

# GAY, LESBIAN AND BISEXUAL SUPPLEMENT

## INTRODUCTION

Since this was all but forgotten, I'm left to pull together an eleventh hour GLB supplement. Thus, everything here is either old or not ours. I scoured our old X-Press files here (they used to keep files!) and rifled through a few CUP papers to find enough to fill four pages. A pretty shoddy treatment of an issue on the level of racism, but the GLB supplement isn't all we

have to hear from the gay community; GLB issues concern at least 10 per cent of our campus and are welcome in our paper. This supplement certainly won't dazzle you with information, but hopefully it scratches the surface and provokes a couple thoughts. Look for a more insightful GLB supplement next year.

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## “Why should I read this? There are no gays at UPEI!”

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**W**e decided to find out about homosexuality at UPEI so we surveyed a large number of students to get an idea. Here are some of the answers to our questions:

### 1. Are there any gay, lesbian, or bisexual people at UPEI?

- No, none.
- Yes, 15 max.
- I'm not really sure, probably a few.
- Yeah, I've heard of a couple. You could count them on your hands.
- I don't know any... I guess not.
- Yes, maybe a hundred.

### 2. Should their interests be covered in the X-Press?

- It should be covered elsewhere, if at all.
- Yes, there is a public need; people need to know how to protect themselves.
- Have you ever heard of rep by pop?
- Yeah, sure. Why not?
- Yes, but it should be just the facts; it doesn't have to be so explicit.
- [after deep thought] Naaaw.

### 3. Is there homophobia (general fear of homosexuals) at UPEI? If so, where have you seen it?

- Yes, some men are considered gay by the way they dress.
- Yes, there is fear in the team locker rooms that there might be homosexuals there.
- I don't think so.
- Yes, redneck hockey players.
- Yes, I see it in everybody's attitudes.
- Yes, it would be almost impossible to be an admitted homosexual and go to school here.

### 4. What does an upside-down pink triangle represent?

We won't bother showing answers for our last question because not one person (and we asked a lot of people) knew the answer. [See article on the next page for explanation.]

So are there any lesbian, gay or bisexual people at UPEI? Why should we cover GLB interests? According to well-known sex researcher, Albert Kinsey, 11 per cent of the entire world's population is homosexual (even that is considered modest by most experts). That works out to over three hundred students who are either gay, lesbian or bisexual on our campus. ●

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