis on Gay participation. Toward this end, NAGAAA works to coordinate sports activities among its member leagues culminating with the Gay Softball World Series. This single event is the most important activity of NAGAAA and as such is the highlight of our interest. We are pleased with the efforts of our host league, the Cabbagetown Croup Softball League (CGSL), and look forward to an exciting and challenging Series. As we are all aware, only one league rep will leave as the Gay Softball World Series champions, but keep in mind that all the participants are champions.

I would like to thank the CGSL Series V Committee, the CGSL Executive, and all CGSL members who have worked on Series V, for all their efforts. Thanks also to the many people in Toronto who have provided housing for the visiting teams. As I have said before, the fellowship we experience this week will help develop in all of us that commitment to ourselves, our brothers and sisters, and to our lifestyle, which is essential if we hope to ensure the free and open expression we all seek.

To all the players and teams, the fans, and the softball supporters - good luck and enjoy yourselves to the fullest.

Bill Muldoon Commissioner, NAGAAA

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## FROM THE COMMISSIONER OF THE GAY SOFTBALL LEAGUE SAN FRANCISCO

Tournaments come, and tournaments go, but nothing lingers on the mind like the memories of a Gay World Series. By far, Milwaukee is still the best in everyone's mind, and undoubtedly Toronto is trying to make us forget all of the others.

We in San Francisco would like to invite "The World" to Series VI, as we will place special emphasis on the playing of the tournament, instead of the social aspect of the Gay World Series. A reason for this, of course, is that there are approximately a quarter of a million gay men and women in the Bay area, and an ordinary day in San Francisco is enough socializing for almost anyone.

With this in mind, think of San Francisco when you plan your vacation next year, as we hope to make "Our Series" the one you will never forget.

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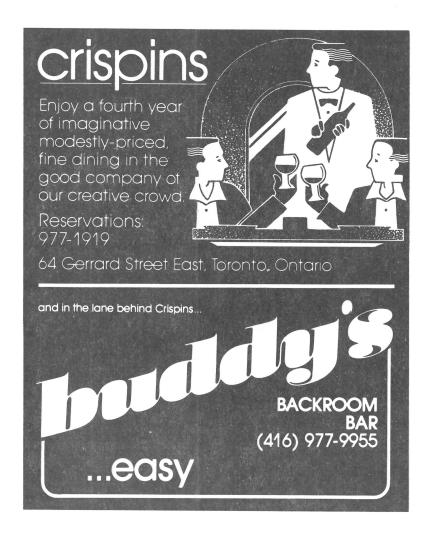
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#### **TORONTO - ITS HISTORY AND DEVELOPMENT**

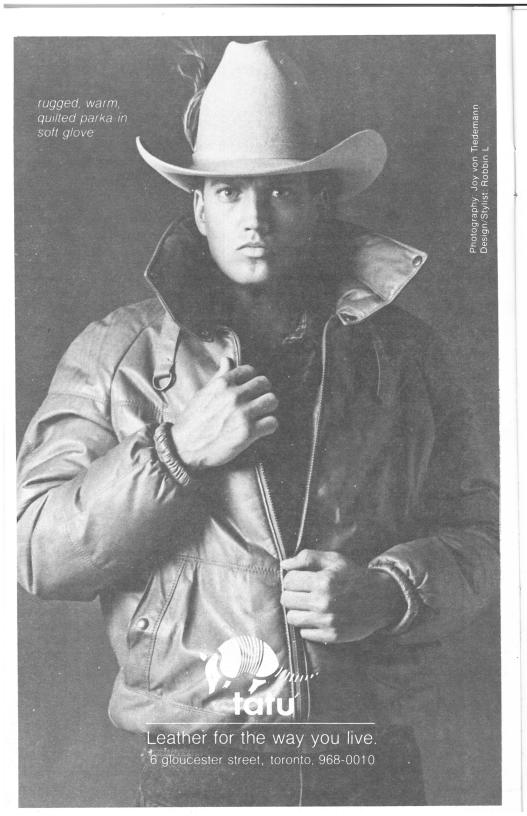
The history of Toronto can be traced back almost three hundred years to the period, long before the advent of European explorers, when its site was the southern end of the most important of the Indian trails connecting Lake Huron and Lake Ontario. During the 15th and 16th centuries, this site was called "The Toronto Carrying Place". To the French explorer, LaSalle, must go the credit in large measure for making famous The Toronto Carrying Place.

It is only in recent years that the details of the Toronto Purchase have become known. Lord Dorchester, the Govenor of Canada in the year 1788, arranged for a conference to be held between the representatives of the government and the Chiefs of the Mississauga tribe, to negotiate with them the purchase by the government of the lands at or near the foot of what is now Dufferin Street. This was part of a plan for the re-opening of the route between the two great lakes and for the control of the rich fur trade. The price paid to the Indians consisted, in part, of 149 barrels of goods, blankets, bolts of cloth and axes.

The name "Toronto" is of Huron origin, signifying either "a place of meeting" or "plenty". At first, the name "Toronto" applied to the area surrounding the northern end of the trail at Lake Simcoe, but in later years the name became associated with the southern end of the trail on Lake Ontario.

There was great rivalry between French and English traders for control of the lucrative business in furs. The French had a fortified trading post at Niagara, and the English built one at Oswego, further to the east on the south side of Lake Ontario, in an effort to divert the trade in furs from the French. To counteract this loss, the French established a trading post in 1750 at a site which is now at the foot of Dufferin Street, naming it Fort Rouille, after the Colonial Minister of that time. In the Seven Years War between Britain and France this fort was burned by the French (1759) to prevent English occupation. By the Treaty of Paris, in 1763, France surrendered all claims to territory east of the Mississippi, and from Hudson's Bay to the Gulf of Mexico.

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King George III of England appointed a Lieutenant-Governor, a Chief Justice, an Attorney-General, and other officers to organize the new government of Upper Canada, the country having been divided into Upper and Lower Canada by the British Government. The first Governor of Upper Canada was Col. John Graves Simcoe.

Toronto was chosen as the site of the new capital of Upper Canada in 1793. On August 26th, Governor Simcoe changed the name of Toronto to York in honour of the Duke of York, son of the then King George III. The first year military works were built. The following year houses were erected for various officials and a permanent settlement was established.

During the War of 1812 the Americans raided the town and burned it before withdrawing. It was afterwards rebuilt.

Self-government was granted the Town of York in 1817. On March 6th, 1834 the town was incorporated as a city and its name changed back to Toronto. The population was nine thousand at the time.

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The growth of Toronto after incorporation was remarkable. Within eleven years the population had doubled. A major fire in 1849 destroyed a large block of the downtown which was immediately rebuilt.

With the promotion of the railways in Canada in the eighteen fifties, the City's commercial life expanded rapidly. New markets were created by the expansion of the railways and more local manufacturing resulted.

By the turn of the century Toronto with a population of 200,000 saw itself as one of the major cities of North America. In 1899 a new City Hall was opened that was the finest municipal building on the continent in its day.

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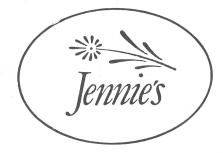
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Conditions in Toronto and the Metropolitan area reach an impasse immediately following the Second World War. Because of Toronto's highly industrialized areas, thousands had settled in the City to take up war work. With the cessation of hostilities, service personnel began to return, and because of the shortage of accomodation in the City the majority, of necessity, took up residence in one or another of the adjoining municipalities.

This heavy exodus of Toronto citizens and the large influx of immigrants following the war, created an acute shortage in housing throughout the Greater Toronto area. The smaller municipalities were not able, financially, to provide schools, public transportation, sewers, roadways, and other services without a better balance between residential and industrial assessments.

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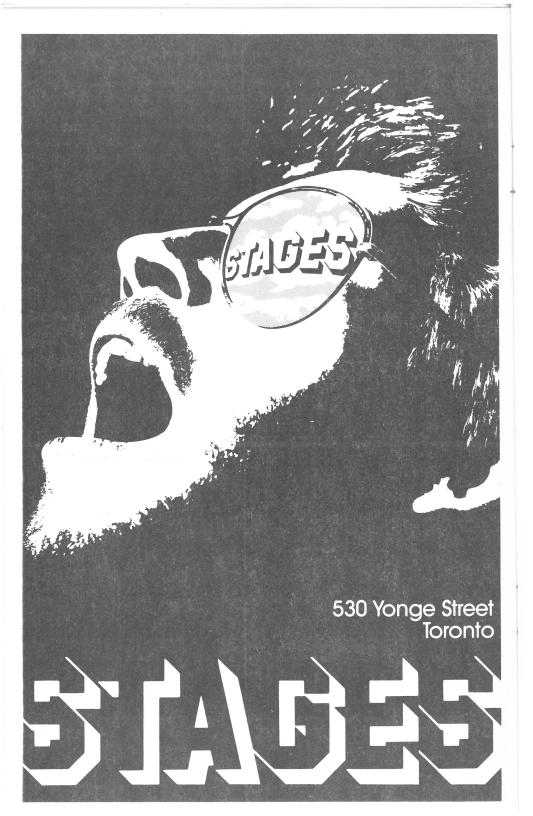
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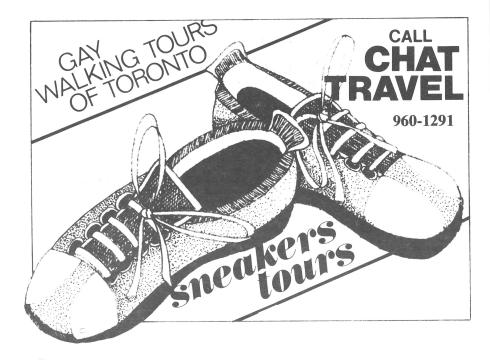
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Realizing the hopeless position in which the Toronto metropolitan area was finding itself, the Ontario Legislature, at its session held in 1953, enacted legislation to provide for the federation of the City of Toronto and its 12 suburban municipalities, effective January 1st, 1954, through the incorporation of a new municipality to be designated as the Municipality of Metropolitan Toronto, with a combined area of 240 square miles. 1954 was also the year that the Toronto Subway System was opened, the first in Canada.

The population of Toronto exploded in subsequent years at a rate of 50,000 per year, causing a further change in city government. The population of Metropolitan Toronto reached two million about 1976, and has remained near that level since. However, surrounding cities have continued to grow in size until now Toronto and surrounding populated areas include about three million of the Province of Ontario's seven and one-half million people.



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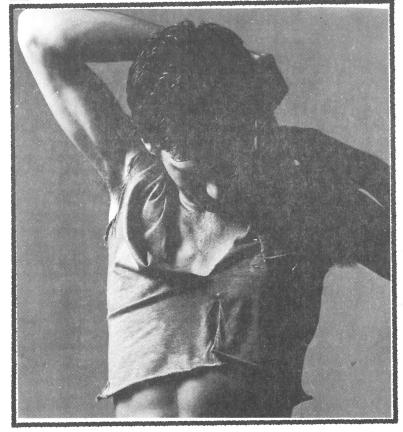
Six or seven years ago, way before the advent of chic and fashionable Sunday afternoon brunch and bar sessions in our Toronto, a group of guys got together occasionally to play sandlot softball. There were no teams as such, just pick-up games. Each week they played wherever they could find the space. The following year, two teams were formed as more people started turning out to play. Games were played on the other side of the river, just below what is now Riverdale Farm. From this beginning, a true league was formed the following year with four teams. Lots of imagination went into naming these teams ..... A, B, C and D. The first commissioner of the Cabbagetown Group Softball League (CGSL) was Barry Borsalino, now with the Riverdale Softball Leaue (RSL).

The year after, the league really started to expand with eight teams, and Jack Brannigan as commissioner. TBA (To Be Announced) won the league championship and received the winning trophy at the leagues first banquet at the Masonic Temple. People still talk of Gypsy's emotional speech that night. 1978 was also the inaugural year of the Canada Cup Tournament, and a team from New York were the winners. In 1980 a team from Boston won, and last year's winners were from Minneapolis/St. Paul.

In 1979, the league expanded again to twelve teams, with Warren Shepell as the new commissioner. The league had by this time moved across the river to the Broadview side where we are now. The city was making extensive repairs to the Riverdale side, to prevent it from becoming a permanent trout pond (players were vying with seagulls and mallards for fly balls). Anyhow, by the end of 1979, the Frontrunners and the Wrecking Crew battled it out, and the Crew won with Dave McTaggart as manager. If we'd had a best team name trophy that year, the Master Batters would have won "hands down" as it were.

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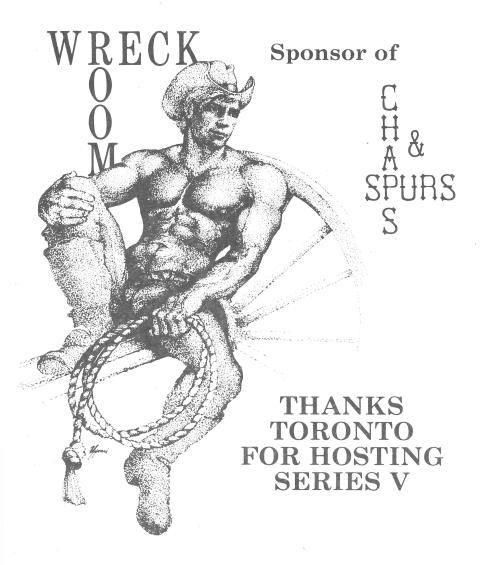
At the end of 1979 there were major changes happening within the league. The constitution was formed, and a schism developed. A group of players broke away from the CGSL to form the Riverdale Softball League (RSL). Late 1979 saw our commissioner, Warren Shepell, become commissioner of NAGA (The North American Gay Alliance, before all the "A's" were added), a position he held until the spring of 1981. In 1980 the CGSL expanded again, this time to fifteen teams. With invaluable assistance from the spares list (each team only had twelve players) all teams somehow made it through the season. Jack De Luca was the 1980 commissioner, presiding over a sometimes soggy but otherwise successful Canada Cup weekend.

Last year the winning team, East Side Story, beat Blaze in the final and went on to represent the CGSL in the Gay World Series in Los Angeles.

This year, Ron Buston is commissioner of the CGSL with ten teams and more players on each team. Raw Talent won the league championship to represent the CGSL at the World Series here in Toronto, but I guess I'm getting a little ahead of myself.....

Well, that's about it. Of course a lot more has gone on through the years. People have come and gone. Many have remained to play another day. Many have come back to play again. And besides all that has happened, the CGSL has been a great success, and an important part of Toronto's Gay Community.

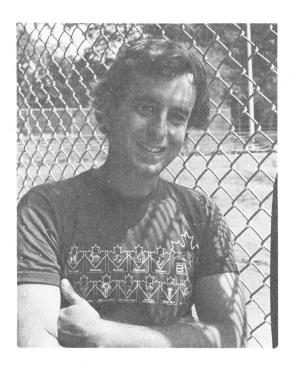
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	16:00	Riverdale	2	Chicago	Toronto	ceremonies at
	17:30	Riverdale	3	Boston	Atlanta	15:00
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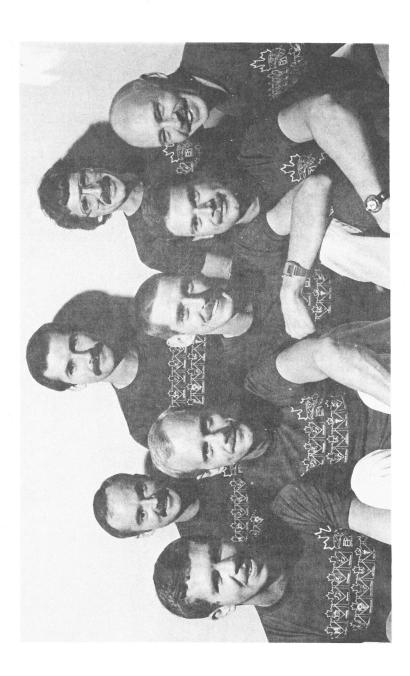








Southern New England



#### **GAY HISTORY OF TORONTO**

Uncovering "Gay history" is not always an easy task. What little information has survived has been regularly ignored or suppressed. Most Nineteenth Century references, unfortunately, are to men arrested for some sort of sexual interaction with other men. These instances provide only a negative and limited picture. Lesbians are even more difficult to discover in our earlier history. All of this is further complicated by changing views of the variety of sexual experience.

Despite these handicaps there has been a dramatic increase in interest in "Gay history" in recent years. More aware of ourselves as a community we are beginning to search out the many ordinary lives that have contributed to who we are today.

Toronto has its early examples of men relating sexually to each other. Alexander Wood, a prominent merchant in the small Town of York (now Toronto), made several advances toward men in 1810. When discovered, he was forced to leave town although later he returned. George Markland, Inspector-General of Upper Canada, was a prominent politician in Toronto who would meet soldiers stationed at Fort York on the nearby "Green" and take them back to his office in the parliament buildings. An enquiry into the very serious allegations which followed ended abruptly when Markland agreed to resign his position and return to Kingston, Ontario in 1838. Robert Yeo, a dance instructor, was accused in 1840 of taking "horrible indecent liberties" with the soldiers stationed in town. He was subsequently sentenced to jail.

Other court and police records confirm our presence throughout the century. In 1980 a writer described how "Oscar Wilde types" could be found at all the big hotels.

"Jack Canuck", a Toronto newspaper, reported in 1912 that inmates at the Central Prison were doing it in the prison greenhouses. This paper printed several other references as well.

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It is not known when Gay people began to first sense they formed a community of their own. It is known that house parties were a popular way of meeting and interacting with other Gays by the 1930's. The next step appears to have been the identifying of certain bars as places where Gays might find other members of the community. Malloney's Studio Tavern on Grenville Street was a popular place by 1950. Later bars that became Gay identified were the St. Charles on Yonge Street and Letros' on King Street.

No doubt familiarity with the Gay situation in the larger American cities contributed largely to how the Toronto community developed. The mid 1960's saw a flurry of activity here. A new periodical entitled "Gay" made an appearance in 1964, changing its name to "Gay International" a few months later; "Two" made an appearance about the same time.

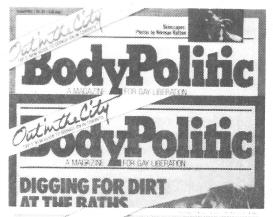
Private clubs were first organized in 1964: the Music Room on Yonge Street, the Melody Room on Church Street and the Regency on Prince Arthur. These clubs served alcohol, provided dance space and held regular, and popular "drag shows".

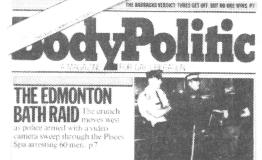
Steam baths, which had been in existence in Toronto for more than a century, undoubtedly provided occasions for Gays to meet one another. By the 1960's both the Oak Leaf and the Standard on Bathurst Street were Gay identified. Soon new baths were opened which catered predominantly to a Gay clientele. Two examples were the Roman Sauna and The Library.

During the summer of 1969, the University of Toronto Homophile Association, Toronto's first Gay organization, was formed. It continued in operation until 1973. Although it included non-university people among its members, a need for a wider based community group was identified, and the Community Homophile Association of Toronto (CHAT) was formed in February 1971.

Meanwhile, a new political group, Toronto Gay Action (TGA) was formed in June 1971. One of their first activities was to coordinate a demonstration in front of the Parliament Buildings in Ottawa on August 28th of that year. In the spring of 1973, TGA was reorganized under the name of Gay Alliance Toward Equality (GATE). One of GATE's first efforts was to have Toronto City Council pass a resolution toward job discrimination among City employees. On October 10th, 1973, the resolution passed, hailed as an important first victory.

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Although Lesbians had been involved in the various early organizations, it was in the spring of 1971 that Toronto Lesbians made their first public statement at the Indo-Chinese Women's Liberation Conference. Regular rap sessions were held by Lesbians belonging to the Women's Liberation Movement group in Toronto in 1971. In the spring of 1972 five Lesbians produced the first issue of the feminist paper "The Other Woman". Weekly Lesbian drop-ins were held at The Women's Place from the summer of 1972. In 1975, Three of Cups, a Lesbian coffee house was organized. A short time after the national Lesbian conference in Ottawa in 1976, the Lesbian Organization of Toronto (LOOT) was formed.

The first issue of "Body Politic" appeared in the fall of 1971. Describing itself as a national journal promoting Gay liberation, it continued to improve over the next several years and has since gained an international reputation as a fine periodical. The paper began the Canadian Gay Archives in 1973, which has since become an independent organization. The August 1981 issue of "The Body Politic" contains an article on the Gay Softball World Series.

Gay Pride Week festivities were held during the summers of 1972, 1973, and 1974. The marches, picnics, dances and other special events that were a part of it gave the community a strong and positive view of itself.

Throughout the 1970's, attempts were made to win civil rights through provincial legislation through briefs, demonstrations and lobbying efforts. This brought together a wider group of people with more diversified interests, so that a wide variety of non-political groups were formed, such as the Lambda Business Council, the Cabbagetown Group Softball League, Gay Asians, Gay Counselling Centre of Toronto, Gay Community Appeal, and the Gay Community Choir, to name but a few.

The Metropolitan Community Church opened a mission in Toronto in 1973, and local chapters of Dignity and Integrity were soon established. More recently these religious groups have been joined by the Centre for Affirmation and Dialogue, and the Toronto Organization of United Church Homosexuals (TOUCH).

It was probably not coincidental that as the community grew and became more visible, its activities began to be viewed with closer scrutiny. "The Body Politic" published an article entitled "Men Loving Boys Loving Men" which led to a police raid on their of-

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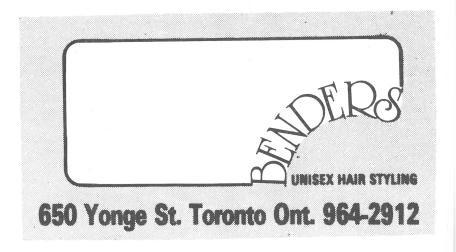
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fices in 1977 in which subscription lists and other material was seized. Charged with sending scurrilous and indecent material through the mails, they were tried and found not guilty, but the Crown appealed and the case remains unresolved some four years later.

In 1978, the Barracks was raided (a few weeks before the trial was to begin for "The Body Politic") and twenty-nine people were arrested as found-ins in a bawdy house (specifically an establishment resorted to for the practice of prostitution or acts of indecency). This prompted the organization of the Right to Privacy Committee (RTPC) to act as a focal point for raising funds and organizing for the defence of the found-ins. This case was resolved to some extent in 1981 with the attendants being found guilty of keeping a bawdy house; the found-ins are still awaiting trial.

During the summer of 1980, the City of Toronto election campaign got underway, with George Hislop, a prominent figure in the Gay community, running for Alderman. He was endorsed by the incumbent Mayor, John Sewell. In spite of an increased number of votes for Sewell, he lost the election by a small margin, and George Hislop came in a credible third in his downtown Ward. The face of Toronto city politics had changed with the Gay lifestyle becoming an emotional issue in the campaign.

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A Gay Dance Sept.4th 9:00p.m.·6:00a.m.

### The Concert Hall

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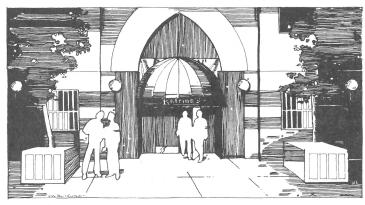
On February 5th, 1981, four baths were raided as alleged common bawdy houses, and more than 300 people were charged with being found-ins. A number of demonstrations followed immediately, and the Gay community again found itself an election issue during the Ontario provincial election campaign which was then underway. With repeated cries for an independent inquiry into the raids falling on deaf ears this all served to fuel the emotional issues of the election. The incumbent Progressive Conservative party was returned to power with a majority.

Even though recent events may tend to colour our perspective, it is worthwhile to remember that Canada has a non-discriminatory sexual preference immigration policy; the Metropolitan City Police have assured the organizers of Series V of co-operation and service; the City of Toronto practices a non-discriminatory employment policy for city employees; and the number of Gay related organizations in Toronto is unprecedented in the history of this city. The hosting of the 5th annual Gay Softball World Series in Toronto provides proof that Toronto's Gay community is large, confident, interested in standing on its own, taking care of its own, and growing in many ways. Congratulations to all participants in Series V; you are writing another chapter in the Gay history of Toronto.

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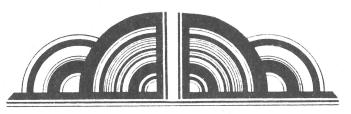
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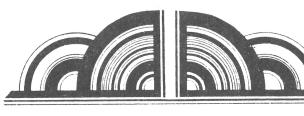


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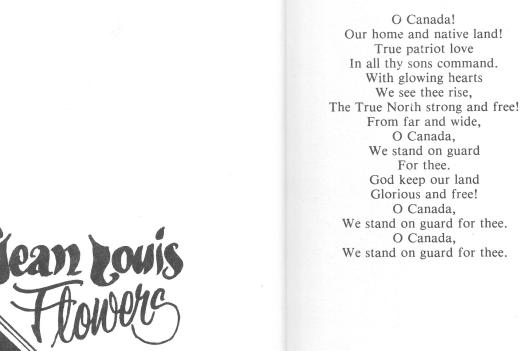


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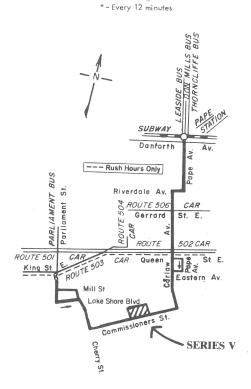
Oh say, can you see by the dawn's early light,
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming,
Whose broad stripes and bright stars through the perilous fight,
O'er the ramparts we watched, were so gallantly streaming.
And the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there.
Oh say, does the star spangled banner yet wave,
O'er the land of the free, and the home of the brave?

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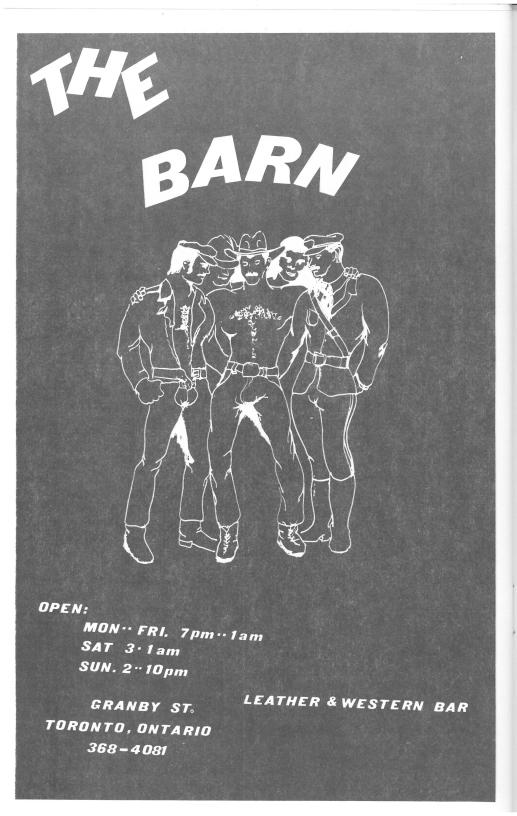
Aug. 28-29	TEAM RECEPTION CENTRE Metropolitan Community Church 736 Bathurst Street
Aug. 29 11:00 p.m. till dawn	"RIPPED" DANCE The Concert Hall 888 Yonge Street
Aug. 30 Noon Till 12:00	THE COMMISSIONERS T-DANCE Buddy's Backroom Bar 370 Church Street
Aug. 30 3:00 p.m.	OPENING CEREMONIES Riverdale Park
Aug. 30 Till Sept. 5	GAMES See schedule, centre page of booklet. Refreshments at games supplied for a donation by Toronto Gay Community groups.
Sept. 1 7:30 p.m.	"SHOWBOAT" CRUISE S.S. Caledonia - Pier 28 (see map) Dinner/Dancing/Entertainment/Bar Tickets available from green T-shirts - \$20.00
Sept. 4 9:00 p.m. Till 6:00 a.m.	"FEVERPITCH" DANCE The Concert Hall 888 Yonge Street
Sept. 5	FINAL GAMES See schedule, centre page of booklet. Riverdale Park
Sept. 5 After 6:00 p.m.	AWARDS BANQUET Downtown Holiday Inn Dinner/Dancing/Entertainment/Cash Bar Tickets available from green T-shirts - \$16.00
Sept. 6	MR. BUDDY'S T-DANCE Buddy's Backroom Bar 370 Church Street
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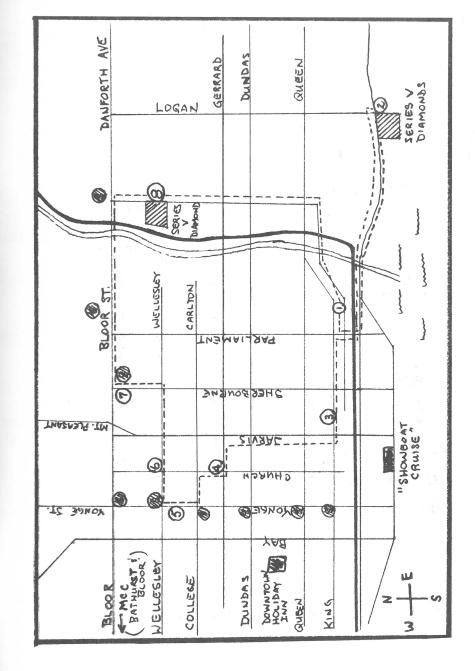
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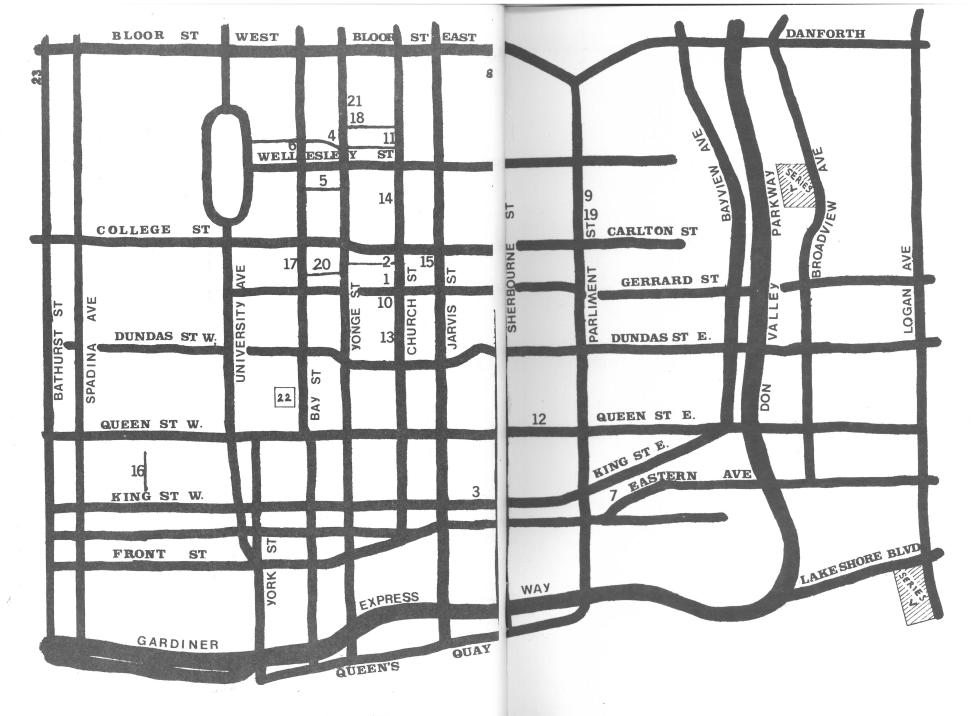
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